

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The fiscal year (FY) 2010 – 2019 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update is a strategic development and operational guide for public transportation used by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) for the next 10 year planning horizon. The TDP includes an update of existing services, demographic and travel characteristics overview, a summary of local transit policies within the region, the development of proposed transit enhancements, and the preparation of a ten-year implementation plan that provides guidance for future MDT planning.

The State of Florida Public Transit Block Grant Program was enacted by the Florida Legislature to provide a stable source of state funding for public transportation. The Block Grant Program requires public transit service providers to develop and adopt a TDP. TDP updates must be submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by September 1st of each year¹. A major update is required every five years and minor updates are required in interim years.

1.1 Florida Statutes (F.S.)

The preparation of a TDP for all transit systems is mandated by the Florida Statutes for all systems that receive Block Grants from the State of Florida. This plan meets the requirements for a TDP Major Update in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-73, Florida Administrative Code (FAC).

Section 341.052

- (1) There is created a public transit block grant program which shall be administered by the department...Eligible providers must establish public transportation development plans consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government in which the provider is located.

Section 341.072

- (1) Where there is an approved local government comprehensive plan in the political subdivision or political subdivisions in which the public transportation system is located, each public transit provider shall establish public transportation development plans consistent with approved local government comprehensive plans.

1.2 Amended TDP Requirements

The TDP requirements were amended in February 2007 and this TDP meets the requirements for a major TDP update in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-73, Florida Administrative Code (FAC).

¹ On June 3, 2009, FDOT approved MDT's request to submit the FY 2010 – 2019 Major Update subsequent to the Board of County Commissioners' approval in November 2009.

1.3 TDP Adoption Process

Following the completion of the TDP Major Update, per rule requirement, the TDP must officially be adopted by the agency's governing body. Customarily, County and local commissioners adopt the TDPs of the transit agencies operating as a part of those general purpose governments.

The Board of County Commissioners formally adopted the TDP Major Update on November 4, 2009.