

Memorandum



Date: May 15, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members
Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the printed name of the Mayor.

Subject: Reinstatement of Miami-Dade Transit Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO)
Drawdown Privileges

I am pleased to announce that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has lifted the suspension and reinstated Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) Electronic Funds Drawdown privileges on all but 18 grants (\$40.6 million) awarded from the 2004-2009 period (see letter attached). These 18 grants remain under restrictive drawdown and require that back-up documentation continue to be submitted for review by the FTA prior to a drawdown on funds.

As you are aware, Miami-Dade County (County) was suspended after issues were raised during the 2010 Financial Oversight Review. As such, staff has worked diligently to put internal controls and procedures in place to ensure that the County continues to be a good steward of federal funds. The FTA acknowledges that MDT has implemented the necessary corrective actions and has resolved all of the significant conditions and findings.

This reinstatement of drawdown privileges is a direct result of the on-going working relationship with the FTA and the management changes implemented at MDT. I would like to commend the department for all of their hard work and diligence in pursuing this important reinstatement.

If you have any questions, please call me at 305-375-1808.

Attachment

c: R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
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Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor and Director of Finance Department
Ysela Llort, Director, Miami-Dade Transit
Jennifer Moon, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit and Management Service
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Ms. Ysela Llort, Director
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Re: Reinstatement of MDT Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO) Drawdowns Privileges

Dear Ms. Llort:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would like to thank you for your cooperation as we worked to resolve Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) serious financial issues. The corrective actions process we have followed over the past several years was conducted to address the eight areas of concern first identified in the 2010 Financial Management Oversight (FMO) Review, and subsequent findings in the 2012 FMO Full Scope Review, 2012 Triennial Review, 2013 FMO Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP), and a 2014 FMO Follow-Up Review. MDT has implemented the necessary corrective actions and has sufficiently resolved all of the significant conditions and findings.

FTA is lifting MDT's suspension and reinstating MDT's Electronic Funds Drawdown privileges for the following grants:

FL-04-0164-00	FL-37-X056-00	FL-56-0005-00	FL-90-X805-00	FL-95-X035-00
FL-26-0017-00	FL-37-X066-00	FL-58-0004-00	FL-90-X832-00	FL-95-X047-01
FL-26-7001-00	FL-37-X081-00	FL-70-X001-00	FL-90-X843-00	FL-95-X065-00
FL-34-0007-00	FL-54-0004-01	FL-90-X730-01	FL-95-X015-06	FL-95-X066-02
FL-34-0012-00	FL-54-0006-00	FL-90-X768-00	FL-95-X033-03	FL-96-X028-02

However, the enclosed 18 MDT grants from the 2004-2009 time period, with \$40.6M in undisbursed funds remaining, will remain available to MDT under restrictive drawdown. FTA requests that MDT provides the backup documentation associated with any drawdown request and this information be made available to our contractor for review.

It is imperative that MDT continue to build on the internal controls and procedures it has put in place. Your commitment to transit and the riding public is integral to ensuring a safe and reliable transportation system that meets the needs of your community and enhances the quality of life for the American people, today and into the future. If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 865-5600 or Ms. Margarita Sandberg at (404) 865-5612.

Sincerely,

Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

MDT 2004-2009 List of Grants to Remain on Restrictive Drawdown

Grant No	Description	Obligation	Balance
FL030232	Bus Projects	\$8,797,130	\$750,015
FL030311	NW 7th Ave. Multimodal PAC	\$1,942,653	\$30,007
FL030325	MIC Bus Plaza	\$5,830,669	\$3,573,832
FL030328	FY 05 5309 purchase one Trolley	\$242,945	\$99,393
FL040016	FY 09 5309 Bus & Bus Related	\$10,043,960	\$9,791,864
FL040017	NW 7th Ave. Multimodal PAC FY 09	\$4,385,942	\$4,352,192
FL040036	Miami Urban Partnership Agreement	\$13,845,000	\$848,201
FL040073	FY 06 5309 Homestead Trolleys	\$495,000	\$207,896
FL050095	FY 07 Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$15,403,545	\$272,056
FL050100	FY 08 Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$17,743,472	\$557,184
FL050105	FY 09 5309 Fixed Guideway Moderniz	\$17,254,329	\$512,312
FL37X044	JARC FY 07	\$1,336,500	\$1,336,500
FL90X350	SECTION 5307 FY 98 GRANT	\$72,677,515	\$3,977,223
FL90X578	CMAQ Transfer - Dadeland So. P & R	\$64,779,170	\$1,396,927
FL90X636	FY07 5307 Amendment 1 Bridge Insp F	\$48,202,089	\$567,217
FL90X674	FY 08 5307 Formula Funds	\$49,967,571	\$2,272,356
FL90X707	FY 09 5307 UZA Formula	\$51,452,692	\$7,196,016
FL95X052	Quail Roost Park & Ride	\$2,879,076	\$2,879,076
	Totals:	\$387,279,258	\$40,620,267