

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution rejecting the recommendation of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) rejecting the addition of 11 proposed projects to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan, referring that rejection back to CITT for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation

Resolution No. R-289-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney


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From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Rejecting the Recommendation of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Rejecting the Addition of 11 Proposed Projects to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-29 Update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan, Referring that Rejection Back to CITT for its Reconsideration and Issuance of a Reconsidered Recommendation

Executive Summary

On December 18, 2024, CITT adopted a resolution rejecting the addition of 11 projects to the FY 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan. These projects, submitted by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), are critical for improving the public transit system. In consultation with the County Attorney's Office, the 11 projects were deemed eligible for Charter County Transportation System Surtax funding under Section 212.055(1)(d), Florida Statutes, and applicable County legislation for the estimated cost submitted by DTPW. CITT, based on its Guiding Principles and Priorities, has categorized the rejected projects as falling under the Infrastructure Renewal Plan (IRP), a designation for select transit infrastructure projects. IRP has an annual cumulative cap of \$12,500,000 per year, which is insufficient to address DTPW's construction and overhaul needs. More specifically, a total of \$76,578,000 across all 11 rejected projects is being requested for transportation surtax funding.

DTPW requests that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) refer the rejected projects back to CITT for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation as all of the projects satisfy the statutory eligibility criteria for surtax funding and contribute to the continued safety, reliability and efficiency of the County's transportation infrastructure. A list identifying the projects with their associated descriptions has been attached to this memorandum.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board reject the recommendation of CITT pertaining to the rejection of the addition of 11 proposed projects to the FY 2025-29 update to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan and refer the rejection back to CITT for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation.

Scope

DTPW proposed the addition of 11 new projects to the FY 2025-29 update to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan. These projects have a countywide impact as they contribute to the health and reliability of public transit infrastructure.

Delegation of Authority

There are no delegations of authority under this item.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The proposed 11 projects and their estimated costs as approved in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan are listed below, and are further explained in Exhibit A.

Project Name	Program	Adopted Budget
Fifth Street Transformer & 600vac Cable Replacement	673910 - Metromover - Improvement Projects	\$ 11,300,000
Mainline Video Upgrade Phase 2	2000000326 - Federally Funded Projects	\$ 862,000
Third Rail Isolation Disconnect Switches Replacement	2000003036 - Third Rail Isolation Disconnect Switches	\$ 6,000,000
Metromover Fire Panel Upgrade	673910 - Metromover - Improvement Projects	\$ 3,307,000
Track Inspection Vehicle/Train	2000001308 - Track Inspection Vehicle/Train	\$ 11,000,000
Emergency Backup Generators (Metrobus Transportation Buildings)	2000001211 - Emergency Backup Generators	\$ 440,000
New Track and Guideway Work Facility	2000001259 - Track and Guideway Work Facility Building	\$ 17,696,000
Metrorail Traction Power Switchgear Replacement Phase 4	2000000104 - Metrorail - Stations and Systems Improvements	\$ 4,000,000
Metrorail and Metromover Electronic Real Time Signage	2000000434 - Signage and Communication Projects	\$ 891,000
Train Wayside Communication Equipment Installation at Rail	2000000434 - Signage and Communication Projects	\$ 8,762,000
Green/Orange Lines and PYD Switch Machine and Cable Replacement	2000000104 - Metrorail - Stations and Systems Improvements	\$ 12,320,000

These projects are anticipated to be implemented in whole or in part during the five-year period.

Track Record/Monitor

The projects will be monitored by the DTPW Program Management Office, which is overseen by Maria Perdomo, DTPW Assistant Director.


Background

CITT’s Five-Year Implementation Plan is a requirement of the County Code. CITT must, after conferring with the County Mayor, recommend to the Board a Five-Year Implementation Plan. The Plan includes a detailed scope of work, schedule and budget for each project anticipated to be implemented in whole or in part during the five-year period. The Plan shall be updated annually, presented to the Board, and posted online.

Any proposed changes, such as additions to the Plan, must be initially reviewed by CITT, which in turn forwards a recommendation to the Board. The Board may either accept or reject CITT's recommendation. If the Board rejects the recommendation, the matter is referred back to CITT for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation. The Board may approve, change or reject CITT's reconsidered recommendation. A two-thirds vote of the Board membership is required to take action other than as contained in the reconsidered recommendation of the Trust.

