

Memorandum



DATE: September 14, 2012

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

FROM: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez".

SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2012 Clean Fuel Grant Award

I am pleased to inform you that today U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) will receive a grant for \$2.5 million to retrofit older buses with new electric engine cooling systems that will improve fuel economy, reduce emissions, and prolong the life of the Metrobus fleet.

This is one of 27 projects, and the only one in Florida, that will receive funds from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) FY 2012 Clean Fuels Grant program to help transit agencies purchase and support cleaner, greener buses that reduce harmful emissions and improve fuel economy while also delivering a more comfortable, reliable ride for passengers.

Based on the amount of funding allocated, MDT will be able to retrofit approximately 100 buses. A seven (7) percent fuel economy is anticipated with the retrofitting of these buses. Further, this project qualifies for the use of toll revenue credits as a soft match to meet the non-federal match requirement for the Clean Fuels Grant program. Therefore, no local match will be required for this grant.

I would like to congratulate Miami-Dade Transit in receiving this grant which will help move the County towards greater environmental sustainability.

c: Alina T. Hudak, County Manager/Deputy Mayor
Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor
Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor
Irma San Roman, Interim Director, MPO