

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Transit, Infrastructure and Roads Committee  
(TIRC)**

**Board of County Commissioners**

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Transit, Infrastructure & Roads Committee

Barbara J. Jordan (1) Chair; Carlos A. Gimenez (7) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Dorrin D. Rolle (2), Natacha Seijas (13) and Katy Sorenson (8)

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Wednesday, December 9, 2009

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, SPCC

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle, Natacha Seijas, Katy Sorenson.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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#### 1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

**Report:** *Jill Thornton, Commission Reporter*  
*(305) 375-2505*

#### 1A INVOCATION

#### 1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:**    *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Ysela Llorc; Assistant County Attorneys Bruce Libhaber and Debra Herman; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Jill Thornton.*

*The Committee convened in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber requested the following changes to today's agenda: that Agenda Items 1D2 and 3L be added; that Agenda Item 2A be deferred, as requested by the sponsor Chairwoman Jordan; that a scrivener's error on handwritten page 11, Section A.6 of the Implementing Order attached to Agenda Item 2D be corrected to delete the words "committee and" and that this item be deferred to the January 13th TIRC meeting, as requested by the sponsor Commissioner Souto; that a scrivener's error in Agenda Item 3D, on handwritten page six, in the address listed for Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary be corrected to read: 5950 NW 114th Ave., Doral, FL 33178, and that page 13, which was inadvertently omitted from the contract attached to Agenda 3F, be incorporated into that document.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the Committee approve today's agenda with the changes requested in the December 09, 2009 County Manager's memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Transit, Infrastructure and Roads Committee Agenda," along with the additional changes requested by Assistant County Attorney Libhaber. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Sorenson was absent).*

*In addition, Mr. Libhaber noted the sponsor Commissioner Sosa requested that Agenda Item 2C be withdrawn.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that Agenda Item 2C be withdrawn. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Seijas and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Sorenson was absent)*

**1D**      **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1D1

093219 Discussion Item

Natacha Seijas

TRANSIT FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM

*Presented*

**Report:** *Commissioner Seijas expressed concern that passengers purchasing monthly 'rolling' Easy Card passes early in the month would expect to use the passes immediately and may be confused when they learned they were unable to use them for two weeks to a month later.*

*Mr. Harpal Kapoor, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director, explained the history of MDT's aging transit fare collection and parking pass system, which was used for more than twenty-five years. He noted the new 'rolling month' Easy Card pass would be effective from the 1st to 1st of every month, and MDT's staff could study further the rolling card option and discuss a method for modifying the parking pass under the new fare collection system. He noted that MDT was trying to implement a major change to its aging system, and so far, complaints were minimal.*

*Assistant County Manager Ysela Llord agreed the intent was to use the Easy Card immediately upon purchase; however, MDT's challenge was to sort out the parking pass issue with the rolling card method and patch the existing system with a new system. She assured committee members that Transit's staff would review these issues and resolve them quickly.*

*Mr. Richard Trener, Vice President, Cubic Corporation, 9333 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, appeared before the Committee and noted the new automated transit fare collection system was the most modern and flexible of all transit fare collection systems used worldwide. He discussed the calendar transit pass currently used by MDT, noting this method was commonly used by many transit agencies nationwide and sold in advance to avoid gridlock at the machines on the 1st day of each month. Mr. Trener noted that Cubic Corp. also offered a rolling 30-day transit pass, but each transit agency must determine the best method for its customers. He noted he would work with MDT to make any changes the County desired for its system.*

*Commissioner Seijas noted she had the opportunity to observe the new transit fare collection system during a field trip. She*

*expressed concern with the Spanish translation of the Easy Card instructions in Castilian Spanish, which was more difficult to understand than the Spanish translations commonly used. She also expressed concern with the 'value added' options included on the Easy Card, which were seemingly unusual choices.*

*Mr. Kapoor assured Committee members that he would review the Spanish translation to determine if adjustments could be made. He noted, however, that adjustments could be made to the programming of the 'value added' options. He also noted that MDT staff conducted a study in 2001 using Washington Metro Transit's system as a bench mark, and applied what was learned from that study to MDT's system.*

*Mr. Richard Trenerly welcomed any improvements recommended for the new fare collection system that would ease Committee members' concerns and make it easier for customers to use. He also noted he would work with MDT to accomplish this.*

*Commissioner Seijas expressed concern with the public's lack of knowledge concerning how to use the new transit fare collection system. She also expressed concern with the role of the security guards in the educational and awareness campaign.*

*Mr. Kapoor noted MDT used its own employees for one month to launch the campaign and train customers at each transit station on how to use the new transit fare collection system; however, after the recent layoffs of MDT staff, ten (10) positions were created at the Easy Card Center using MDT employees in the pipeline to assist customers on how to use the new Easy Card. Mr. Kapoor discussed the role of security guards in providing customer service, which he explained was to log in the passengers' Easy Card numbers if they experienced any problems using it.*

*Chairwoman Jordan clarified the issue was not the implementation of the new Easy Card rolling month pass, but the ramifications of linking it to the current parking pass method, which needed further study.*

1D2

**093257 Discussion Item Commission Auditor**  
**REVIEW OF PTP SURTAX REVENUE Presented**

**Report:** *The Committee, by motion duly made and seconded, voted to receive the Commission Auditor's report entitled "Review of People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Surtax," which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Sorenson was absent).*

*Discussion ensued between Commissioner Seijas and Commission Auditor Charles Anderson regarding her concerns pertaining to the status of this audit and whether it should be closed.*

*Upon the request of Commissioner Seijas, and there being no objection, Commission Auditor Charles Anderson agreed to clarify his memorandum attached to this report by adding language that states: "that for the purpose of his objectives, this audit was considered closed."*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**093077 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S CO-DESIGNATION OF ALEXANDRIA DRIVE FROM NW 127TH STREET TO NW 135TH STREET AS "VANKARA DRIVE"**  
*Deferred to no date certain*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Seconder: Edmonson*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Sorenson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, the foregoing proposed resolution was deferred, as requested by Chairwoman Jordan.*

2B

## 093072 Resolution

Katy Sorenson,

Carlos A. Gimenez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE UP TO EIGHTY (80) TRANSIT PASSES PER MONTH TO CITY YEAR FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ITS VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR NO LESS THAN 2,800 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN FURTHERANCE OF BEAUTIFICATION OR OTHER RELATED SERVICES AT OR NEAR TRANSIT FACILITIES

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Edmonson*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the Committee forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission, with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, followed by discussion.*

*Commissioner Seijas asked that staff explain the purpose and location of the City Year organization.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted City Year was a nationwide organization that trained young adults to mentor "at risk" children on a voluntary basis. He also noted the intent of this resolution was to endorse the County's support of this organization.*

*Jeremy Kramer, Deputy Director, City Year Miami, noted the headquarters of City Year Miami was located at 44 W. Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, and City Year offices were located in eight (8) schools throughout Miami-Dade County. He also noted that City Year had eighty-two (82) core members between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four (17-24) who worked throughout the USA to help the most challenged students in urban public schools that were failing, and to help prospective high school dropouts stay in school. He also noted that City Year's 82 core members would contribute a total of 150,000 hours of community service this year to transit authorities, and 2,800 hours of community service to Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) in return for core members receiving MDT passes to enable them to travel to and from schools safely via MDT's system.*

*In response to Commissioner Seijas' inquiry*

*regarding whether the Miami-Dade Public School District had contributed anything to City Year, Mr. Kramer noted he was hopeful that City Year could enter into a formal partnership with the School District, which had been a key partner and very supportive of City Year.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked Mr. Kramer to provide Commissioner Seijas with additional information on City Year's organization. He noted that he had been involved with this organization from its start, and that City Year had done extraordinary work for needy kids and was an incredible resource. He expressed appreciation to City Year for coming to this community.*

*Chairwoman Jordan noted that when she began the Greater Miami Service Corp in 1990, she visited City Year of New York and found it to be a wonderful and effective organization that did a wide variety of community service projects.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted she was also a big fan of City Year, which not only trained young adults to mentor "at risk" students in needy schools, but also helped them to develop skills for becoming national leaders. She expressed appreciation to City Year's members for their efforts.*

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

2C

092617 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-303-08 TO PROVIDE THAT HIALEAH MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY WILL BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY CITY OF HIALEAH; DIRECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST TO NOTIFY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF ALL MEETINGS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT AND LEASE OF HEALTH CARE CENTER; REQUIRING THAT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HAVE ACCESS TO MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY; APPROVING TERMS OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HIALEAH FOR MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT

*Withdrawn*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Secunder: Seijas*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Sorenson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, the foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn, as requested by Commissioner Sosa.*

2D

093236 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE UPDATE TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM'S 15 YEAR PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-853-08, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1154-08, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL FOR EACH PROJECT LISTED IN SUCH EXHIBIT AND TO INCLUDE AS EXHIBIT TO EACH SERIES RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY SUCH ISSUANCE AND OTHER DETAILS; AND APPROVING AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-47 TO PROVIDE PROCESS TO ESTABLISH BOARD'S LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING FROM BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROCEEDS

*Deferred to next committee meeting*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Secunder: Edmonson*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Sorenson*

**Report:** *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted a scrivener's error on handwritten page 11, Section A.6 of the Implementing Order attached to this resolution that was corrected to delete the words "committee and." Also, during consideration of the changes to today's agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to the January 13th TIRC meeting, as requested by Commissioner Souto.*

**3 DEPARTMENT**

3A

**093163 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVISION OF CLEARINGHOUSE SERVICES RELATED TO THE AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM (AFCS) AND ANY RELATED AGREEMENT RENEWALS (Miami-Dade Transit Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Edmonson*

*Vote: 5-1*

*No: Seijas*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the Committee forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission, with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, followed by discussion.*

