

# Memorandum



**Date:** January 21, 2026

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

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

**Subject:** Recommendation to Award a Contract for Battery Purchase and Delivery

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(7)

## **Executive Summary**

This item seeks approval to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of Energy Storage System (ESS) batteries and Dual Power Inverter Module components for the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW). The contract provides batteries and components for approximately 98 hybrid buses currently operating in Miami-Dade County, many of which are approaching the end of their battery lifecycle. This contract is essential to maintaining safe, reliable, and efficient bus operations, as well as preventing costly service interruptions due to battery or component failures.

The contract term will be for one year with two additional 12-month options to renew. The vendor, Stewart & Stevenson FDDA LLC, will provide new ESS batteries that meet or exceed OEM specifications, along with warranties consistent with industry standards, and New ESS batteries will be delivered within 14 business days of order placement to prevent any operational delays and maintain a reliable hybrid Metrobus fleet. These batteries are expected to last approximately seven to 10 years with a standard minimum warranty of three years.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a competitive contract award, *Contract No. EVN0024134*, Battery Purchase and Delivery, to Stewart & Stevenson FDDA LLC in the amount of \$3,979,000 for a one-year term, with two additional 12-month options to renew, for DTPW.

This agenda item is placed for review pursuant to County Code Section 29-124(f). This item may only be considered by the Board if the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has forwarded a recommendation to the Board prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or 45 days have elapsed since the filing with the Clerk of the Board of this recommendation. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and 45 days have not elapsed since the filing of this item, I will request a withdrawal of this item.

## **Scope**

The scope of this item is countywide.

## **Delegation of Authority**

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the Battery Purchase and Delivery contract, including

any termination and renewal options, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The fiscal impact for the initial one-year term, with two, additional 12-month options to renew, will be \$3,979,000. This contract will be funded through the following source:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
673800 Bus - Related Projects	FY25-26 Proposed Budget & Multi-Year Capital Plan; Volume 2, Page 136	People's Transportation Plan Bond Program

**Track Record/Monitor**

DTPW's Chief of Contracts and Procurement, Alonzo Joseph, will oversee the contract with Stewart & Stevenson FDDA LLC. Assistant Director of Bus Services, Joel Perez, and Quality Assurance Specialist & Project Manager, Mayleen Amador, will both be responsible for monitoring the contract.

**Background**

On June 2, 2020, this Board approved a competitive contract award, *Contract No. FB-01316*, for Transit Bus Parts and Services, and established an open pool to pre-qualify vendors under three groups for award of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), Original Equipment Supplier (OES), and aftermarket parts, purchase of transit bus parts by brand name for future price competition, and purchase of services for future price competition.

DTPW has been using the prequalification pool to meet its transit repairs and services needs including but not limited to the following:

- OEM/Original Equipment (OE) parts, supplies and repairs
- Electrical & electronic components, tools, parts and supplies
- Any scheduled fleet overhauls and enhancements
- Consumables

DTPW currently operates a fleet of approximately 98 hybrid Metrobuses that utilize Allison and EnerDel Energy Storage System batteries and Dual Power Inverter Modules. Many of these components are reaching the end of their service life, making this contract critical to maintaining safe and reliable service. Stewart & Stevenson FDDA LLC meets the prequalification requirements under *Contract FB-01316* Group 2.

  
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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operating Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(N)(7)

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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1-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-01316 GROUP 2, EVENT NO. EVN0024134, TO STEWART & STEVENSON FDDA LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (ESS) BATTERIES AND DUAL POWER INVERTER MODULES (DPIM) COMPONENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' HYBRID METROBUS FLEET IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,979,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING RENEWAL AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL EXHIBIT 1 TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**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 approves the award of Contract No. FB-01316 Group 2, Event No. EVN0024134, to Stewart & Stevenson FDDA LLC in a total amount not to exceed \$3,979,000.00 for the purchase and delivery of Energy Storage System (ESS) batteries and Dual Power Inverter Modules (DPIM) components for the hybrid Metrobus fleet of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the contract and to exercise all provisions contained therein, including any renewal and termination provisions. This Board further authorizes the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax funds for the purchase and delivery of ESS batteries under this contract. The agreement is on file with the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Goods and Services Division, and available upon request.

The foregoing resolution 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	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026. 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.



Bruce Libhaber

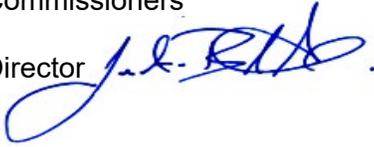


## Memorandum



**Date:** December 19, 2025

**To:** Honorable Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director 

**Re: CITT AGENDA ITEM 7C:**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-01316 GROUP 2, EVENT NO. EVN0024134, TO STEWART & STEVENSON FDDA LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (ESS) BATTERIES AND DUAL POWER INVERTER MODULES (DPIM) COMPONENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' HYBRID METROBUS FLEET IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$3,979,000.00**; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING RENEWAL AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS; AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$3,979,000.00** FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL EXHIBIT 1 TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (**DTPW – BCC LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 252328**)

On December 17, 2025, the CITT voted (8-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 25-022. The vote was as follows:

Mary Street, Esq., Chairperson – Aye  
Hon. Peggy Bell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson – Aye  
Meg Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson – Absent

Omar K. Bradford, Esq. – Aye  
Harry Hoffman – Aye  
David Marin – Aye  
Robert Ruano – Aye  
Robert Wolfarth – Absent

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

c: Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney