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FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
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Meeting Minutes
Transit Committee

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Katy Sorenson (8)

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 **2:00 PM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin Rolle, Katy Sorenson.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Audrey M. Edmonson.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1475.*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort; Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Alicia Stephenson.*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted the following changes to the day's (4/16) agenda pursuant to the April 16, 2008, County Manager's memorandum of changes as follows: Agenda Item 1E6 Substitute was added to the day's (4/16) Agenda; Item 1E5 contained a scrivener's error that should be corrected as follows: On handwritten page 7 for Route 68 Gratigny Connection, under the "Reason(s)" column, the standard of 15.7 should read 15.5.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the Committee approve the foregoing changes to the April 16, 2008, Transit Committee Agenda, as requested by the County Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Edmonson was absent).

1D CHAIRMAN ROLLE'S REMARK(S)

Report: *Chairman Rolle commended Commissioner Jordan for her efforts in connection with the purchase of Metrorail cars. He noted that because of her efforts, a special meeting of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) was held on Monday April 14, 2008, during which the CITT voted to forward a proposal to purchase new Metrorail cars to the County Commission.*

Commissioner Jordan commended Chairman Rolle for his efforts during the special meeting of the CITT.

1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1E1

080957 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 SECTION 5309 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,845,000 WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE URBAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle; however, it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed resolution.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution.

1E2

080999 **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES BY INCREASING THE FARES BY FIFTY CENTS FOR METROBUS, METRORAIL AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND BY ESTABLISHING AUTOMATIC FARE ADJUSTMENTS EVERY THREE YEARS CONSISTENT WITH MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT'S OPERATING COST INDEX (OCI)

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Assistant County Attorney Libhaber noted federal regulations required that in order to implement a reduced fare structure for the elderly and handicapped, no more than half the cost of the regular fare could be charged. He noted that in the proposed language, the full and reduced fares were increased by $ 0.50, which yielded a full fare of $2 and a reduced fare of $1.30. Mr. Libhaber noted that the $2 full fare should be kept, but in order not to jeopardize any federal funding, the foregoing proposed resolution should be corrected to establish the reduced fare as $1

Commissioner Jordan noted that she and Chairman Rolle sponsored similar resolutions both of which were listed on today's Agenda; and that she was willing to change her proposal or consolidate the two resolutions.

Hearing no objection, the Committee considered Agenda Items 1E2, 1E3, 2C, 2D, and 2E simultaneously.

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Commissioner Sorenson noted that in order to fund the County's transit system, the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) may need to raise fares or use the local option gas tax. She also noted that using the gas tax was the fairer option because it spread the cost around.

Commissioner Heyman suggested a $0.25 fee per trip be included for veterans who currently rode for free.

Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director, responded to Chairman Rolle's question as to whether the Operating Cost Index (OCI) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was better, as related to Agenda Items 1E2 and 1E3. Mr. Kapoor

noted the OCI combined the CPI and the operational cost, which would facilitate a viable long-term solution. He noted that the OCI and CPI were both viable alternatives, but OCI addressed the issues on a long-term basis and addressed changes in gas prices.

Following further discussion regarding the CPI and the OPI, Commissioner Sorenson asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to prepare a matrix of funding mechanisms that could be targeted and the different scenarios under which funds could be generated, including the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust, the local option gas tax, discounts for the elderly, and the Patriot Passport. She asked that the matrix reflect, by year, and the expected revenues from the local option gas tax. Commissioner Sorenson also asked that the matrix reflect the fare increase using the base of 50 cents, the addition of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the addition of the Operating Cost Index.

Commissioner Jordan asked that a workshop of the Transit Committee be scheduled within the next three weeks to discuss the options presented in the matrix. She also asked that all commissioners be invited to attend the workshop.

Commissioner Heyman asked the Transit Agency Director to consider imposing fares for Special Transportation Services (STS) by zone. She also asked that the van pool program be considered. In addition, Commissioner Heyman asked that with regard to General Services Administration (GSA), the surplus passenger vans and additions to the fleet for local purposes be considered. Commissioner Heyman requested that these issues be included in the matrix requested by Commissioner Sorenson.

Commissioner Heyman also asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to ensure that staff was mindful of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), funds involved with the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), and restrictions on increasing costs, fees, and percentages when developing the matrix.

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle; however, it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with Agenda Items 1E2 and 1E3.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Assistant County Manager Llort to include in the matrix the advisability of charging $0.25for the use of the Metromover.

