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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 3, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to fund, through its work program, the extension of the NW 25th Street Viaduct Project westward and to connect the Viaduct with the Florida Turnpike; urging the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization to take appropriate action, such as amending its transportation plans, as necessary to include the expansion of this Project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike

Resolution No. R-1015-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

Abigail Price-Williams
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**

_____ **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 ____, 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
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND, THROUGH ITS WORK PROGRAM, THE EXTENSION OF THE NW 25TH STREET VIADUCT PROJECT WESTWARD AND TO CONNECT THE VIADUCT WITH THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE; URGING THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, SUCH AS AMENDING ITS TRANSPORTATION PLANS, AS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF THIS PROJECT WESTWARD AND TO CONNECT THE VIADUCT WITH THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) commenced construction on the west segment of the NW 25 Street Viaduct Project on June 11, 2012; and

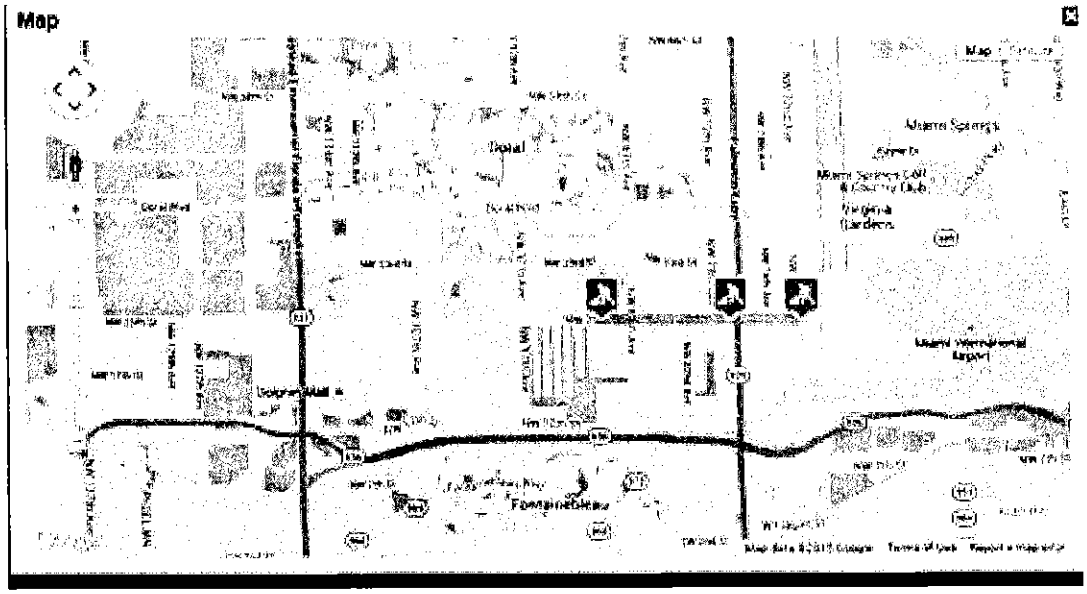
WHEREAS, the project, which is expected to reach completion in April 2016 at a cost of $58 million, will extend the existing viaduct/bridge westward to NW 82nd Avenue, providing a necessary and continuous link for cargo traffic traveling to, and from, Miami International Airport's West Cargo Area ("MIA West Cargo Area"); and

WHEREAS, the project has two major components: 1) the roadway reconstruction and widening of NW 25th Street from the Palmetto Expressway (State Road 826) to NW 89th Court; and 2) the construction of the viaduct/bridge; and

WHEREAS, once constructed, the viaduct/bridge will be elevated approximately 30 feet high along the north side of NW 25th Street and will connect with the existing east viaduct, and then proceed over the expressway and touch down just east of NW 82nd Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project will also include the addition, and widening, of various lanes of traffic; updated signage and pavement markings; and new landscaping and brick pavers in medians; and

WHEREAS, the project's current breadth is illustrated on the map below:



; and

WHEREAS, the project, as currently defined, is intended to help with traffic flow in, and around, NW 25th Street and ease the transportation of cargo to, and from, the MIA West Cargo Area; and

WHEREAS, extending the viaduct westward and connecting it with the Florida Turnpike could offer important additional benefits, such as providing cargo trucks with greater ease of access to the MIA West Cargo Area and lessening the burden on already-heavily traveled roadways located west of NW 82nd Avenue and east of the Florida Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, improvement of the NW 25th Street corridor is currently a Priority II project in the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, improvement of the NW 25th Street corridor is also identified as a priority project in the current MPO Program Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, NW 25th Street is currently a Miami-Dade County roadway; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds, NW 25th Street would have to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the FDOT, and be added to the State Highway System and the SIS; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature and the FDOT to fund the extension of the current project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike, and to urge the MPO to take further appropriate action, including the amendment of its transportation plans, as necessary to accomplish these ends; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund, through its work program, the extension of the NW 25th Street Viaduct Project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike.

Section 2. Urges the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to take appropriate action, such as amending its transportation plans, as necessary to include the extension of this project westward and to connect the viaduct with the Florida Turnpike.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of FDOT, and to the Chair and Members of the MPO.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 state legislative package to include this item and to also include this item in the 2017 legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	**aye**		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2015. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
James E. "Eddie" Kirtley, Jr.