



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FINAL OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES Airport and Seaport Committee (ASC)

Board of County Commissioners

Stephen P. Clark Government Center
Commission Chambers
111 N.W. First Street
Miami, Florida 33128

March 12, 2009
As Advertised

Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners

Diane Collins, Acting Division Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter
(305) 375-1475





Stephen P. Clark
Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

FINAL OFFICIAL

Meeting Minutes

Airport and Seaport Committee

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Natacha Seijas (13), and Rebeca Sosa (6)

Thursday, March 12, 2009

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, SPCC

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dorrin D. Rolle.

Members Absent: Natacha Seijas.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: Rebeca Sosa

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

1A INVOCATION

Report: *The Committee convened in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3A

090599 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF MDAD BUILDINGS 3094 AND 3095, PROJECT NO. C-055A, TO MERKURY CORPORATION D/B/A MERKURY DEVELOPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,843,250; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME, AND TO EXERCISE RENEWAL AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS THEREOF (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Seijas

Absent,OCB: Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney David Murray read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A1

090522 Report

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2009 AIRPORT AND SEAPORT COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Report Received

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Seijas

Absent,OCB: Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney David Murray read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

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

7 REPORTS

7A

090611 Report

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Deferred to next committee meeting

Report: *Chairman Rolle suggested that the foregoing proposed report be deferred to the Committee's April 16, 2009 meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) Budget Director, noted that by April, OSBM staff would be able to present more verifiable budget figures to this Committee and have a better conversation concerning the budget as related to proprietary funding to departments which were under this Committee's jurisdiction.

Chairman Rolle requested that Committee members submit their Committee and budget priorities as soon as possible so that the Committee could meet deadlines set by Commission Chairman Moss.

The Committee deferred the foregoing proposed report to April 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

7B

090624 Report

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE PORT
OF MIAMI TUNNEL (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Ms. Teresa Alvarez, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District VI Consultant Management Engineer, noted that Mr. Kevin Thibault, Assistant Secretary, FDOT, submitted a letter to this Committee noting that FDOT was considering options regarding the Port of Miami Tunnel and should reach a conclusion by March 27, 2009.*

Commissioner Rolle noted he was in receipt of the letter.

Commissioner Diaz expressed concern that FDOT had not made a decision regarding the Port of Miami Tunnel.

Mr. Gary Donn, FDOT District VI Director of Transportation Support and Miami Intermodal Center Program, noted that funds for the Tunnel were still in the FDOT District VI Work Program and the decision regarding the Tunnel was being made by Governor Charlie Crist; Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, FDOT Secretary; and Mr. Kevin Thibault, Assistant Secretary, FDOT.

During discussion regarding the history of this project, Mr. Bill Johnson, Port of Miami Director, noted that the history of the project extended to 1978, the project had been active for the past four to five years, and the project's Request for Proposal (RFP) was submitted two years ago.

Mr. Donn responded to Commissioner Gimenez's concerns regarding why the Tunnel project was not identified as a priority to be included in the Economic Stimulus Package and why the project had not progressed. Mr. Donn noted that the project was fully funded, the State requested federal stimulus monies for unfunded projects, and Assistant Secretary Thibault was investigating issues concerning an equity partner on the project.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern regarding the State's efforts to move the project forward.

Following discussion regarding the procurement

process and negotiations concerning the project, Commissioner Diaz also expressed concern regarding the State's efforts.

Mr. Donn noted he would relay today's conversation to Secretary Kopelousos and Assistant Secretary Thibault.

Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort noted that Mayor Carlos Alvarez asked Governor Crist and Secretary Kopelousos to allow Miami-Dade County to join the team which reconsidered the issue of a substitute equity partner. She added that no response had been received.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Llort to inquire regarding the status of this request.

Discussion ensued regarding the Tunnel being a poster child project for the Economic Stimulus Package, as well as being a project which was shovel ready and which would create jobs and wealth.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding negotiations with a prior proposer, Ms. Alvarez noted that FDOT selected three bidders. She added that if FDOT representatives in Tallahassee could not conclude negotiations with the first bidder, they would consider negotiating with the second bidder.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to schedule a meeting with Secretary Kopelousos and/or Governor Charlie Crist during the legislative fly-in in Tallahassee to discuss the status of funding for the Tunnel project.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to submit a request from the County to the Presidential Administration to add the Tunnel project to the Economic Stimulus Package through the State, as requested by Commissioner Barreiro.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive the foregoing report.

7B SUPPLEMENT

090688 Supplement

SUPPLEMENT -MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(FDOT) ON THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL

Report Received

Airport and Seaport Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2009

FINAL OFFICIAL

7C

090625 Report

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MIAMI
INTERMODAL CENTER
(County Manager)

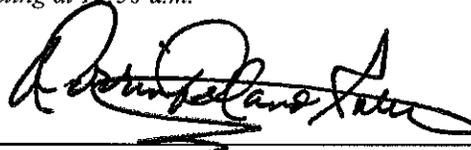
Report accepted
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Barreiro
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Seijas
Absent,OCB: Sosa

Report: *Assistant County Attorney David Murray read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *Hearing no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.*



Dorrin Rolle, Chair

Memorandum



Date: March 12, 2009

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Airport and Seaport Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Requested Changes to the
Airport and Seaport Committee Agenda