*Commissioner Seijas expressed concern with language on handwritten page 2 of this resolution that stated Tri-Rail would not execute a contract with Cubic Transportation Systems, Incorporated (CTS) unless Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) agreed to provide the back office support. She noted this language seemed awkward to her because the contract with Tri-Rail was contingent on the County Commissioners' vote, which leveraged an award of contract to CTS. She asked what happened with the 2004 joint procurement for back office services for the region.*

*Mr. Harpal Kapoor, MDT Director, noted MDT tried to get a regional system implemented since 2004, but could not work out the issues with other South Florida agencies. Consequently, MDT proceeded to install the fare collection system offered by CTS. He explained that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) did not provide back office services, and would piggyback on MDT's contract in order to interface its system with MDT's system. He noted that once the subject participation agreement was approved, MDT would initiate a transfer policy with the SFRTA that would permit Tri-Rail passengers transferring to Miami-Dade County's transit system to ride MDT Metrorail and Metro buses unlimited for a single fare. He noted this would also mitigate the issues with tracking ridership and revenue information.*

Commissioner Seijas questioned the prices negotiated with SFRTA, which she noted were comparable to San Francisco's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) rates, but seemingly offered a better deal for Tri-Rail than MDT. She inquired of the cost of the centralized computer system purchased by MDT.

Mr. Kapoor noted MDT's cost for purchasing the centralized computer system was about \$1 million, but MDT would be charging the SFRTA \$240,000 annually for back office services. He noted that MDT would not make a profit, but would cover its costs. He further noted that MDT used San Francisco's MTC rates as a benchmark when applying rates for back office services, and that MDT would review the Interlocal Agreement after six months to determine whether the costs needed to be adjusted or if the SFRTA needed to be billed further.

Commissioner Seijas expressed concern that MDT would not make a profit and could possibly lose money. She also expressed concern with the negotiated amounts charged to Tri-Rail, particularly the reference of 5.8 percent and 2.5 percent of the personnel costs for thirteen customer service staff members and forty ITS Management staff members, respectively, to support the Easy Card operations.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Seijas and Mr. Kapoor regarding the 5.8% and 2.5% of personnel costs negotiated with Tri-rail.

Ms. Marjan Mazza, Assistant Director, Finance Services, MDT, explained that the sections in the agreement pertaining to the 5.8% and 2.5% were a breakdown of the total costs for back office services and the portion applicable to SFRTA. She noted the actual cost was 25% of the salaries of the total number of representatives that would be working on the project.

Ms. Rene Matthews, Project Manager, SFRTA, explained further the method and purpose for notating the different percentages in the agreement, noting the purpose was to demonstrate the proportionate costs of employees allocated by MDT to Tri-Rail in relation to the total costs (25%) of the services. She noted that MDT did not allocate all thirteen employees, but only five employees to handle the Tri-Rail traffic. Responding further to inquiries of Commissioner Seijas, Ms. Matthews explained the role of the

*Administrators in handling customer service telephone calls.*

*Mr. Tariq Shabazz, MDT Loss Prevention Representative, expounded on Ms. Matthews' comments, noting that three administrators were assigned to oversee the Easy Card Customer Service personnel and four administrators were assigned to oversee the IT functions; and that the SFRTA would pay 25% of these individuals' salaries.*

*In response to Commissioner Seijas' request for further explanation regarding why MDT was charging Tri-Rail only 5.8% of the cost of Customer Service personnel' salaries, Ms. Matthews explained that 5.8% represented a portion of the total calculations. She further explained that the SFRTA would pay a total of \$240,000 annually for all the services, and pay \$40,000 annually for the five positions allocated by MDT to handle the Tri-Rail traffic, which represented a reimbursement of 25% of the total cost of salaries.*

*Commissioner Seijas expressed concern that as proposed, this contract was awkward and confusing; that it seemingly was not in the best interest of MDT and would not result in a profit for the County. She said she would not support this proposal.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked whether, in the past, a fee was charged to passengers for transferring from the Tri-Rail to MDT's Metrorail or Metro buses.*

*Mr. Kapoor noted that in the past, passengers could transfer from Tri-Rail to MDT's Metrorail or Metro buses at no cost. He explained that with the new Easy Card, a passenger would pay \$140 for a monthly pass, from which the SFRTA would receive \$100 and MDTA would receive \$40.*

*Discussion ensued between Committee members and Mr. Kapoor regarding the difference in transit ridership fees for MDT passengers versus Tri-Rail passengers, and whether the rates charged to passengers in Broward and Palm Beach Counties transferring from Tri-Rail to use MDT's services were less expensive than the rates charged to passengers within Miami-Dade County for using MDT's services.*

*Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Office of Strategic*

*Business Management Director, noted she understood that the proposed transit rates had not been officially adopted by the County Commission. She explained that under the current transit system, passengers transferring from Tri-Rail to MDT could ride the Metrorail or Metro buses at no cost.*

