

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 23, 2012

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members  
Board of County Commissioner

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**Subject:** Grant Presentation from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA)

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On Wednesday, July 25, 2012, United States Secretary of Transportation Raymond "Ray" H. LaHood and Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff will visit Metrorail's new Miami International Airport Station where they will present Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) with a \$10 million dollar grant for the purchase of new diesel electric hybrid buses. The grant is being awarded under the State of Good Repair Program.

FTA will also highlight the new safety authority granted to FTA through the bill Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century or MAP-21. Under the new transportation law MAP-21, the FTA can define and establish a State Safety Oversight program to ensure that transit-rail systems meet stringent safety requirements. FTA will implement the new law in consultation with the transit community and the U.S. Department of Transportation Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety, which has been working on the effort since September 2010.

The new station is located at 3800 NW 25 Street and the event will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the busbay area.

Parking will be available on the 4th floor roof level of the Rental Car Center (RCC) and the Miami-Dade Transit Facility across from the MIA Metrorail station. Transit staff will assist with parking.

We hope you can join us for this special visit.

c: Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor/County Manager  
Ysela Llort, Director, Miami-Dade Transit