

1.0 Introduction

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 Transit Development Plan (TDP). A TDP major update is required every five years and TDP annual updates are required in interim years. TDP updates must be submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by September 1st of each year.

This TDP Annual Update presents the current operational and capital improvement needs of Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and also serves as a planning tool to project future MDT needs for the implementation and operation of both transit service and capital for 10 year expansion. This TDP Annual Update meets the requirements and is in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-73.001, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). This Plan is to be used by transit agencies as a planning and guidance tool, as delineated in Section 341-052:

Transit Development Plans (TDPs) are required for grant program recipients in Section 341.052, F.S. A TDP shall be the provider's planning, development, and operational guidance document, based on a ten-year planning horizon and covers the year for which funding is sought and the nine subsequent years. A TDP or an annual update shall be used in developing the Department's five-year Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Department's Program and Resource Plan. A TDP shall be adopted by a provider's governing body. Technical assistance in preparing TDPs is available from the Department. TDPs shall be updated every five years.

This fiscal year (FY) 2014 – 2023 TDP Annual Update, which reports project data as of December 2012, is being prepared to report the level of progress on the FY 2013 – 2022 TDP Annual Update. The TDP Annual Update was completed by MDT in September 2012. Furthermore, any revisions that have been made to the ten year implementation plan of the FY 2013 – 2022 TDP Annual Update are provided to include additional recommendations for a new tenth year or FY 2023.

This TDP Annual Update represents planning efforts undertaken by MDT in 2012 and includes a forecast of operational and capital needs for FY 2014 - 2023. This TDP has been prepared on the basis of expenditure and revenue assumptions included within the Miami-Dade County FY 2012 – 2013 Pro Forma and the capital budget as approved by Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in September 2012. It is important to emphasize that the needs forecasts and applied financial assumptions as presented in this TDP Annual Update are subject to change correspondingly in line with the finalization of the County's Budget and Capital Operating Plan. An updated FY 2013 - 2014 Pro Forma and Capital Plan will be adopted by the Board in September 2013.

1.1 Purpose

FDOT has established guidelines stating that a TDP annual update contain the following information and content:

- Past year's accomplishments compared to the original implementation program;
- Analysis of any discrepancies between the plan and its implementation for the past year and steps that will be taken to attain original goals and objectives;

- Any revisions to the implementation program for the coming year (FY 2013);
- Revised implementation program for the tenth year;
- Added recommendations for the new tenth year (FY 2023) of the updated plan;
- A revised financial plan; and
- A revised list of projects or services needed to meet the goals and objectives, including projects for which funding may not have been identified.

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