

Memorandum



Date: August 9, 2021

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(14)
October 5, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Report to Extend on an Indefinite Basis, the Plan Developed and Implemented for Improved Security at All Metrorail and Metromover Stations, and Identify and Allocate Funding – Directive 211380

The following information is provided in response to Resolution No. R-667-21, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2021, directing the County Mayor to extend, on an indefinite basis, the plan developed and implemented as directed by Resolution No. R-1136-20, for improved security at all Metrorail and Metromover stations; identify and allocate legally available funds from the fiscal year 2020-2021 County budget, Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act or American Rescue Plan funds allocated by the Federal Transit Administration; and include the funding in the Mayor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) was able to implement a modified plan from the original recommendation, which would have cost \$465,202 per week (\$24 million per fiscal year), proving to be unsustainable. The MDPD launched a proactive plan that commenced on September 10, 2020, providing a high-visibility police presence at all the Metrorail and Metromover stations. This modified plan of 34 uniformed police officers and 6 uniformed police sergeants resulted in a drastically reduced weekly cost of \$187,513.76 (\$10 million per fiscal year), a more successful use of funding, which is currently being funded by the CARES Act.

Since the inception of the operation, it has yielded a total of 34 arrests, 39 trespass warnings, and 15,868 mask warnings. There has been a 20% decrease (-20%) in aggravated batteries and assaults compared to the pre-operation period of January - September 2020. From February to July 2021, there were five robbery cases and one aggravated battery case reported. However, due to the diligence of the operation, three of the robbery cases and the aggravated battery case resulted in arrests and the recovery of a firearm. The MDPD maintains a resolute commitment to providing a safe and pleasant riding experience on the Metrorail and Metromover systems.

After discussions with the Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Office of Management and Budget, MDPD will continue providing security details at the Miami-Dade County Transit System until the agreed upon \$10 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 is exhausted.

Per ordinance No. 14-65, this report shall be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda.

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