

1.0 Introduction

The fiscal year (FY) 2015 – 2024 Transit Development Plan (TDP), known as *MDT10Ahead*, serves as the strategic guide for public transportation in Miami-Dade County over the next 10 years. This TDP presents the current operational and capital improvement needs of Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and also serves as a planning tool for the implementation and operation of transit services through 2024.

This TDP represents planning efforts undertaken by MDT in 2013 and includes a forecast of operational and capital needs for FY 2015 - 2024. This TDP has been prepared on the basis of expenditure and revenue assumptions included within the Miami-Dade County FY 2013 – 2014 Pro Forma and the capital budget as approved by Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in September 2013.

It is important to emphasize that the needs forecasts and applied financial assumptions as presented in this TDP are subject to change correspondingly in line with the finalization of the County's Budget and Capital Operating Plan. An updated FY 2014 - 2015 Pro Forma and Capital Plan will be adopted by the BCC in September 2014.

The BCC, on May 3, 2011, approved a motion to fund Cutler Bay, Doral, and Miami Gardens (the "New Cities") out of the County's 80% share of the Transit System Sales Surtax proceeds. Although the funding will come out of the County's 80 percent share, this distribution to new cities will be subordinate to the existing and future PTP debt service payments. As a result of negotiations between the County and each New City, the BCC approved separate interlocal agreements with each that expired in August 2012.

The County during summer 2012, with amendment of the Surtax Ordinance (02-116), also authorized the distribution of the Net Proceeds to the New Cities. Their Interlocal Agreements (ILA's) include the County agreeing to pay each of the New Cities the amount of Net Surtax Proceeds each would have received for Fiscal Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, totaling approximately \$17.3 million. The County has established a reserve funded from Net Transit System Sales Surtax Proceeds for such payments to be made without impairing any currently funded projects.

As of the date of this publication, ILA's between Miami-Dade County and those municipalities receiving Charter County Transportation Surtax funds (inclusive of the 31 "Original" cities and the three "New" cities) are under development. In the interim, the existing agreements will continue until such time as the new ILA's are entered into. All 34 cities continue to receive their pro rata share of Surtax funds via extension of the previous ILA's.

1.1 Transit Development Plan Requirements

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. 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.

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This TDP Major Update meets the requirements and is in accordance with Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Rule 14-73.001. This Plan is to be used by MDT as a planning and guidance tool, as delineated in Section 341-052, F.S.:

Transit Development Plans (TDPs) are required for grant program recipients pursuant to 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 covering the year for which funding is sought and the nine subsequent years.

FDOT has established guidelines stating that a TDP Major Update include the following information and content.

Table 1-1: MDT10Ahead TDP Major Update Checklist

Public Involvement Process	
✓	Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
✓	PIP approved by FDOT
✓	TDP includes description of Public Involvement Process
✓	Provide notification to FDOT
✓	Provide notification to Regional Workforce Board
Situation Appraisal	
✓	Land use
✓	State and local transportation plans
✓	Other governmental actions and policies
✓	Socioeconomic trends
✓	Organizational issues
✓	Technology
✓	10-year projections of transit ridership using approved methodology
✓	Assessment of whether land uses and urban design patterns support transit service provision
✓	Calculate farebox recovery
Mission and Goals	
✓	Provider's vision
✓	Provider's mission
✓	Provider's goals
✓	Provider's objectives
Alternative Courses of Action	
✓	Develop and evaluate alternative strategies and actions
✓	Benefits and costs of each alternative
✓	Financial alternatives examined
Implementation Program	
✓	10-year implementation program
✓	Maps indicating areas to be served
✓	Maps indicating types and levels of service
✓	Monitoring program to track performance measures
✓	10-year financial plan listing operating and capital expenses
✓	Capital acquisition or construction schedule
✓	Anticipated revenues by source
Relationship to Other Plans	
✓	Consistent with Florida Transportation Plan
✓	Consistent with local government comprehensive plans
✓	Consistent with MPO long-range transportation plans
✓	Consistent with regional transportation goals and objectives
Submission	
✓	Adopted by Governing Board
✓	Submitted to FDOT by September 1, 2014
✓	Official acceptance by FDOT

1.2 TDP Adoption Process

The TDP Major Update will be presented to the BCC for formal adoption in the fall of 2014.

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