

Memorandum



Date: January 21, 2026

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

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(3)

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Ratification of Four Local Agency Program Agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation

Executive Summary

This item requests that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify four Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreements, cumulatively valued at \$832,291, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Three of the agreements are Safe Routes to School projects and one is the SMART Trail project along NW 12 Street. A LAP Agreement is designed to streamline local project implementation while ensuring that federal and state funds are used in compliance with all relevant regulations. Projects funded under LAP agreements are intended to enhance transportation safety, mobility and connectivity.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution ratifying the following four LAP agreements with FDOT:

FM No.	Name	Value	Execution Date
446052-1-38-01	SMART Trail along NW 12 Street	\$231,018	06/25/2025
447601-1-38-01	Booker T. Washington Senior High School	\$127,101	06/25/2025
449470-1-38-01	Brownsville Middle School	\$205,869	06/25/2025
449471-1-38-01	Horace Mann Middle School	\$268,303	06/25/2025

Scope

The LAP Agreements will provide design services for the Safe Routes to School and safety improvement projects located within these Commission Districts:

Safe Routes to School Projects:

- Booker T. Washington Senior High School: Commission District 3 represented by Commissioner Keon Hardemon.
- Brownsville Middle School: Commission District 3 represented by Commissioner Keon Hardemon.
- Horace Mann Middle School: Commission District 3 represented by Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

SMART Trail Project:

- SMART Trail along NW 12 Street: Commission District 12 represented by Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.

Delegation of Authority

This item ratifies the action of the County Mayor's designee in executing the LAP Agreements and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise all rights conferred therein.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The total value for the design of improvements under the four LAP Agreements is \$832,291. Upfront funding to support the projects is provided through the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) General Fund allocation, which will be reimbursed by FDOT in accordance with the LAP Agreements.

Track Record/Monitor

Dalila Fernandez, P.E., School Section Head, DTPW will monitor the design phase of the Safe Routes to School projects, and Joan M. Fabian, P.E., Highway Division, DTPW will monitor the design phase of the SMART Trail project.

Background

These agreements provide the County with Safe Routes to School Program funds and safety improvements project funds from FDOT to design safety-related infrastructure improvements.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Projects: The program was authorized in August 2005 by Section 1404 of the Federal Transportation Act. The program provides Federal-aid highway funds to State Departments of Transportation to make it safer and easier for school children to walk or bicycle to and from school.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) submitted applications for schools located in the County to FDOT for consideration within the SRTS Program. Factors used to select the schools include proximity to traffic accidents involving juvenile pedestrians, the potential for attracting new walk trips, and geographic distribution. Since MDCPS is not a LAP-certified agency, it partnered with DTPW in order to obtain and take advantage of available federal funds. DTPW shall oversee the design of the projects and upon completion submit invoices to FDOT's District Six LAP Administrator for approval and reimbursement.

SMART Trail Project: Miami-Dade County has a planned countywide network of paved paths and has coordinated its local plans with the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS). The SMART Trails Master Plan was developed to identify potential first-/last-mile (FLM) connections between the SMART Plan corridors and the regional non-motorized trail system. The study also established an evaluation process for assessing FLM non-motorized connections to existing and future SMART Plan stations. Planning-level cost estimates were prepared for proposed SMART Trails connections. In addition, conceptual design graphics

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were prepared to illustrate how these recommendations can be implemented. These graphics include four plan views and eight photosimulations.



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. 3(B)(3)

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 RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE EXECUTION OF FOUR LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY FM NOS: 446052-1-38-01; 447601-1-38-01; 449470-1-38-01; AND 449471-1-38-01 (THE "LAP AGREEMENTS"), BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT A TOTAL OF \$832,291.00 TO FUND CERTAIN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND SMART TRAIL PROJECTS; FURTHER RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S EXECUTION OF THE FOUR LAP AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE TERMINATION PROVISIONS, IF ANY, AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND TO EXECUTE ANY TIME EXTENSIONS AND TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LAP PROGRAM, SO LONG AS NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED

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:

Section 1. Ratifies four Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreements, specifically FM Nos: 446052-1-38-01; 447601-1-38-01; 449470-1-38-01; and 449471-1-38-01 (The "LAP Agreements"), between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation to accept a total of \$832,291.00 to fund certain Safe Routes to School and SMART Trail projects.

Section 2. Ratifies the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee’s execution of the four LAP Agreements. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is further authorized to exercise termination provisions, if any, of the LAP Agreements and any other contractual rights contained therein for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County. The LAP Agreements are on file with the Work Program Office of the Department of Transportation and Public Works and available upon request.

Section 3. Further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to execute any time extensions and to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds should they become available through the LAP Program, so long as no additional County matching funds are required. The County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as FDOT may require in connection with the LAP Agreements.

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:

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| 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 | |

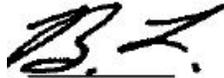
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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