

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(2)

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

DATE: June 2, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution adopting the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works' Major Update of the 2026 Transit Development Plan covering the 10-year period from 2026–2035

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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Memorandum



Date: June 2, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Approval of DTPW FY 2026-2035 Transit Development Plan Major Update - *MDT10Ahead*

Executive Summary

This item seeks approval by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) FY 2026-2035 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update.

The TDP, branded as *MDT10Ahead*, is a 10-year plan that is required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) from transit agencies receiving State funds for transit. In addition, it serves as a guide where transit agencies in Florida identify and define short-term public transit needs in their respective service areas. Board approval on an annual basis is required per FDOT regulations and major updates, which provide more comprehensive data than the annual minor administrative updates, are required every five years. This TDP identifies the County's long-term transit infrastructure needs, establishes DTPW's 10-year strategic and financial framework for transit investment, explores the relationship between land use and transit in the County, and documents the anticipated future demand for transit services. The 2026 TDP can be accessed on the County's website at <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/transportation/mdt-ahead.page>.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve DTPW's 2026 Transit Development Plan Major Update, covering the 10-year period from FY 2026 through FY 2035.

Scope

This item has a countywide impact.

Delegation of Authority

This item authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to submit the TDP Major Update to FDOT.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Adoption of the TDP is a prerequisite for the authorization of State Public Transit Block Grant funds. Once adopted by the Board, the TDP will be forwarded to the FDOT for its consideration and approval.

State Transit Block Grant allocations for FY 26-30, taken from the FDOT's Work Program, are provided below:

Fiscal Year	FDOT Item No.	State Contribution (\$)
FY 2026	436704-7	27,307,222
FY 2027	436704-8	28,105,660
FY 2028	436704-9	28,948,829
FY 2029	453571-1	29,817,295
FY 2030	453571-2	30,711,813

Track Record/Monitor

The project manager for the TDP is Tewarie Edmonson, M.S.C.E, AICP, Systems Planning Manager, within DTPW’s Transportation Planning and Policy Division

Background

A Transit Development Plan is a 10-year plan that is required by FDOT from transit agencies receiving State funds for transit. In addition, it serves as a guide to Florida’s transit agencies to identify and define short-term public transit needs in their respective service areas. Florida Administrative Code 14-73.001, widely referred to as the TDP Rule, states that a TDP is the transit provider’s planning, development, and operational guidance document and, therefore, a strategic blueprint for meeting transportation needs within its service area. The TDP Rule sets forth the requirements of Section 341.052(1) and (2), F.S., for the recipients of FDOT’s public transit grant funds. Block Grant funds are considered by the State on the basis of public transit needs as identified in the TDP.

The TDP is a benchmark document that reflects the data, project statuses, and financial reports of DTPW as of December 2025. It also serves as DTPW’s strategic development and operational guidance document for a 10-year planning horizon and is coordinated with other County plans, including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Stakeholder input is an integral component of the TDP development process.

MDT10Ahead Overview

The TDP defines DTPW’s planning, development, and operational path for the next 10 years. Subsequent annual updates will be organized as progress reports on the 10-Year Implementation Program set forth in *MDT10Ahead*.

This 2026 TDP is a Major Update, which is required every five years and provides more comprehensive data than the annual minor administrative updates.

This Major Update consists of eight chapters, each of which fulfills a Florida State statutory requirement, ensuring compliance with the FDOT rule.

- Chapter 1 - Introduction

- Chapter 2 – Public Involvement Process
- Chapter 3 – Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Coordination Program
- Chapter 4 – Operating Environment
- Chapter 5 – Relationship to Other Plans
- Chapter 6 – Land Use and Corridor Plan
- Chapter 7 – Demand Estimation
- Chapter 8 – 10-Year Operating and Capital Program

Overall, the 2026–2035 TDP establishes DTPW’s 10-year strategic and financial framework for transit investment, ensuring compliance with FDOT requirements and continued eligibility for state funding while aligning future service, infrastructure, and capital decisions.

The following sections summarize each chapter and highlight its primary purpose and key findings.

Chapter 1 provides an overview of the TDP. It includes a checklist of TDP rule requirements and where the required elements are located. It also documents how the TDP interrelates with other planning documents, including the DTPW Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, and the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization’s (TPO) LRTP and TIP.

Chapter 2 documents the public efforts undertaken by the study team. Primary outreach efforts included a transit rider survey, pop-up events at DTPW transit stations, a social media effort, an analysis of 311 calls, and the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) ambassador program. The study team also presented the TDP to the CITT, TPO committees, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). Outreach efforts occurred in the fall of 2025. The survey effort yielded over 5,000 responses and asked riders to gauge their satisfaction with DTPW services, perceptions of safety, and usage habits. Overall, the survey found that riders are generally satisfied with the service and feel safe at transit stations. Survey responses indicated there are opportunities to improve safety in accessing stations and stops. The TDP team convened an Advisory Review Committee (ARC). The ARC consisted of representatives from DTPW and other Miami-Dade County departments, municipalities, FDOT, the TPO, and community groups. The study team provided the ARC with updates and enlisted the ARC’s expertise in guiding the direction of the study.

Chapter 3 provides an overview of DTPW’s metropolitan planning coordination efforts. This is broadly defined as coordination with the Miami-Dade TPO, as well as with other regional partners (SFRTA, Broward County Transit (BCT)). The chapter explores the SMART Program, given its collaborative nature with FDOT, the Greater Miami Expressway Authority and municipalities. The Chapter includes a brief peer and trend analysis of safety and security on the DTPW system. Overall, the data shows that DTPW compares favorably with its peers.

Chapter 4 explores DTPW’s operating environment. This chapter consists of a documentation of each of DTPW’s services, including its fare structure and partnering transit services including municipal circulators, and connections with national and regional transit services including SFRTA and BCT. The chapter then documents sociodemographic characteristics for Miami-Dade County, looking at population and employment characteristics, as well as different transit-dependent profiles

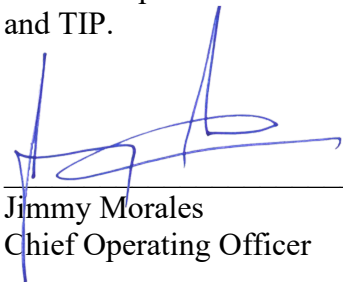
including areas in the County with higher concentrations of zero-car ownership households, and populations older than 65 or younger than 18.

Chapter 5 is a documentation of the TDP's relationship to 45 other planning documents, including local, county, and regional efforts. Planning consistency was documented with regards to DTPW goals and objectives, transit service consistency, the relationship to 10-Year Operating and Capital Program, and safety and security initiatives. Overall, the planning documents evaluated demonstrate widespread consistency with DTPW efforts and initiatives, though opportunities exist to better coordinate regional transportation projects.

Chapter 6 explores the relationship between land use and transit in Miami-Dade County, looking for an assessment of the extent to which the land use and urban design patterns in DTPW's service area support or hinder existing and future transit services. The analysis found that Miami-Dade County has placed a strong emphasis on the integration of land use and transportation planning, complemented by a strong TOD policy which aligns policy, infrastructure, and investment.

Chapter 7 looks at Demand Estimation – documenting the anticipated future demand for transit services. Using Southeast Florida Regional Travel Demand Model (SERPM 9), the analysis found that with the development of additional premium transit corridors, ridership growth is forecasted to outpace population growth. While all demographic groups will see ridership growth, the largest increases would be amongst choice riders – that is, riders who have vehicles but opt for using transit instead.

Chapter 8 documents DTPW's 10-Year Implementation Plan, which consists of the List of Priority Projects, Funded Projects, Partially Funded, and Uncommitted Projects. The chapter also contains DTPW's 10-Year Financial Plan, covering Operating and Capital Programs. The projects identified in this chapter are consistent with DTPW's other planning documents as well as the TPO's LRTP and TIP.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

Memorandum



Date: May 11, 2026
To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
Board of County Commissioners
From: Stacy L. Miller, P.E.
Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works
Subject: Request to Process Late Item for Agenda Placement

I respectfully request that the following item be placed on the May 2026 Committee Cycle meeting agenda of the Board of County Commissioners:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' MAJOR UPDATE OF THE 2026 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN COVERING THE 10-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2026-2035

Although this item was submitted after the noticed deadline and provided late to the Agenda Coordination Office, it is critical that it be considered during the May Committee cycle to allow for Board approval at the June 2, 2026 meeting. The Transit Development Plan (TDP) must be adopted and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to ensure eligibility for state public transit grant funding in the upcoming fiscal year.

Pursuant to Rule 14-73.001, Florida Administrative Code, failure to submit and obtain approval of the TDP prior to the June 30 deadline will result in the County being deemed noncompliant, rendering it ineligible to receive state public transit grant funds for that fiscal year. Any funds previously allocated to the County may be redistributed to other entities. Accordingly, delaying approval would create a significant financial hardship and could adversely affect future funding opportunities.

In light of this time sensitivity, please process this item notwithstanding the potential applicability of the Three-Day Rule. I understand that placement on the agenda is subject to approval by the Chair of the Committee of jurisdiction, your approval as Chairman of the Board, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee

Jimmy Morales
Print Name



Approved by Legislative Director or Designee

Demetria Henderson
Print Name

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Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: June 2, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(2)

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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6-2-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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FROM 2026–2035

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 hereby adopts the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works' (DTPW) Major Update of the 2026 Transit Development Plan, covering the 10-year period from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2035 (the "TDP Major Update"), and authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to submit the TDP Major Update to the Florida Department of Transportation. A copy of the 2026 Transit Development Plan is on file with DTPW and is also available at www.miamidade.gov/transit/mdt-10-ahead.asp.

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 2nd day of June, 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke