

# Memorandum



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

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

**Subject:** Report on the Implementation of “Families on the Fly” Program at Miami International Airport - Directive No. 251749

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This report is in response to Resolution No. R-984-25, sponsored by Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis, and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on October 9, 2025. The resolution directs the County Mayor or designee to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to bring the “Families on the Fly” program to Miami International Airport (MIA) as quickly as possible. This initiative is intended to improve the travel experience for families by providing a dedicated security screening lane and discounted TSA Precheck fees. The Resolution also requires the County Mayor or designee to prepare a written status report on the program’s implementation and place it directly on a full Board agenda, bypassing committee review pursuant to Rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure.

To advance this directive, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) staff consulted with airlines and the TSA to evaluate airport capacity and determined that the best approach operationally is to allow eligible families traveling with children under 12 to use the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lanes at Security Checkpoints 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Clear signage has been installed at the entrances to these expedited lanes, and MDAD has coordinated with airline staff to identify families who may need additional assistance and direct them accordingly. Travelers with disabilities will continue to have priority in these shared lanes and therefore no additional strain nor passenger disruption is expected. Additionally, TSA is exploring the possibility of offering discounted TSA Precheck fees to these families and will advise MDAD by the end of March on whether such a discount is feasible.

All of these efforts reinforce MIA’s broader commitment to transforming the airport experience through its \$12 billion Modernization In Action program, which places the passenger experience at the center of its long-term transformation. Every component of the program is designed to advance efficiency, sustainability, and security, ensuring that travelers benefit from streamlined processes from check-in through arrival. This vision also aligns with the Administration’s recently announced Forward Flight Team, a dedicated group focused on accelerating innovation, strengthening operational readiness, and elevating service across the airport. By integrating the Forward Flight Team’s expertise with the broader modernization strategy, MIA is positioning itself to meet rising passenger expectations, adopt cutting-edge technologies, and create a more seamless, resilient travel experience.

This memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda, without committee review, pursuant to Rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure. Should you require additional information, please contact Aviation Director, Ralph Cutié, at 305-876-7066.

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