*Mr. Kapoor noted the proposed rates were determined following a comparative analysis done by MDT of similar regional transit systems in other major cities.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he had no problems with the incremental charges for back office customer services because MDT already had the infrastructure in place to support it. He also noted he would support this agreement, but expressed concern with inequity in terms of regional share.*

*In response to Chairwoman Jordan's question regarding whether the reverse was true, in that transit fees charged to Miami-Dade County passengers transferring from MDT to Tri-Rail were similar to those rates charged to Broward and Palm Beach County passengers transferring from Tri-Rail to MDT, Mr. Kapoor noted that the Broward and Palm Beach County' fee structures were similar to MDT's fee structure.*

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

3B

**093157 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTIONS, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2-10.4 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR CONTINUING SERVICES UNDER THE COUNTY'S EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (Office of Capital Improvements)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Edmonson*

*Secunder: Rolle*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Gimenez*

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

*Chairwoman Jordan asked Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort to meet with her before this resolution was presented to the County Commission, to discuss the one firm in the PSA Ratification Report that had no evaluation.*

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

3C

**092614 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-103.15 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF HOMELESS TRUST DONATION METERS ON COUNTY-MAINTAINED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Edmonson*

*Secunder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

*Chairwoman Jordan opened the public hearing, and the following person(s) appeared in connection with this ordinance:*

*Mr. David Raymond, Director, Miami-Dade Homeless Trust (MDHT), presented the Homeless Trust Collection Meter device designed by artist Romero Britto. He noted this device resembled a parking meter and would be used by MDHT for collecting donations for the homeless. He also noted this device was a part of a larger awareness campaign designed to educate the public on homelessness. Additionally, Mr. Raymond presented the sponsorship packets already approved by resolution for sponsoring the collection devices, along with MDHT's newly designed "Help Line" business cards. He noted that MDHT held its first annual Homeless Awareness event on November 18, 2009, and approximately 1,000 students participated in it. He also noted the intent of the foregoing ordinance was to amend the County's Signage Ordinance to allow for the placement of the collection meter devices throughout the County in public places. Mr. Raymond further noted that MDHT already had permission to place the collection devices in privately owned areas, and had placed some at the 163rd Street Shopping Mall and at Bayside, but this ordinance would allow MDHT to place the collection devices in public places, with final approval from the Public Works Department (PWD) Director for particular areas.*

*Hearing no other persons wishing to speak, Chairwoman Jordan closed the public hearing.*

*Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern that the public might mistake the collection devices for*

*parking meters because of their appearance.*

*Mr. Raymond assured Committee members that these devices would not be placed in areas of parking or where people would mistake them for parking meters. He noted MDHT was working closely with the Miami Parking Authority, which was responsible for setting and collecting from the devices, and with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and other entities to ensure the devices were placed in the appropriate areas.*

*Commissioner Gimenez said he felt that MDHT should just make it clearer that these collection devices were not parking meters.*

*Mr. Raymond noted these devices had language printed on them explaining their purpose and were considered signage, which highlighted the need for this proposed ordinance.*

*Commissioner Seijas expressed concern that the instructions printed on the back of the newly designed 'help line' cards were printed only in English, and would not be understood by everyone.*

*Commissioner Sorenson added that the cards should be amended to correct a scrivener's error to change the language "you could help change their life" to "you could help change their lives."*

*Following further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.*

3D

**092901 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE \$1,245,806 IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Edmonson*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

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

*NOTE: During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber noted a scrivener's error existing in the address for Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary, listed on handwritten page 6 of this resolution, which was corrected to read: 5950 NW 114th Ave., Doral, FL 33178.*

3E

**093144 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH TO PROVIDE COUNTY FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,340,439 FOR THE STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG W 68 STREET (NW 122 STREET), FROM W 19 COURT TO W 17 COURT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Seijas*

*Seconder: Rolle*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

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

3F

**093150 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$702,096.30 BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED SW 137 AVENUE, FROM US-1 TO SW 200 STREET, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 8 (PROJECT NO. E06-PW-10 PTP; CONTRACT NO. 20040343) (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Secunder: Rolle*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

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

3G

**093154 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,646.90 TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SW 127 AVENUE, PROJECT NO. 20060289; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Edmonson*

*Secunder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 6-0*

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

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

3H

**093155 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,160,000 FOR THE COUNTYWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF PHASES 1 AND 2 OF THE ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ATMS); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Rolle*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Sorenson*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the Committee forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission, with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle for discussion.*

*Commissioner Gimenez referenced language on handwritten page 1, under the heading entitled "Fiscal Impact/Funding Source" that stated: "...however, project scope modifications became necessary due to a lack of availability of a wireless and fiber-optic hybrid communication network...but had no net fiscal impact to the entire PTP allocation for this project." He asked if the modifications would have a fiscal impact at the back end of this contract.*

*Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department (PWD), noted that PWD had to absorb a fiscal impact of \$800,000 because a wireless network was not available and the subsystem had to be redeveloped. She noted, however, that due to a savings in this project and the fact that sufficient funding was available from the original allocation to cover the \$800,000, the cost of this project would balance out in the end.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked if the contract went out for bid with a project scope that included developing a hybrid wireless and fiber-optic communication network, and whether this network was of the type the County wanted.*

*Ms. Calas concurred, noting a wireless communications network would have made it easier for the contractor.*

*Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) Director, clarified that the contractor was not obligated to put a wireless communications network in place, but the County was obligated to ensure one was available.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked if the County promised something it could not deliver.*

*Mr. Angel Petisco, Director, Enterprise Technology Services Department (ETSD), explained that the County's intent was to develop a wireless communications network system internally within the County's transmittal footprint, and the vendor was told that it could use this communication mechanism for this project; however, all municipal governments moved toward deploying broadband networks. Mr. Petisco noted this effort proved to be unsustainable based on the models used, and many of the projects were discontinued. He noted the County was fortunate in that it had not deployed a significant footprint, but decided to take a different approach by bringing its citizen's to the internet. In terms of the wireless deployment, he noted the County submitted an application to the federal government for a grant to implement broadband in the future; however, a condition of the grant was that any monies spent before the County was considered for an award could not be recovered, therefore, the County decided to continue the leased circuit deployment, pending the outcome of the grant applications. Mr. Petisco affirmed that the County was responsible for providing the wireless communication network system, not the vendor, and that this was not a factor in selecting the vendor.*

*In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding whether this system could transition into the new technology once it became available, Ms. Calas noted this was absolutely correct.*

*Commissioner Seijas asked about references to 79 percent of the project being completed and \$18 million of the original \$48 million appropriation being spent on the countywide Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) project. She also asked if any funds were unused and if so, whether*

*a significant portion of any unused funding would be used for the communications portion of the project.*

*Ms. Calas explained that this was a very complex project, and that the larger portion of the total \$49 million allocation would be used for the communications portion, which would be short of funds, and would require seeking additional funding from the federal government. She noted that 79 percent represented the portion of Phases I & II of the original scope of the project completed, which was capped at \$9 million. She noted the project was currently 81 percent complete. She explained that \$40 million included the costs of moving into the Lightspeed building, the development of the software, and the costs of the hardware and controller, and that \$9 million was the cost for integrating all 2,700 traffic signals into the ATMS.*

*Commissioner Seijas asked about the \$18 million spent in relation to the portion of the project that was 79% completed.*

*Ms. Calas explained that the \$18 million included \$4.5 million used towards the Lightspeed building. She further explained that approximately \$49 million was allocated from the Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP) for this project, of which \$9 million was for software development, \$4.5 million was for retrofitting the Lightspeed building, and the majority would be spent on the communications portion.*

*In response to Commissioner Seijas' inquiry regarding whether the majority of the allocation had not been spent yet, but would be spent on the communications portion, Ms. Calas noted that was correct. Commissioner Seijas suggested this budget needed to be reviewed, and asked when the traffic signals would be completely synchronized.*

*Ms. Calas pointed out that this was a joint effort with ETSD. She noted that PWD anticipated the cost of the communications portion to be between \$60 and \$100 million, and would be seeking additional funding from the federal government to complete this effort. Ms. Calas also noted that she could share a very detailed analysis of the \$48 million allocation with the Committee. She advised that PWD anticipated completing the integration of all traffic signals into the ATMS by December 2010.*

Commissioner Gimenez asked what was approved as part of the \$48 million allocation, and what the \$60 to \$100 million additional funding was needed for.

Ms. Calas explained that in 2002, a \$40 million estimate was developed and placed in the original PTP ordinance for this project. She also explained that the allocation was modified to between \$48 and \$49 million when more details were gathered, including details about the Lightspeed building, which was not considered in the original PTP allocation. She further noted that funds for the communications portion were not allocated as part of the original PTP allocation, but the idea was always for the State to cooperate in the communications portion or the PWD would have to apply for federal grants to fund this project, which would cost between \$60 and \$100 million.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding whether the \$48 to \$49 million appropriation would enable the County to have a completely working ATMS, Ms. Calas affirmed that was correct.

Mr. Petisco explained that ETSD was not receiving \$60 million, but had partnered with PWD from the beginning of this project. Regarding the \$60 to \$100 million in costs for the communications portion, he noted this project included a Phase III with communication components that included the implementation of video cameras at intersections, integration of traffic signals, and the extension of a video fed control station for engineers to monitor and improve traffic controls. He noted the \$60 to \$100 million costs were not part of the original \$49 million appropriation.

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez' request for clarification regarding whether the \$49 million appropriation included encompassing Phases I and II of the project, relocating into the Lightspeed Building, and synchronizing traffic signals with the ATMS; and whether Phase III of the project included the installation of a video fed control room with video monitors to monitor traffic control although the total costs had not been approved yet, Ms. Calas noted that this was correct. She also reiterated that she could provide a very detailed report of the \$48 million estimate and how it was spent.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the

*Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

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**093158 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED FACILITIES RELOCATION AGREEMENT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT COST ESTIMATED AT \$1,196,230.29 BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE RELOCATION OF TRANSMISSION FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 20070682) ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SW 160 STREET, FROM SW 147 AVENUE TO SW 137 AVENUE; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Seconder: Edmonson*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Sorenson*

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

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

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**093162 Resolution**

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE NW 138 STREET, FROM NW 147 AVENUE TO 325 FEET EAST OF NW 157 AVENUE; NW 146 STREET, FROM NW 147 AVENUE TO 325 FEET EAST OF NW 157 AVENUE; AND NW 152 AVENUE, FROM NW 138 STREET TO NW 154 STREET (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-877) (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Secunder: Rolle*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Sorenson*

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

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the Committee forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission, with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle for discussion.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he previously raised this issue, and was advised by the County attorneys that pursuant to the State Statutes, the County was precluded from getting fair market value for this land.*

*Assistant County Attorney Debra Herman explained that the State Statues and case law provided that as a matter of law, the right-of-way would be vested with the abiding property owner(s) automatically upon a finding that the right-of-way was not needed for public use. She noted the case law was very clear that it could not be sold.*

*Following additional comments by Commissioner Gimenez, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

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**093137 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A PRE-SUIT NEGOTIATIONS SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,300.00 WITH ANDMAR ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 32, A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3148 SW 27TH AVENUE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY NEEDED FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT ENTITLED AS ROADWAY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SW 27TH AVENUE FROM US HIGHWAY 1 TO SOUTH BAYSHORE DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
**Mover: Gimenez**  
**Seconder: Edmonson**  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Absent: Sorenson**

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

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on this resolution as presented.*

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**093251 Resolution**

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-47 RELATING TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM SURPLUS FUNDS, PREMIUM FUNDS AND UNSPENT BOND PROCEEDS AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Office of Capital Improvements)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
**Mover: Gimenez**  
**Seconder: Jordan**  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Absent: Sorenson**

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

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

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**092928 Report**

SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE TRANSIT,  
INFRASTRUCTURE & ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 14, 2009 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Edmonson*  
*Seconder: Rolle*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Sorenson*

**7 REPORTS**

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**092899 Report**

PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 90-DAY REPORT -  
3RD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (County  
Manager)

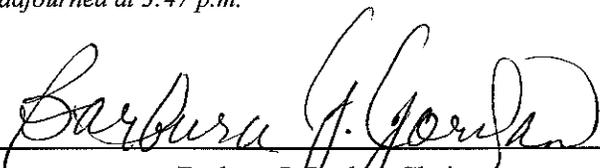
*Report Received*

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

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee  
received the foregoing report*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the  
Transit, Infrastructure and Roads Committee, the  
meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.*

  
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Barbara J. Jordan, Chair



# Transit, Infrastructure and Roads Committee

December 09, 2009

Prepared by: Jill Thornton

## EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	12/09/2009		County Manager's Memorandum re: Requested Changes to the TIRC Agenda
2	12/09/2009		TIRC Supplement to Agenda Item No. 3F
3	12/09/2009		Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust "End Homelessness" Sponsorship Packet
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# Memorandum



**Date:** December 9, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members  
Transit, Infrastructure & Roads Committee

**From:** George M. Burgess   
County Manager

**Subject:** Requested Changes to the  
Transit, Infrastructure & Roads Committee  
Agenda

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## Additions

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Commission Auditor

**093257** REVIEW OF PTP SURTAX REVENUE

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**093251** RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-47 RELATING TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM SURPLUS FUNDS, PREMIUM FUNDS AND UNSPENT BOND PROCEEDS AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Office of Capital Improvements)

**Scrivener's Errors**

2D

Sen. Javier D. Souto

**093236** RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE UPDATE TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM'S 15 YEAR PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-853-08, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1154-08, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL FOR EACH PROJECT LISTED IN SUCH EXHIBIT AND TO INCLUDE AS EXHIBIT TO EACH SERIES RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY SUCH ISSUANCE AND OTHER DETAILS; AND APPROVING AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-47 TO PROVIDE PROCESS TO ESTABLISH BOARD'S LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING FROM BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROCEEDS

**Note:** *On handwritten page 11, section A.6., the words "committee and" on the Implementing Order attached to the Resolution needs to be removed.*

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**092901** RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE \$1,245,806 IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Public Works Department)

**Note:** *On handwritten page 6, the address for Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary should read 5950 NW 114th Ave., Doral, FL 33178.*

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 9, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Supplement: Contract Award Recommendation in the Amount of \$702,096.30 between Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Miami-Dade County for the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Project Entitled SW 137 Avenue, from US-1 to SW 200 Street, Located within Commission District 8 (Project No. E06-PW-10 PTP; Contract No. 20040343)

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Supplement to  
Agenda Item No:  
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Attached please find page 13 of the subject item's contract which was inadvertently omitted from the original item.

  
Assistant County Manager

timely notice causes material prejudice to the other party or parties.

## SECTION V - COMPENSATION

The COUNTY agrees to pay and the ENGINEER agrees to accept, for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, fees and other compensation as stipulated by the following:

### A. Professional Services Fee

#### 1. Master Plan Phase

For service rendered pursuant to the Master Plan Phase in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the ENGINEER shall receive the following fee:

For the complete study and preparation of a Master Plan with recommendations for "Typical Sections", roadway alignment(s), connection to adjacent roadways, and Public-Meetings, the lump sum fee of \$ 26,061.07.

#### 2. Design Phase

For services rendered pursuant to the Design Phase, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the ENGINEER shall receive the following fees:

a. For the implementing of the Master Plan recommendations, complete design and preparation of construction plans, and all incidental work thereto as necessary for construction of all project

# You Can Help.

**Our Goal:**  
**To End Homelessness  
in Miami-Dade County**

**This Campaign:**  
**Will give Miami-Dade residents  
the ability to continue to give  
generously to end homelessness –  
in a manner that is effective  
and allows accountability.**

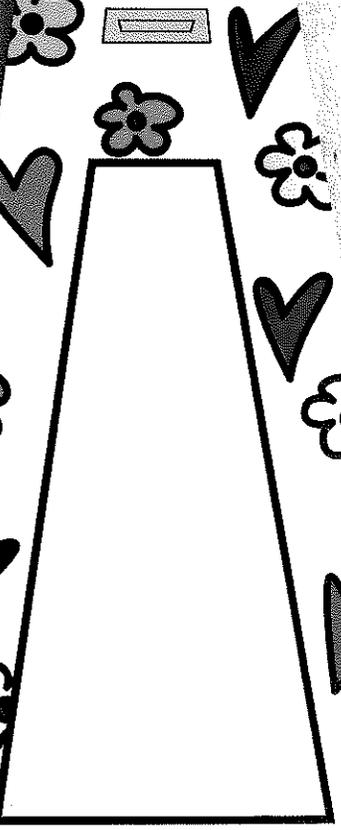
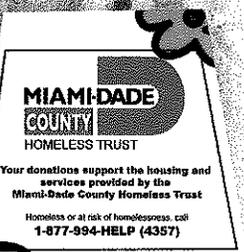
**Your Role:**  
**Be part of the solution that ends  
homelessness in Miami. Stand out  
as community leaders on this issue.**

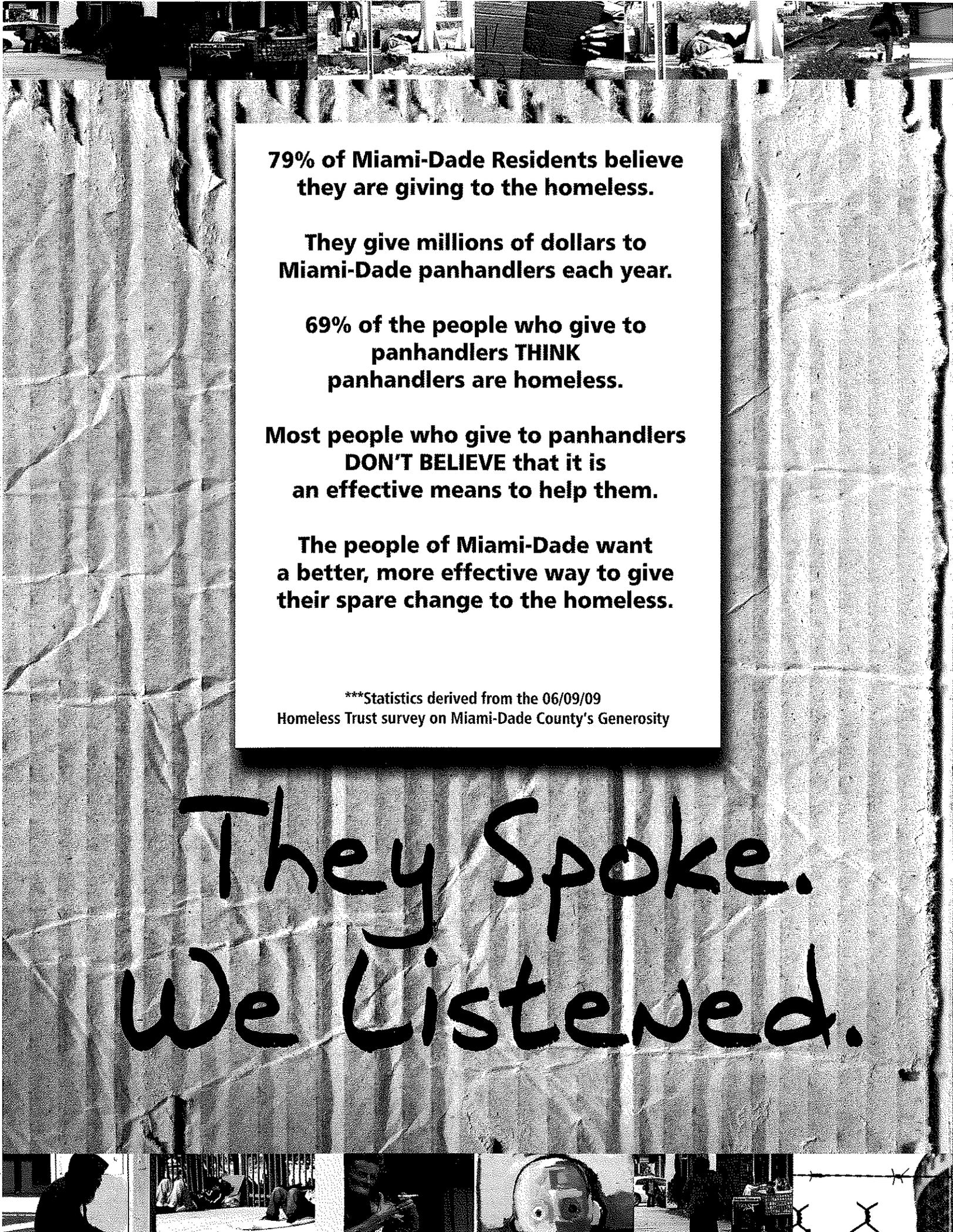
**The Opportunity:**  
**Sponsor a Britto designed meter  
(\$1,000) at your business  
or organization.**

