

# Memorandum



**DATE:** January 20, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

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**SUBJECT:** Federal Transit Administration Update

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Attached please find a memorandum from Ysela Llort, Interim Director of Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), to update you on continuing activities with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the ongoing effort to address the Federal grant suspension at MDT. I am please to share with you that MDT has been awarded the long-awaited \$62 million dollars of Federal grant funds that had been withheld for some time (see attached for further details).

If you need additional information, please contact Ysela Llort at 786-469-5406 or me directly at 305-375-1880.

c: Alina T. Hudak, County Manager/Deputy Mayor  
Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor  
Robert A. Cuevas, County Attorney  
Ysela Llort, Interim Director, MDT  
Charles Scurr, Executive Director, CITT

# Memorandum



**DATE:** January 19, 2012

**TO:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**FROM:** Ysela Llort  
Interim Director, Miami Dade Transit

**SUBJECT:** Federal Transit Administration Update

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The purpose of this memorandum is to update you on continuing activities with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the ongoing effort to address the Federal grant suspension at Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). On November 28, 2011, the FTA along with their contracted Financial Management Oversight (FMO) team began a Financial Management Oversight review of MDT, which was completed on December 22, 2011.

I previously communicated to you that we would be applying for approximately \$62 million in Section 5307-Urbanized Area Formula Funds and 5309-Fixed Guideway Modernization Funds. While these funds had been set aside for MDT, we had been unable to apply for or drawdown these grant funds. In November, MDT received approval from the FTA to apply for the \$62 million. After a thorough review by the FTA and the US Department of Labor, I am pleased to announce that on January 11, 2012, MDT was awarded and executed the Section 5307-Urbanized Area Formula Funds and 5309-Fixed Guideway Modernization Funds Grants totaling \$62.104 million for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. Of this amount, approximately \$61 million of the grant funds are for Preventive Maintenance (PM) expenses incurred during FY 2011. The remaining \$1.1 million will be used for Transit Enhancements, Security Expenditures, and Program support for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

MDT is in the process of assembling the reimbursement request for the FY 2011 PM expenses. The reimbursement package will be submitted to the FTA for verification of expenditures. Upon approval, MDT will be reimbursed through the Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO).

In addition to the \$61 million PM reimbursement, MDT will also be submitting a reimbursement request for \$4 million in 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project expenses for FTA verification of expenditures and approval.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-469-5406.

c: Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor/County Manager