

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 5, 2015

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

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Miami-Dade Transit Department Director Ysela Llort - Letter of Resignation

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I am transmitting, for your information, Ms. Ysela Llort's resignation as our Transit Director effective July 31, 2015. I want to recognize her commitment and service to Miami-Dade County, both as an Assistant County Manager and as Director of the Miami-Dade Transit Department. She has provided leadership during very challenging times. Her extensive professional experience was an integral component in our success in concluding all outstanding issues with the Federal Transit Agency. I wish her much continued success.

As all of you know, improving all aspects of our comprehensive approach to transportation has been a top priority of my administration. In the coming weeks, I will be reviewing all of the surface transportation components that our County is responsible for, as well as those agencies that provide transportation service in this community, both locally and regionally. In appointing our next Transit Director, I will be pursuing options that more aggressively and globally address the connection between all modes of surface mobility.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Attachment

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Courts  
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff  
Department Directors

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez

Hand Delivered

Dear Mayor Gimenez,

It is with great pride in what has been accomplished in the last four years that I tender my resignation as Director of Miami Dade Transit (MDT) effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

When you appointed me to this position, MDT was in serious need of reform. The Federal Transit Administration had suspended all grants; MDT needed to initiate major rehabilitation of its aging infrastructure; the Metrorail Orange Line needed to be constructed and opened; Metrorail cars needed replacement; bus system technology needed to be modernized so as to offer real time bus arrivals to residents and visitors and budget management needed improvement, among others.

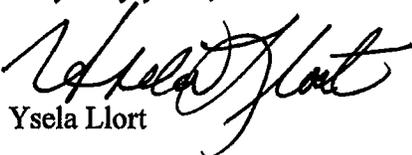
Mr. Mayor, with your strong support these reforms have been accomplished: the Orange Line opened in 2012 on time and under budget. Modernization of the Metromover, rail central control and Metrorail wayside improvements are well advanced or nearly completed. The rail car replacement program is on schedule for on-time delivery. Bus technology modernization is near completion, including a new CAD/AVL system and patron real time information capabilities. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently restored MDT to full clearing house status and tri-annual review of all our federal programs passed with flying colors. Our budget management is at a whole new higher level and supported by solid information systems.

MDT's outlook is bright. The future will bring CNG facilities and a new much needed bus fleet, as well as new rail corridors. You, Mr. Mayor, have been a stalwart supporter of transit to the benefit of our residents and businesses. I leave you a strong organization in good standing with our funding partners.

I want to thank you for the opportunities granted me and for all your support. I also want to commend to you the fine work carried out by the 3500 men and women of MDT. My colleagues care deeply about their public service, knowing that they provide needed economic opportunities and quality of life benefits to our community daily.

Finally Mr. Mayor, rest assured that I will use the next two months toward ensuring a smooth transition for the next MDT Director. Again, I offer you my sincerest appreciation and strong wish for the continuing success of your administration.

Very truly yours,

  
Ysela Llort