Additions

7B SUPPLEMENT

090688 SUPPLEMENT -MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) ON THE PORT OF
MIAMI TUNNEL



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
District 6

TO: The Honorable Dorrin D. Rolle,
Chairman of Airport and Seaport
Committee

DATE: March 12, 2009

FROM: The Honorable Rebeca Sosa
Commissioner, District 6

SUBJECT: Absence

I will be unable to attend the Committee Meeting scheduled for March 12, 2009, due to the fact that I am flying to Tallahassee to promote Miami-Dade County's legislative priorities. I apologize for any inconvenience.

cc: Ysela Llort, Assistant County Manager
Robert Cuevas, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Clerk of the Board
Diane Davis, Agenda Coordinator

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: March 12, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman Dorrin D. Rolle
and Members, Airport & Seaport Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Supplement -Monthly Report from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on
the Port of Miami Tunnel

ASC
Agenda Item No:
7(B) Supplement

The attached memorandum from Kevin J. Thibault, FDOT Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations, was provided in response to a request by the Board of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a timeline on the FDOT's next steps for review of the Port of Miami Tunnel project.


Assistant County Manager



Florida Department of Transportation

CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

STEPHANIE C. KOPELOUSOS
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2009

TO: Dennis C. Moss
Chair
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Kevin J. Thibault 
Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations

CC: Gus F. Pego, District Six Secretary

SUBJECT: Port of Miami Tunnel

The Department remains supportive of the Port of Miami Tunnel Project. We continue to evaluate the potential alternatives for proceeding with the planning, construction, and operation of a tunnel facility, including whether it would be most appropriate to undertake further negotiations with a prior proposer or proceed with a new procurement process. We expect that we will complete our evaluation of the potential alternatives by March 27th.

Thank you for your continued interest in the project.

BUDGET PRIORITIES SORTED BY COMMITTEES

FY 2009-10

AIRPORT & SEAPORT COMMITTEE	
Priority	Description
MDAD	Complete the North Terminal. Closely monitor the construction of the North Terminal Development Project to assure that the County stays within its targeted completion date and its projected budget.
MDAD	Continue to attract a mixture of airlines and air services, i.e. new international passenger and cargo services; low cost domestic services. Attract new national and international airlines to partner with MIA, including South African air route.
MDAD	Develop solutions to deliver necessary unfunded capital projects although the BCC already approved a resolution opposing any unfunded mandates.
MDAD	Keep MIA competitive and affordable. Encourage existing airlines that MIA has partnered with to increase advertising for flights arriving to and departing from our airport.
MDAD	Optimize the use of existing airport facilities to generate maximum revenue.
MDAD	Reduce the effects of a deteriorating economy and negative economic factors on the aviation industry at MIA.
MDAD	Meet the 2015 target for cost per enplaned passenger of \$35.
MDAD	Adopt the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau's customer service standards. Implement procedures to enhance passenger experience and satisfaction.
MDAD	Develop a creative strategy to encourage voluntary participation in programs that increase African-American and other under-represented minority owned firms' participation in MDAD procurement.
MDAD	Develop internal policy that assists in the control and management of contract costs in order to decrease change orders, project cost-overruns and staff driven increased scope of service.
MDAD	Design and build a Kidport at Miami International Airport.
MDAD	Re-evaluate and restructure as needed the business arrangements with existing and new airlines to attract additional activities.
MDAD	Develop and implement a plan to reduce the operating costs of the Airport in the near-term and long-term in an effort to bring MIA's airport charges to airlines at a more affordable level.
MDAD	Enhance MDAD's ability to recover and manage technology operations in the event of a disaster by purchasing network and data infrastructure to implement back-up and restoration capabilities.
MDAD	Increase in-house support to MDAD's Enterprise Resource Planning financial systems by contracting with outside consultants to augment staff for the implementation of new modules, upgrades to new releases, and on-going maintenance of the system.
MDAD	Continue MDAD's Five-Year Plan that began in FY 2006-07 to eliminate overall positions by 20 percent.
MDAD	Design and build an elevated automated people mover to link the future Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) to the terminal which will relieve vehicular traffic at the curb of the terminal.

BUDGET PRIORITIES SORTED BY COMMITTEES

FY 2009-10

MDAD	Construct a new passenger parking garage and a facility to centralize parking fee collection; realign a portion of Perimeter Rd; prepare for eventual expansion of Perimeter Rd; and extend vehicular drive to serve south terminal.
MDAD/Seaport	Continue dialogue with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and members of Congress to secure funding for federal security mandates
MDAD	Pursue federal funding opportunities for safety and security requirements imposed by TSA and Customs.
Seaport	Continue to pursue and revive the Port of Miami Tunnel Project at the State level to enhance mobility to and from the Port.
Seaport	Improve Port's financial position through aggressive recruiting of new cruise ship classes to the Port, such as Disney Lines, Carnival Dream class and others.
Seaport	Improve Port's financial position through the sale of indoor and outdoor advertising.
Seaport	Increase cargo tonnage and revenue through renegotiations of POMTOC contract, which should include an increased land rental rate.
Seaport	Increase grant funding for the Port through application for Homeland Security and all available federal funding.
Seaport	Reduce security expenses through the reduction of overtime, and the hiring of police officers who are classified in preliminary pay steps.
Seaport	Encourage the docking of military vessels at the Port as a means to bring in additional tourist dollars.
Seaport	Ensure that the Seaport remains competitive to increase business with the cargo industry.
Seaport	Pursue grants and funding opportunities at the federal level for the security of our port.