

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(5)

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

DATE: May 5, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing Miami-Dade
County Department of Transportation
and Public Works to implement major
service changes to the bus network on or
after July 20, 2026

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Transportation Committee.



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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to Implement Major Service Changes to the Bus Network On or After July 20, 2026

Executive Summary

This item requests the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize major bus route service changes as part of the July 20, 2026 bus lineup. The proposed changes affect four routes in the central and western areas of the County, spanning Districts 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. Adjustments include route extensions to new areas, reduced frequency, and discontinuation of low-productivity and duplicative services. The magnitude of changes presented in this memorandum constitute major service changes because they involve more than a 25 percent adjustment in the number of route miles of a route, thus requiring a public hearing and approval by the Board per Section 2-150 of the County Code. There will be further service efficiencies and improvements implemented for the July bus lineup that will be approved administratively by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), as authorized by Section 2-150 of the County Code.

The proposed changes are:

- Routes 8 and 24 to be changed collectively. They will be routed and extended to provide service to more areas on Coral Way west of SW 107 Ave to the Tamiami Station Park-and-Ride via SW 152 Ave, including new weekend service. Route 8 will be reduced from a 30- to 60-minute service west of Florida International University (FIU) to University Lakes Mobile Home Park on weekdays, and Route 24 will provide 60-minute service west of FIU seven days a week based on current demand.
- Route 37 to be reduced from a 15- to 30-minute headway between the Airport Station and Douglas Rd Station on weekdays and Saturdays and from a 20- to 40-minute headway on Sundays due to low ridership.
- Route 132 to be discontinued due to low ridership.

Some of the changes proposed reflect community feedback from the Better Bus Network implementation. Additional outreach was conducted through community meetings and in-person engagement at stations to explain the proposals and to gather input. All proposed changes have been communicated with the Commissioners representing the impacted districts. These proposed service changes are estimated to result in a net fiscal **savings of approximately \$2.01 million annually.**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve major service changes to these bus routes and that they be implemented on or after July 20, 2026. Board approval of these major service changes is required pursuant to Section 2-150 of the County Code, following a public hearing.

Delegation of Authority

No delegation of authority applies.

Scope

The proposed service changes will directly impact four routes through County Commission Districts 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. However, these major service changes are considered countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

These proposed service changes are estimated to result in a net fiscal savings of approximately \$2.01 million annually.

Track Record/Monitor

The project manager, Linda Morris, DTPW Chief of Service Planning and Scheduling, is responsible for these bus service changes.

Background

The service changes below, and the maps in Attachment A, outline solely the major changes proposed as part of the July 20, 2026 lineup. There will be additional minor administrative changes as part of the lineup, which will be included in the regular lineup report presented to the Board prior to implementation.

Routes 8 and 24

These changes reflect community feedback received after the implementation of the Better Bus Network in 2023. Concerns relating to the western area of the County included the following:

- Reestablishing transit service along SW 24 Street between SW 107 and 122 Avenues
- Reestablishing transit service to the University Lakes Mobile Home Park
- Providing a more direct, one-seat ride for passengers on SW 26 Street west of SW 107 Avenue traveling to Brickell
- Reestablishing weekend service along SW 26 Street west of SW 107 Avenue
- Providing local transit service to the Tamiami Park-and-Ride, which connects to the Route 837 Express

DTPW is proposing to realign Route 8 and Route 24 collectively to address the above concerns. Route 8 will serve the University Lakes Mobile Home Park on SW 8 Street on weekdays, while Route 24 extends west to the Tamiami Park-and-Ride Station via Coral Way and SW 152 Avenue weekdays and weekends. Both new segments will operate at 60-minute frequencies. With these changes, Route 24 will now terminate at the Tamiami Station Park-and-Ride, which

has a dedicated operator relief lounge and improves the capacity conditions at the FIU Terminal.

Route 8 will continue with 30-minute service most of the day during weekdays and weekends east of FIU, with 60-minute service west of FIU on weekdays only. Route 24 will continue with 20-minute service east of FIU most of the day during weekdays and Saturdays and 30-minute service on Sundays.

A community meeting was held on December 16, 2025, at the Westchester Regional Library from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for the public to learn about and provide comments on proposed service changes. The meeting was attended by two members of the public, as well as DTPW Service Planning and Marketing staff. The plans received positive feedback and support from the public attendees who had extensive knowledge of the bus network.