Chairman Rolle asked that Agenda Items 1E2, 1E3, 2C, 2D, and 2E be combined; that the matrix requested by Commissioner Sorenson be submitted at the workshop (a Special Transit Committee meeting) which Commissioner Jordan asked to be scheduled; that these combined agenda items be deferred to the workshop; that the directives given regarding these items be reflected in the matrix; and that at the workshop, the Committee forward a recommendation regarding these Agenda Items to the full Commission.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on Agenda Items 1E2, 1E3, 2C, 2D, and 2E.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to include input from the CITT and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the matrix requested by Commissioner Sorenson.

Later in the meeting, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort, pointing out Chairman Rolle's request that transit funding alternatives be considered by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO), noted for the record that this was subject to the MPO's rules and approval.

1E3

081002 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES BY INCREASING THE FARES BY FIFTY CENTS FOR METROBUS, METRORAIL AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO UTILIZE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AS AN OPERATING OBJECTIVE FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT SERVICE; AND REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRASPORTATION TRUST (CITT) SUBMIT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS A METHODOLOGY FOR FUTURE FARE ADJUSTMENTS THAT OPTIMIZES REVENUES AND TRANSIT RIDERSHIP FOR THE NEXT TWENTY (20) YEARS

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was deferred for consideration at a workshop of the Transit Committee to be announced.*

See report under Agenda Item 1E2 (Legislative File No. 080999).

1E4

081105 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 SECTION 5309 NEW STARTS FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF $9,801,000 WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION ACT – A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA-LU); AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION; AND THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle; however, it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding activities included in preliminary engineering activities and the source and use of the Section 5309 New Starts Funds.

In response to Chairman Rolle's question as to whether right-of-ways were proposed to be purchased from the approximately $9.8 million in Section 5309 New Starts Funds, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort noted that the issue at hand was identifying the next step in the process of developing the North Corridor. She added that preliminary engineering and design needed to be completed first.

In response to Chairman Rolle's question as to when right-of-ways could be purchased for the 27th Avenue Corridor, Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort noted that Agenda Item 5F included expected dates for right-of-way activities for the Orange Line.

1E5

081107 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15, 2008 (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle; however, it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Heyman pointed out that she would like to defer this proposed resolution to the May 14, 2008 Transit Committee meeting. She expressed concern regarding transit services being the only transportation for certain populations in the County. She noted that before changes were made to Metrobus routes, she would like to see the recommendations regarding cost savings from the workshop on funding options requested by Commissioner Jordan (see Report under Agenda Item 1E2, Legislative File No. 080999). She noted that Miami-Dade Transit Agency Director Harpal Kapoor could also present a proposal at the workshop regarding revisions to bus routes which would increase cost-efficiency and maintain adequate coverage.

Mr. Kapoor noted that issues addressed by this proposed resolution needed to be moved forward because the next Metrobus line-up would be in June 2008 and the $9.4 million deficit had to be addressed by June.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern that many proposed Metrobus service adjustments would affect her district.

Commissioner Jordan noted that if inefficient routes were cut, staff would need sufficient time to notify affected customers. She also noted that delaying cuts would only reduce savings.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern that if bus routes were cut or changed, bus riders would use Special Transportation Services (STS).

Commissioner Sorenson noted she agreed with Commissioner Jordan that delaying this resolution would be costly. She added that people shifting to STS may be cheaper than operating certain bus routes and that alternatives would be sought for those transit users who were impacted by adjustments in Metrobus services.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

Mr. Kapoor noted that the loss in total ridership would be 6,000 and some alternate routes had already been established. He added that only 1300 riders would be affected per day and most boardings had duplicate routes.

1E6

081108 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION REJECTING THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF NEW METRORAIL VEHICLES, IN LIEU OF THEIR REHABILITATION (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Withdrawn

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn during consideration of changes to the day's (4/16) agenda.*

See Agenda Item 1E6 Substitute (Legislative File No. 081201).

1E6 SUB.

081201 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO INCLUDE THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW METRORAIL VEHICLES, IN LIEU OF THEIR REHABILITATION [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 081108] (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle.

Mr. Gary Price, 6748 NW 193 Lane, appeared before the Committee wishing to be heard on Agenda Item 1E5. He noted that he would like the 267 Max bus route to be re-extended to Pembroke Lakes mall in Pembroke Pines.

Chairman Rolle noted that he would ensure that Mr. Price's concerns were addressed before the full Commission.

There being no other persons to appear in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed resolution, the public hearing was closed.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

1E7

081110 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF 17 NEW METROMOVER REPLACEMENT VEHICLES [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3C] (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record. He noted that Agenda Item 3C was a companion item to this resolution.*

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Rolle; however, it was closed after no one appeared in response to Chairman Rolle's call for persons wishing to be heard in connection with this proposed resolution.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

081025 **Resolution** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE MARCH 28, 2008 MILITARY FAMILIARIZATION TOUR EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $580.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 12 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2B

081055 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE APRIL 12, 2008 HISTORICAL BUS TOUR EVENT SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $325.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 6 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2C

080979 **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTANCE BASED AND/OR PEAK/NON-PEAK TRANSIT FARE RATES AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A DISTANCE BASED AND/OR PEAK/NON-PEAK TRANSIT STRUCTURE

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was deferred for consideration at a workshop of the Transit Committee to be announced.*

2D

080994 **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF RESTORING TWO CENTS TO THE 1993 FIVE CENTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX LEVIED ON MOTOR FUEL

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was deferred for consideration at a workshop of the Transit Committee to be announced.*

2E

081005 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO REVIEW ALL AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR AS WELL AS THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE ORANGE LINE AND TO PREPARE A FINANCIAL PLAN THAT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL NEW STARTS PROJECTS ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND THE OPERATING, MAINTENANCE, AND CAPITAL NEEDS OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was deferred for consideration at a workshop of the Transit Committee to be announced.*

2F

081045 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR THE MARCH 5, 2008 MIAMI HEAT BASKETBALL GAME SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHRIDGE I AND II RESIDENT COUNCIL, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $440.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE DISTRICT 9 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

080930 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $5 MILLION FROM ITS TRANSIT REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) TO IMPLEMENT CAPITAL ELEMENTS FOR PROVIDING BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) SERVICE ON KENDALL DRIVE; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3B

080954 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM (SCIGP) AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CHANGE THE SCOPE TO PURCHASE 12 40-FOOT, HEAVY-DUTY, LOW FLOOR HYBRID (DIESEL-ELECTRIC) TRANSIT BUSES INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED 23 CONVENTIONAL DIESEL BUSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE SCIGP (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

3C

081111 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXERCISING OF AN OPTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $34,370,284 BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND BOMBARDIER TRANSPORTATION (HOLDINGS) USA, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF 17 NEW PHASE 2 METROMOVER REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR CONTRACT NO. SS 1908-0/7; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1E7] (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D

080609 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CUBIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. 8481-2/22, IN THE AMOUNT OF $72,978,433, TO OBTAIN AN AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION, OPTIONS AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN (Procurement Management Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Mr. Hugh Chen, Miami-Dade Transit Deputy Director of Operations, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, Automated Fare Collection System.

Commissioner Jordan noted that based on options for funding transit to be considered at the upcoming Transit Committee Workshop, increases to distance faring would be considered. In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry as to whether the automated fare collection system would anticipate increases in distance and peak hour fares, Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Miami-Dade Transit Director, noted that when new corridors were built, distance faring should be introduced, but the rails portion of the automated fare collection system could be implemented now.

Ms. Singer responded to Commissioner Jordan's questions regarding negotiations and contract award for the automated fare collection system, including cost differentials, whether anything in the Request for Proposals (RFP) was compromised, point differentials, and whether the highest ranked firm, Cubic Transportations Systems, Inc., was able to reduce its price by $11 million without compromising the scope of service.

Commissioner Jordan noted that if Cubic reduced its price by $11 million, maybe the County could have negotiated with the second ranked firm and gotten a better price. She expressed concern that a company could reduce its price by $11 million without the scope being affected and that the County did not negotiate with the second ranked

company whose price was only $1 million higher, especially when an eight point spread existed between the two companies.

Commissioner Jordan noted the selection committee suggested that, because of the closeness of the scoring, that negotiations take place to acquire a better price. She noted she wanted both the best company and the best price.

Following comments by Ms. Singer in response to Committee Jordan's concern regarding the value of the standard critical component not contained in the response by Scheidt and Bachmann, Mr. Chen provided further clarification. He spoke regarding the five parts of the Universal Transit Fare Card System (UTFS) standard. He noted that part 3 of the UTFS would be provided when a regional system was established. Mr. Chen noted that as part of the contract, option 5 required part 3, and in Cubic's proposal, part 2 would be supplied when part 3 was implemented. Mr. Chen also noted that during negotiations, the cost for the UTFS standard was moved from the base to an option because if the UTFS was implemented now, changes to the software may be made. He further noted that Option 5 was for $2.5 million, and the County had locked in this price. Mr. Chen added that acquisition of part 3 would ensure the County had the latest software. Mr. Chen added that the cost of implementation of this standard for the regional system should be discussed with Broward and Palm Beach counties, and they could share the $2.5 million cost.

Assistant County Manager Llort noted that Mr. Chen's explanation was important because an untrue allegation had been made that the County was not getting a complete system because of issues related to the reduction in Cubic's price.

Commissioner Sorenson noted Commissioner Jordan put many of her concerns on the record. She noted that since the Board approved an RFP indicating negotiations should take place with the highest ranked firm, and with the second ranked firm if those negotiations failed, the Committee should abide by the integrity of the process. She also noted that the Committee should accept the County Manager's recommendation for this contract and implement the contract as soon as possible.

Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Miriam Singer,

Department of Procurement Management Director, whether the scope of the negotiated contract included the latest state of the art technology.

Ms. Singer noted that the most up-to-date technology was included in this proposed Automated Fare Collection System contract and the technology would be implemented.

Commissioner Heyman noted she was also concerned regarding the $11 million reduction and the selection committee's suggestion that efforts be made to negotiate a better price due to the slight difference in the scores She suggested future negotiations involve those bidders who were within the scope versus those who were closest to meeting the County's needs.

Assistant County Manager Llort responded to Commissioner Heyman's request for her input on the negotiations process involving this contract award. During her response, Ms. Llort concurred with Commissioner Heyman's suggestion regarding negotiations with bidders that were within the contract's scope.

Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber to prepare legislation establishing a rule requiring that negotiations be held with the top two bidders when a Request For Proposal (RFP) came back with a 10 point spread and/or a 10% cost differential.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to meet with the Procurement Management Department Director and her staff to discuss Commissioner Jordan's proposed legislation, which was to address negotiations with top bidders and cost differentials.

Commissioner Heyman recognized Mr. Alex Heckler, Shutts & Bowen, 201 South Biscayne Boulevard. Mr. Heckler noted, for the record, that this proposed resolution was a $73 million package which included $47 million and the options. He noted that the County Attorney's Office informed the selection committee that one company had to be chosen, but because an eight point spread existed, the committee could submit a statement to the County Manager recommending actions to be taken. He further noted that the County was overpaying by $8 million for the options in this proposed resolution.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D SUPP.

080949 **Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: PROTEST REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. 8481-2/22: AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

3D SUPP. #2

081083 **Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

3E

080931 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $409,139.01 BETWEEN REPUBLIC INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED STREET NAME SIGNS INSTALLATION CONTRACT - COUNTYWIDE (PROJECT – CICC 7360-0/08 RPQ NO. 20070820) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Rolle asked the Public Works Department Director to ensure that projects north of 54th Street were scheduled.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3F

080997 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,139,886.44 BETWEEN HORIZON CONTRACTORS, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SW 136 STREET, FROM SW 152 AVENUE TO SW 139 COURT, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 11 (PROJECT - NO. 20070616) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Rolle asked the Public Works Department Director to ensure that projects north of 54th Street were scheduled.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

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081018 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR THE PROVISON OF RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ISSUES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, PURSUANT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $200,000 PER YEAR FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3H

080995 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE SEAPORT TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE FLORIDA INSURANCE COMMISSION REGULATORY TRUST FUND FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SCREENING CARGO CONTAINERS FOR STOLEN AUTOMOBILES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Seaport Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4 CLERK OF THE BOARD

4A

081115 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.

5 REPORTS

5A

080996 **Report**

REPORT ON RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING AN OBSERVATION WHEEL, SIMILAR TO THE LONDON EYE, AT THE PORT OF MIAMI (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Heyman's question regarding costs, Mr. Bill Johnson, Director, Port of Miami, noted that development operational costs would be borne by a developer, and these costs would be subject to a negotiation in terms of what fees or revenues would be generated for the Port of Miami. He pointed out a presentation regarding this proposed resolution had been included in the Agenda package.

Mr. Johnson noted that the key issue was limited space at the Port, the concept of this project was great, and the project would diversify the revenue stream.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern with potential traffic issues related to this proposed resolution, and with placing the proposed observation wheel at the Port. She suggested it be located at a large park.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

5B

081027 **Report**

SEAPORT DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT OF EXECUTED JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2008 AND MARCH 31, 2008

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

(County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.

5C

081030 **Report**

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

(County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.

5D

081032 **Report**

INVOICING AND DBE STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PMC) CONTRACT

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

(County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report.

5E

081035 **Report**

MONTHLY ORANGE LINE UPDATE

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

(County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Commissioner Jordan asked the Miami-Dade Transit Agency Director to ensure that the Cities of Miami Gardens and Opa-locka were thoroughly involved in the planning and design process for the Orange Line as requested by Miami Gardens Mayor Gibson.

Chairman Rolle asked the Transit Agency Director to meet with him to address three questions related to this report.

5F

081114 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: ORANGE LINE PROGRAM UPDATE (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Chairman Rolle asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the County Commission's Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the next available County Commission meeting.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

5G

081112 **Report**

LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR FY 07-08 (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

5H

081124 **Report**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS (County Manager)

Deferred to next committee meeting

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to meet with him to minimize the Transit Committee's next agenda in order to allow the Public Works and Seaport Departments time to make their budget presentations.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.*

Dorrin Rolle, Chairman