

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)


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

DATE: June 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to identify potential benefits to the public and savings that could be realized by using public service aides instead of law enforcement officers in connection with roadway and other improvement projects by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report to this Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE PUBLIC AND SAVINGS THAT COULD BE REALIZED BY USING PUBLIC SERVICE AIDES INSTEAD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADWAY AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD

WHEREAS, using public service aides (PSAs) instead of law enforcement officers wherever possible allows law enforcement personnel to be routed to and focused on more serious matters requiring police presence and helps ensure resources are allocated efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Works frequently uses law enforcement officers, including deputies from the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, to assist with maintenance of traffic as well as manage safety and security concerns at various roadway and other improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, other Miami-Dade County departments, such as the Water and Sewer Department, may likewise use law enforcement officers to manage traffic and security concerns in connection with its own projects and roadwork; and

WHEREAS, the use of civilian personnel, such as PSAs, instead of law enforcement officers, at such projects may provide significant cost saving benefits to Miami-Dade County operations; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of available law enforcement officers when needed for policing, combined with the high costs of overtime, presents a significant challenge for the County; and

WHEREAS, PSAs can be trained to handle tasks such as traffic control and assisting the public, and could be used for tasks that do not require sworn law enforcement to be present; and

WHEREAS, using PSAs instead of law enforcement officers wherever possible may generate savings across several departmental budgets; and

WHEREAS, using PSAs instead of law enforcement officers wherever possible may assist in streamlining project operations, which can positively impact both cost and scheduling concerns; and

WHEREAS, alternatively, the County may be able to negotiate a specific rate or fee schedule with the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office for such assistance, which could also generate savings and allow resources to be allocated to other pressing budgetary needs; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support the Miami-Dade County Sheriff in focusing law enforcement personnel on more serious matters requiring police presence, and to use PSAs instead of law enforcement officers wherever possible, to ensure resources are allocated efficiently, and further wishes to identify potential cost savings that could be realized by utilizing PSAs in place of law enforcement officers in connection with the County's roadway and other improvement projects,

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

Section 1. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to identify potential savings that could be realized by using public service aides (PSAs) instead of law enforcement officers, including deputies from the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, in connection with

roadway and other improvement projects by the County, including, but not limited to, by the Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department. The evaluation should include the current expenses incurred by using law enforcement officers at roadway and other improvement projects, the potential savings that could be realized by using PSAs instead of law enforcement officers at such projects, and how such savings would be reflected in departmental budgets. The evaluation should also include the feasibility of establishing a negotiated rate or fee schedule with the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office for the use of deputies or PSAs from the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office at such projects and the benefits of allowing law enforcement personnel to focus on more serious matters requiring police presence by using PSAs whenever possible for tasks that do not require sworn officers.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed, within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution, to prepare a report regarding the directives in section 1 above and place the completed report on an agenda of this Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AVZ', written over a horizontal line.

Anita Viciano Zapata