These proposed service improvements result in an annual operating increase of approximately \$99,000.

Route 37

DTPW proposes reducing service on Route 37 along 37th Avenue between Airport Station and Douglas Road Station. The adjustment would change headways from 15 to 30 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 20 to 40 minutes on Sundays for this segment. Segments of Route 37 beyond these Metrorail stations currently operate at 30-minute headways and will continue to do so.

This segment was upgraded to 15-minute headways during the Better Bus Network implementation in 2023; however, current ridership – averaging fewer than 10 passengers per trip – does not justify this frequency. In addition, in July 2025, DTPW reestablished transit service along 42 Avenue between Opa-Locka, the Airport Station, and Douglas Road Station with Route 42. This provides additional capacity and options for passengers currently using Route 37.

Public outreach was conducted in the field at the Douglas Road Station and Airport Station during the AM and PM peaks to inform the public about the proposed change and to garner feedback. Approximately 180 riders were engaged, of which 91 provided feedback with 15 positive, 31 negative, and 45 indifferent responses to the proposed changes.

This proposed major service change results in an annual operating savings of approximately \$1.9 million.

Route 132

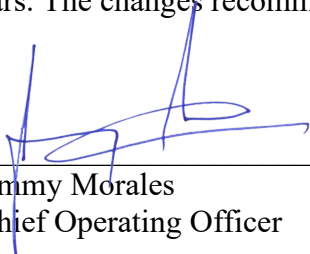
Ridership data from September 2025 shows an average of 46 total daily boardings for the entire route, which equates to approximately seven passengers per revenue hour. Based on DTPW Service Standards, routes carrying fewer than 15 passengers per revenue hour should be considered for elimination. Additionally, the Hialeah Market Tri-Rail Station stop only

averages seven westbound boardings daily, which is the target market this route is designed to serve.

Public outreach was conducted in the field on December 10, 2025 between 6:30 am and 9:15 am at the Hialeah Market Tri-Rail Station to inform riders about the proposed discontinuation and to garner feedback. With a total of approximately 65 passengers alighting Tri-Rail southbound trains during this period, a total of four riders were surveyed who boarded the bus, all of whom understood the need for the discontinuation. The municipalities of Hialeah and Doral, as well as Tri-Rail staff, were briefed and understood the need for the discontinuation.

This proposed major service change results in annual operating savings of approximately \$210,000.

All regulatory requirements will be completed in accordance with federal, state, and local law. A Title VI Analysis has determined that there are no disparate or disproportionate impacts on the protected populations with the proposed service modifications. Whenever major service changes occur, a comprehensive marketing campaign to inform all riders is initiated. Some of those activities include sending press releases to all major newspapers, posting service changes on the County's website, and posting rider notices on all impacted bus routes and Metrorail cars. The changes recommended above are to rightsize and enhance transit services.

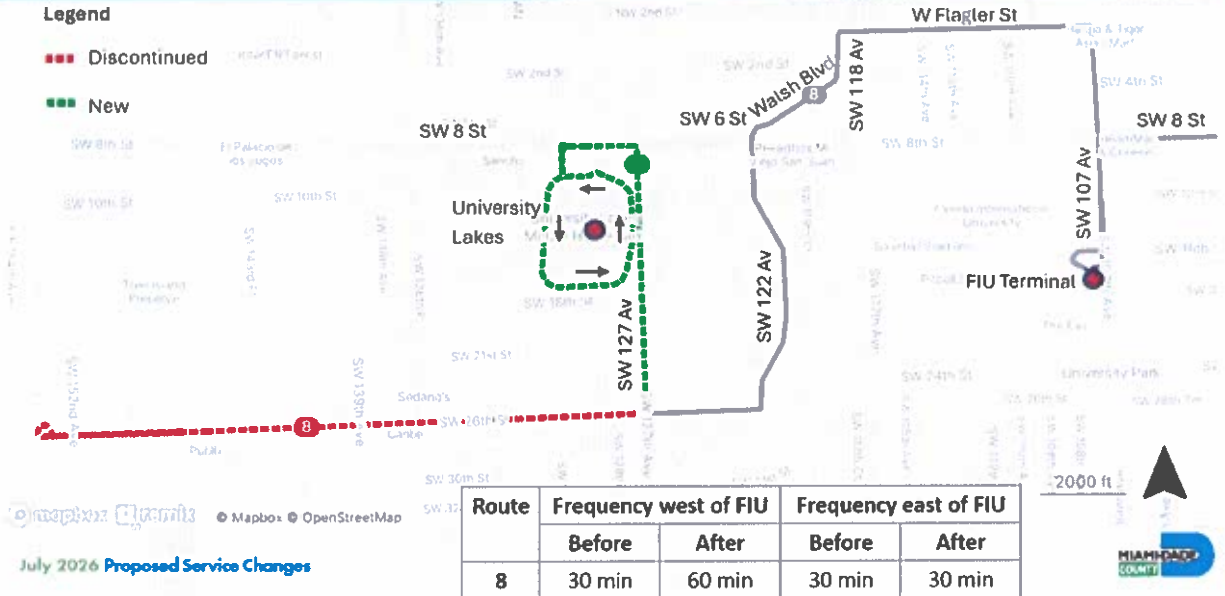


Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

ATTACHMENT A
ROUTE MAPS

Route 8

Route 8 Weekdays Only

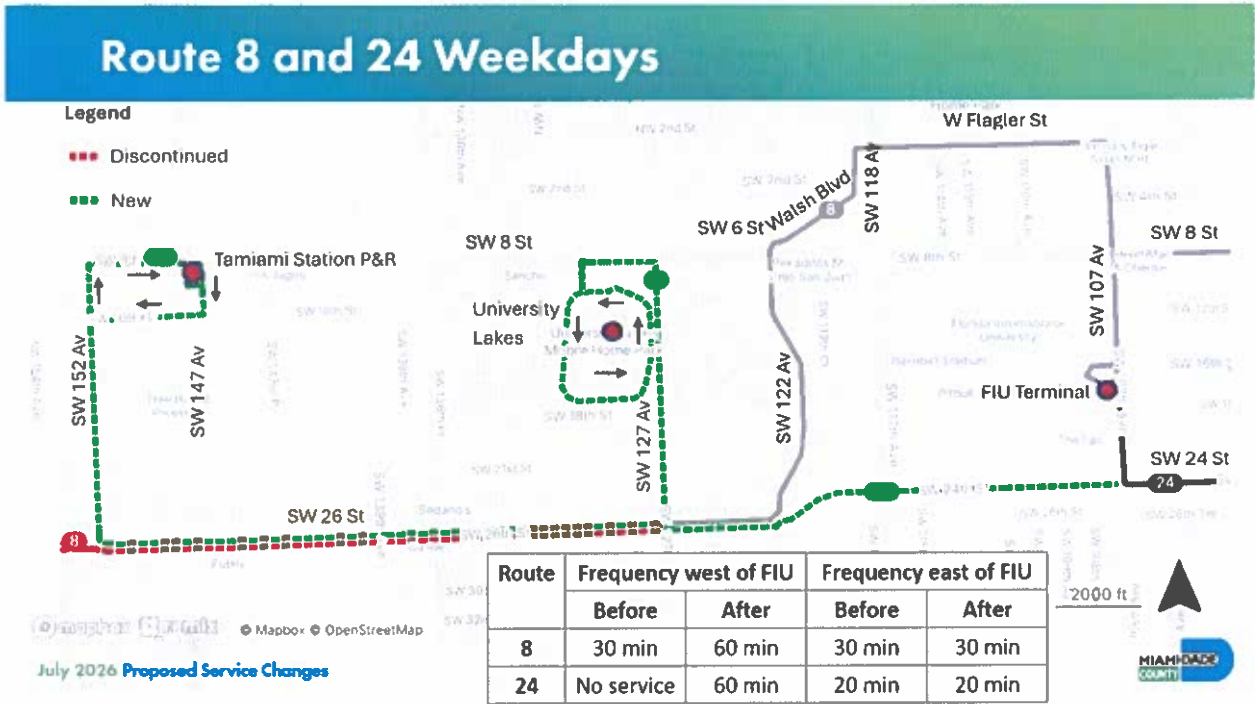


The alignment changed to serve the University Lakes Mobile Home Park. Frequency decreased from 30- to 60-minutes west of FIU.

Service hours and frequency: (West of FIU)

Weekday		
FROM	TO	EVERY
04:30	24:00	60 min

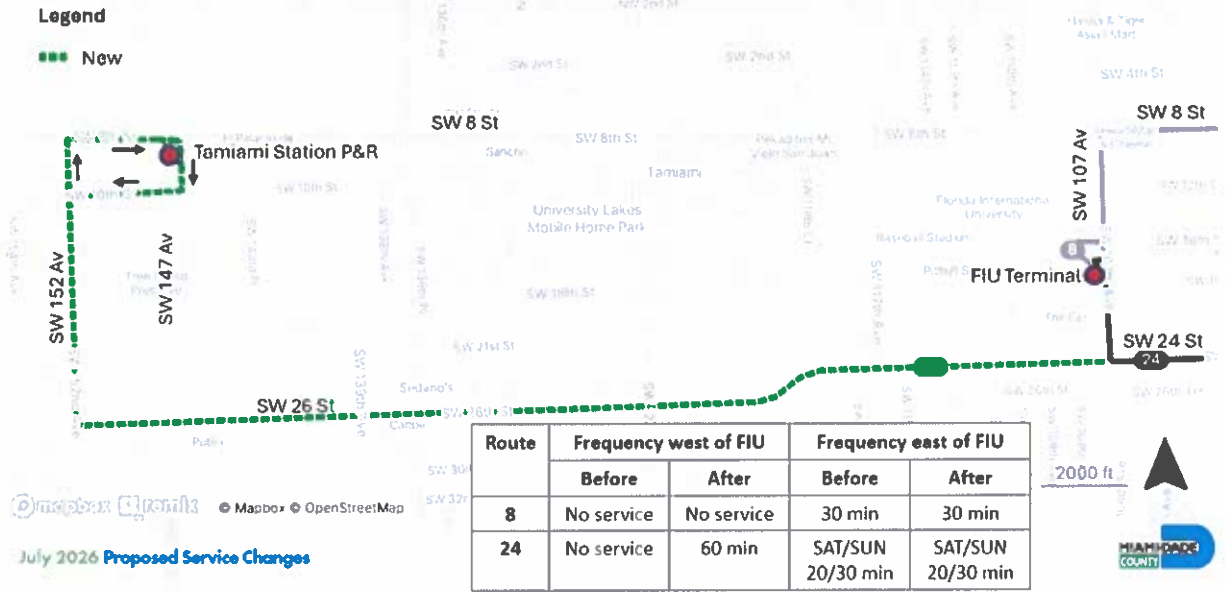
Route 8 and 24



Map showing the combined changes of Routes 8 and 24 on weekdays.

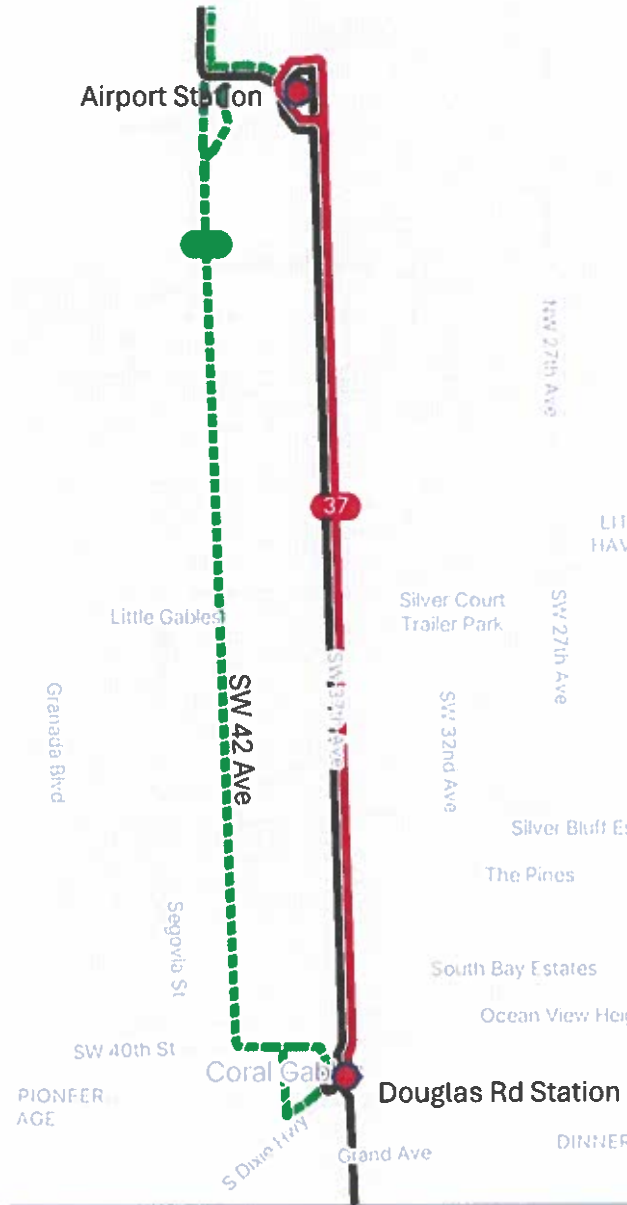
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Route 8 and 24 Weekends



Map showing the combined changes of Routes 8 and 24 on weekends. Route 8 remains unchanged on weekends and Route 24 provides new service to the Tamiami Station Park and Ride via Coral Way and SW 152 Ave.

Route 37



Frequency decreased from 15 to 30 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 20 to 40 minutes on Sundays between the Airport Station and Douglas Road Station (red line). Route 42 (green dashed line) began service on 7/21/25 with a 45-minute frequency on weekdays.

Service hours and frequency: (Between the Airport Station and Douglas Road Station)

Weekday		
FROM	TO	EVERY
04:30	06:30	60 min
06:30	23:30	30 min
23:30	25:30	60 min

Saturday		
FROM	TO	EVERY
05:30	23:00	30 min
23:00	24:00	60 min

Sunday		
FROM	TO	EVERY
06:00	07:00	60 min
07:00	17:00	40 min
17:00	23:00	60 min

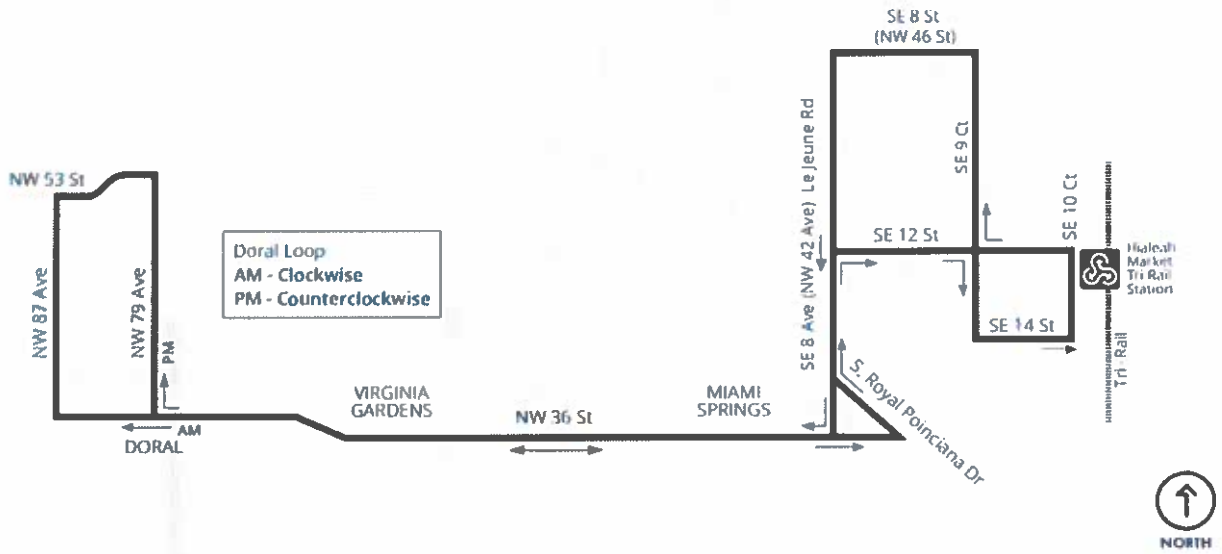
Route 132

PROPOSED TO BE DISCONTINUED



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TRI-RAIL DORAL SHUTTLE



Service hours and frequency: (Weekday Peak-Only Service)

Weekday		
FROM	TO	EVERY
06:30	09:00	60 min
15:00	18:00	60 min



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(Revised)

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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**
- _____ **Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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5-5-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC
WORKS TO IMPLEMENT MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES TO
THE BUS NETWORK ON OR AFTER JULY 20, 2026

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works has analyzed the proposed route changes and determined that these changes will enhance the regional transit connections of the transit system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the implementation of the major service changes to the bus network, as outlined in the County Mayor's memorandum, on or after July 20, 2026.

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 5th day of May, 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