**For malls, stadiums or other large  
venues, you can sponsor a six-foot  
tall, Britto designed super-meter.**

**The Money:**  
**100% of monies collected in  
these meters are used for shelter  
and indoor meal programs for  
people experiencing homelessness.**

**\*\*\*The \$1,000 sponsorship donation covers  
the design, painting and installation of  
the meters at the location of your choosing.**





**79% of Miami-Dade Residents believe they are giving to the homeless.**

**They give millions of dollars to Miami-Dade panhandlers each year.**

**69% of the people who give to panhandlers THINK panhandlers are homeless.**

**Most people who give to panhandlers DON'T BELIEVE that it is an effective means to help them.**

**The people of Miami-Dade want a better, more effective way to give their spare change to the homeless.**

\*\*\*Statistics derived from the 06/09/09 Homeless Trust survey on Miami-Dade County's Generosity

**They Spoke.  
We Listened.**

# Who is The Homeless Trust?

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was formed in 1993 with the specific mission of ending homelessness in Miami-Dade County.

Our \$40,000,000 budget (Comprised of local food and beverage tax as well as federal and state funding) is used to fund local not-for-profit agencies that provide over 100 unique housing & service programs.

Nationally recognized as a best practice model to end homelessness.

Since 1993, the Homeless Trust has helped reduce street homelessness from more than 8,000 to 1,000.

We have created a "continuum of care" that includes:

- Homeless Prevention & Diversion
- Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement
- Emergency, Transitional & Permanent Housing
- Supportive Services

We have developed a new model to end homelessness that rapidly places people who experience homelessness while helping to increase the supply of affordable housing and access to services in our community.

# What Can You Do To Help?

Homelessness is an issue that can only be solved through the involvement of the entire community.

## Volunteer:

Agencies and shelters throughout Miami-Dade need your help. Your time is just as valuable to them as your donations.

## Donate Effectively:

Giving money to panhandlers may seem like a kind thing to do but there are many issues with this including:

- There's no telling what the money is used for
- It enables people to stay on the street instead of getting the help they need
- Many panhandlers are not homeless

It is far more effective to put your spare change into one of the Homeless Trust meters. 100% of monies collected in these meters are used for shelter and indoor meal programs for people experiencing homelessness. Instead of giving panhandlers your spare change, hand them a card with The Homeless Helpline number on it (1-877-994-4357). The help they need to get off the streets and into housing is available 24 hours a day when they call this number. Cards are available at shops and restaurants throughout Miami-Dade County.

## Stop Street Feedings:

Feeding people on the street may seem helpful. It is important, however, to deploy your generosity in a way that has the most impact and in a way that does not encourage people to stay on the street or create trash in our environment. Providing meals in indoor settings linked to social services is a much more dignified community response. To participate in an indoor meal program that is affiliated with The Homeless Trust, please call the Homeless Helpline.

**MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY**  
HOMELESS TRUST

# End Homelessness



Homeless Helpline  
**1-877-994-4357**  
(H E L P)

To Volunteer:  
You can find a complete list of our providers at  
[www.miamidade.gov/homeless](http://www.miamidade.gov/homeless)

To Sponsor an "End Homelessness"  
Parking Meter:  
305-375-1490

Media Contacts:  
305-375-1490

If you are Homeless or  
at risk of Homelessness,  
please call the Homeless Helpline  
1-877-994-4357.

If you are seeking information about  
homeless programs and services or  
affordable housing, please visit our website  
at [www.miamidade.gov/homeless](http://www.miamidade.gov/homeless)



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