

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 5, 2010

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

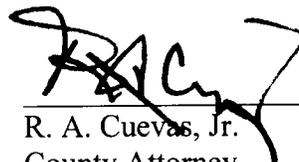
**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the  
County Mayor to conduct an  
analysis of the potential impact  
on cruise and cargo business at  
the Port of Miami caused by  
construction of the Port of Miami  
Tunnel and to report to the Board  
of County Commissioners within  
45 days

Resolution No. R-1018-10

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**This item was amended at the 9-16-10 Airport and Seaport committee to remove, in its entirety, sub-paragraph (b) within Section 1 of the proposed resolution. The title has also been changed to reflect this amendment. Sub-paragraph (b) would have required a report regarding the competitiveness of the Port of Miami, and a plan to increase the Port's market share.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

10-5-10

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-1018-10 \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON CRUISE AND CARGO BUSINESS AT THE PORT OF MIAMI CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN 45 DAYS

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation recently began construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel Project ("Tunnel Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tunnel Project includes the construction of a tunnel connection between Watson Island and Dodge Island and the widening of the MacArthur Causeway bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tunnel Project is intended to redirect cargo and cruise traffic from downtown Miami streets onto the MacArthur Causeway and potentially impact traffic to and from the Port of Miami ("Port"); and

**WHEREAS**, the cargo and cruise business generated by the Port is of paramount importance to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port currently services more cruise passengers annually than any other port in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port's cargo and cruise customers have publicly expressed their concerns about the impact the construction of the Tunnel Project may have on traffic to and from the Port; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has recently lost cruise business to other Florida ports, including Port Everglades and Port Canaveral; and

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**WHEREAS**, there have been articles in the local press regarding competition among Florida ports for cruise and cargo business; and

**WHEREAS**, providing efficient access to the Port for both cruise and cargo traffic is essential to maintaining the Port's status as an important regional economic engine and increasing cruise and cargo business at the Port; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board intends to mitigate potential impacts to cruise and cargo traffic from construction of the Tunnel Project by creating a plan that: (1) considers and includes the input of local stakeholders such as the Port's cruise lines and cargo lines, the hospitality industry, and others relying on tourism-related revenue; and, (2) protects to the greatest extent possible accessibility to the Port for cruise patrons and cargo-dependent businesses.

**WHEREAS**, this Board further intends to ensure that the Port maintains its competitiveness as a cargo and cruise destination, and not lose further market share to other Florida ports,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County Mayor or designee is hereby:

Section 1: Directed to complete and provide to the Board within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution ~~[[:(a)]]~~<sup>1</sup> an analysis of the potential impacts on traffic and tourism in the Port, Miami Beach, and downtown Miami (including Bayside and PAC/Omni) areas, from the construction of the Tunnel Project both within the Port and on the MacArthur Causeway, including changes to the Port's ingress and egress and accessibility to the Port for cruise patrons and cargo-dependent businesses, and a mitigation plan to minimize any such

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<sup>1</sup> Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed.

potential impacts to tourism, hotel, hospitality, and related industries. [~~]; and, (b) an analysis of current and future competitiveness of the Port vis-à-vis other Florida ports and a plan for increasing the market share of the Port and recovering recently lost cargo and cruise business.~~]

Section 2: To facilitate these directives, the Mayor or designee is further directed to meet with and incorporate into this analysis and mitigation plan the input received from: (1) the Florida Department of Transportation; (2) the Port's cruise lines and cargo lines, including but not limited to Azamara Cruise Lines, Carnival Cruise Lines, Celebrity Cruises, Crystal Cruises, Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International Cruise Lines, and Oceania Cruises; and, (3) any other tourism and hospitality industry representatives necessary to fully implement the intent of the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>	Natacha Seijas	<b>aye</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jorge Martinez-Esteve

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Martinez-Esteve", is written over the printed name.