During the FY 2025-29 Five-Year Plan update process, DTPW submitted 15 new projects to CITT for consideration of surtax funding. All submitted projects met the legal criteria for eligibility of surtax funding. However, of the 15 new projects submitted, CITT only recommended four for inclusion in the annual Plan update as it considered the 11 other projects as inconsistent with its Guiding Principles and Priorities for full funding as stand-alone projects. These projects are eligible under the IRP, a Plan category created by CITT to contribute to maintaining DTPW's transit infrastructure by replacing or upgrading physical assets according to normal replacement cycles. A maximum of \$12,500,000 in surtax funding is provided annually for IRP projects. Although DTPW could request an administrative amendment for inclusion under the IRP for the 11 projects, this request would be ineffectual as it would exceed the IRP's annual funding limit. CITT's decision to not include these projects in the updated Plan as stand-alone projects precludes them from receiving the necessary funding to effectuate pressing transit infrastructure improvements. The rejection of the projects is memorialized in Resolution No. R-24-026, which was adopted by CITT on December 18, 2024, and is attached to this memorandum.

DTPW disagrees with CITT's negative recommendation as the projects are eligible for full surtax funding and ought be included in the annual update of the Five-Year Plan as stand-alone projects. Denying this funding adversely impacts the County's public transit system, delaying modernization efforts, thereby risking deterioration of critical infrastructure, ultimately hindering the efficiency of the interconnected multimodal system that serves the County's residents and visitors.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

#	Project Title	Description
1	Fifth Street Transformer & 600Vac Cable Replacement	The Metromover Fifth Street and College Bay/aside Station electrical substation has two of the four station 600 VAC breaker feeder cables fail shorting to ground. The purpose of this project is to replace all four sets of 600 VAC cables and breakers at each identified station. The transformer replacements will start at the Metromover Riverwalk electrical substation and continue to be replaced at remaining stations. This project will ensure that the Metromover system remains reliable and safe for passengers.
2	Mainline Video Upgrade Phase 2	This project is for the replacement of CCTV network video recorders in all Metrorail stations to meet Florida State General Records requirements. The new system will improve the availability and resilience of the Metrorail CCTV System and provide the latest features in video monitoring. Some of the enhancements include improving user access rights and video information control, new network video recorders increasing equipment availability and reducing operating costs over time. Additionally, more cameras will be added at Metrorail stations.
3	Third Rail Isolation Disconnect Switches Replacement	The existing third rail isolation disconnect switches at the Palmetto Yard (PYD) and along the main line have exceeded their life expectancy and need to be replaced. The fiberglass enclosures are deteriorated to the point that the bus bar supports are failing at most locations. The operating mechanism and control boards for the operation and indications are no longer functional, and no replacement parts are available. This project also includes the installation of new disconnect switches at the storage tracks at the Palmetto Yard.
4	Metromover Fire Panel Upgrade	This project includes the installation of new fire panels, sensors and control equipment in all Metromover stations and at the central control facility to monitor fire alarms from all Metromover stations. The new system will allow Metromover rail traffic controllers to monitor the status of all fire, smoke and heat detectors that will be installed as required at all Metromover stations. The new system will enhance the safety of Metromover patrons and will meet all applicable NFPA and NEC requirements.
5	Track Inspection Vehicle/Train	The purchase of an inspection train will allow the Metrorail train tracks to be inspected more frequently and in a much safer way. This will improve the quality of track inspections, producing a more reliable transit system and will ensure all tracks are inspected per the APTA, FDOT and DTPW standards. The inspection vehicle will also have a data system that can store track defects and issue a trend analysis report that will allow the Track and Guideway Division to effectively correct areas in a more efficient way.
6	Emergency Backup Generators (Metrobuss Transportation Buildings)	This project involves the upgrade and installation of new backup electrical supply generators and associated support equipment to include upgraded electrical designs, Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS) and fuel storage at all Metrobuss transportation buildings. This will provide adequate electrical power to operate the equipment at the transportation buildings required for the operation.
7	New Track and Guideway Work Facility Building	The current Track and Guideway building has been in existence since 1983. Since then the Track and Guideway staff has more than tripled and the building is no longer suitable for the present staff. Track and Guideway need a new office space building for frontline supervisors and staff. The proposed new building is designed for hurricane resistance and equipped with a break room, adequate rest rooms, meeting room, training room, and locker room with showers.
8	Metrorail Traction Power Switchgear Replacement Phase 4	The project involves replacement of all the DC switchgear in the Traction substation and an upgrade to SCADA system at the next four locations, Gap Tie 1 (GT1), Vizcaya (VZ), Coconut Grove (CGV), and Douglas Road (DRD) Traction Power Substations. In the previous three phases, the Switchgear was replaced at the 11 Metrorail stations, Gap Tie 2 and at the Gap-Tie 3 traction power room.
9	Metrorail and Metromover Electronic Real Time Signage	This project is to install new electronic real time signage in Metromover and Metrorail stations to provide train arrival times and synchronized visual messaging with the station public address system to ensure ADA compliance.
10	Train Wayside Communication Equipment Installation at Rail	A Train Wayside Communications (TWC) system manages all safe train movements and at rail interlockings to support automatic routing of trains. This will be installed in several train control and communications rooms.
11	Green/Orange Lines and PYD Switch Machine and Cable Replacement	Most of the switch machines have been in existence since 1984, all existing switch machines will be replaced with new switch machines and wiring. This will improve the reliability of all interlockings in the Metrorail system and reduce delays due to faulty equipment. The improved reliability will result in meeting the FTA's high priority goals of maintaining the Metrorail and signaling systems and placing the switch machines in a State of Good Repair.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-026

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) THE REJECTION OF THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN PROPOSED PROJECTS TO THE FY 2025-29 UPDATE OF THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP)

WHEREAS, the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) is a publicly-supported transportation improvement program established to develop an integrated mass transportation network and to complete roadway improvements in Miami-Dade County and its municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, section 29-124(e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida provides that "[t]he Five Year Implementation Plan and any proposed deletion, material change or addition of a County project shall be initially reviewed by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("Trust"), which shall forward a recommendation thereon to the County Commission"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) proposed the addition of 11 projects listed in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to the FY 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CITT has reviewed DTPW's proposed addition of the 11 projects listed in Exhibit A, and at the December 18, 2024, meeting of the Trust, a motion was made to recommend against the addition of said projects to the FY 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITT, that this Trust recommends the rejection of the addition to the FY 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan, the proposed 11 projects listed in Exhibit A.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Robert Ruano, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Hon. Peggy Bell and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Robert Wolfarth, Chairperson – Aye
Mary Street, Esq., 1st Vice Chairperson – Absent
Hon. Peggy Bell, 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Omar K. Bradford, Esq. – Aye
Qjuezari Harvey – Aye
Kenneth Kilpatrick – Absent
Miguel Murphy – Aye
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq. – Aye

Meg Daly – Absent
Harry Hoffman – Nay
David Marin – Aye
Robert Ruano – Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of December 2024.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency D.P.C.

By: 
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

The proposed eleven (11) projects along with the PTP Surtax funding amount requested are listed below.

1. Fifth Street Transformer & 600vac Cable Replacement (\$11,300,000)
2. Mainline Video Upgrade Phase 2 (\$862,000)
3. Third Rail Isolation Disconnect Switches Replacement (\$6,000,000)
4. Metromover Fire Panel Upgrade (\$3,307,000)
5. Track Inspection Vehicle/Train (\$11,000,000)
6. Emergency Backup Generators (Metrobus Transportation Buildings) (\$440,000)
7. New Track and Guideway Work Facility (\$17,696,000)
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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-289-25

RESOLUTION REJECTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) REJECTING THE ADDITION OF 11 PROPOSED PROJECTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-29 UPDATE OF THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN, REFERRING THAT REJECTION BACK TO CITT FOR ITS RECONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF A RECONSIDERED RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board rejects the recommendation of CITT, rejecting the addition of the 11 proposed projects, as set forth in the County Mayor's memorandum, to the FY 2025-29 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan and refers that rejection back to CITT for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY ITS BOARD OF
 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney
 as to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke