

Memorandum



Date: September 1, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

Subject: Recommendation for Approval of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust Resolution Recommending an Amendment to the FY 2026-30 Five-Year Implementation Plan Update of the People's Transportation Plan to retroactively add the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145)

Executive Summary

The attached item is being placed on the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) at the request of Javier Betancourt, Executive Director of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), for approval.

The Five-Year Implementation Plan was established pursuant to the ordinance governing the activities of the CITT (Ordinance 02-116), as amended by the Board on September 21, 2010. The procedure to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan includes that such proposals shall be initially reviewed by CITT, which shall forward a recommendation to the Board. The CITT recommends the amendment of the Five-Year Implementation Plan to include the following project, funded in part by the Charter County Transportation System Surtax Funds.

Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II (CIP145) - The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) is seeking to add to the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan a capital project for the purchase of fifteen (15) 40-foot diesel and compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses intended to support I-95 Express Bus Service routes operating within the managed toll lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. These buses previously served routes 195/295 from Broward Boulevard to Downtown Miami and 196/296 connecting Sheridan Street to the Civic Center.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust recommending an amendment to the FY 2026-30 Five-Year Implementation Plan Update of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to retroactively add the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145).

Scope

The discontinued bus routes primarily served District 3 and District 5, represented by Commissioner Keon Hardemon and Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez, respectively.

Delegation of Authority

Pursuant to Section 2-8.3 of the County Code, there are no delegations of authority beyond those specified in the attached resolution.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact of the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145) is \$3,896,702. The project is included in the County's FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan under Program No. 6730101. Site No. 300908.

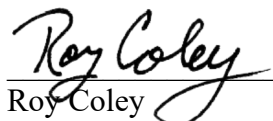
Track Record/Monitor

The projects will be monitored by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW).

Background

FDOT provided \$15 million in State toll revenues through grants G0350 and G1C16 for the purchase of 28 buses to operate the I-95 Express Bus service. The fifteen (15) buses pertaining to the project in this item were purchased with these Grant funds and placed into service in January 2017. These services (Routes 195/295 and 196/296) connected Broward Boulevard and Sheridan Street to Downtown Miami and the Civic Center. The routes were discontinued in March 2020 as ridership declined during the COVID-19 pandemic and bus operator shortages required DTPW to prioritize local core services. To avoid idle assets and maintain system wide reliability DTPW deployed the buses to other routes. This redeployment, while operationally necessary, was inconsistent with FDOT's contractual requirement that the buses be used solely for the I-95 Express Service. On September 9, 2024, FDOT officially requested reimbursement for the depreciated value and unauthorized mileage associated with fifteen (15) buses.

DTPW issued a reimbursement payment of \$3,896,702 to FDOT on January 12, 2026, using DTPW's Operating Fund. Retroactive inclusion of this project in the PTP Five-Year Implementation plan is required to authorize the use of PTP capital funds to restore DTPW's operating fund resources. This amendment ensures compliance with PTP funding eligibility requirement.

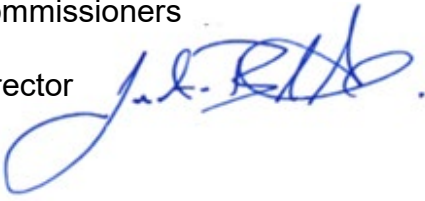


Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor



Memorandum

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

From: Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director 

Date: June 5, 2026

Re: Resolution by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust recommending an Amendment to the FY 2026-30 Update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to retroactively add the purchase of 40-foot buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145) funded in part by the Charter County Transportation System Surtax funds

The purpose of this memorandum is to present an amendment to the FY2026-30 Five-Year Implementation Plan update of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to retroactively add the Purchase of 40-foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145) which will be funded by the Charter County Transportation System Surtax funds.

In accordance with Ordinance 02-116, it is necessary to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the Fare Collection System Replacement project before the project can be eligible for Charter County Transportation Surtax funding. If approved, this project will be included in the fourteenth annual update of the five-year implementation plan.

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) is seeking to add to the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan a capital project for the purchase of fifteen (15) 40-foot diesel and compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses intended to support I-95 Express Bus Service routes operating within the managed toll lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. These buses previously served routes 195/295 from Broward Boulevard to Downtown Miami and 196/296 connecting Sheridan Street to the Civic Center.

DTPW received \$15 million in State toll revenues through grants G0350 and G1C16 for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) buses to operate the I-95 Express Bus Service. The fifteen (15) buses pertaining to the project in this item were purchased with these Grant funds and placed into service in January 2017. The routes were discontinued in March 2020 due to a collapse in ridership and bus operator shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic that required DTPW to prioritize local core services. To maintain systemwide reliability and avoid idle assets, DTPW redeployed the buses to other routes. While operationally necessary,

this redeployment was inconsistent with FDOT's contractual requirement that the buses be used solely for the 1-95 Express Service. On September 9, 2024, FDOT officially requested reimbursement for the depreciated value and unauthorized mileage associated with fifteen (15) buses.

DTPW issued a reimbursement payment of \$3,896,702 to FDOT on January 12, 2026, using DTPW's Operating Fund. Retroactive inclusion of this project in the PTP Five-Year Implementation plan is required to authorize the use of PTP capital funds to restore DTPW's operating fund resources. This amendment ensures compliance with PTP funding eligibility requirement.

Accordingly, this project addressed the need of transit riders and ensure the continued reliability and accessibility of bus service. In accordance with Ordinance 02-116, it is necessary to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the Purchase of 40-foot buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIP145) before it can be eligible for Charter County Transportation Surtax funding.

Your approval and adoption is recommended. The project detail forms with project information are herein incorporated by reference and attached. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

- c: Roy Coley, Deputy Mayor, Office of the Mayor
Stacey L. Miller, PE., Director/CEO, Department of Transportation and Public Works
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney

ATTACHMENT

Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II			
Department		PTP Category	
Transit		Post-unification	
Project Category		Project Phase	
Bus Service Improvements		Vehicle Purchase	
Project Begin Date		Phase Begin Date	
12/23/2015		12/23/2015	
Project Implementation Date		Phase End Date	
2/3/2016		2/3/2016	
Project Completion Percentage		Phase Completion Percentage	
100%		100%	
Amount by Funding Source(s)		Project/Contract No.	
PTP- \$3,896,702		CIP145/L1168501B1, 00096	
FDOT- \$5,103,298			
Total- \$9,000,000			
Amount Spent as of 9/30/2025		Commission District(s)	
\$9,000,000		Countywide	
Capital Budget Project #		Site #	
6730101		300908	

Project Description:

This project includes capital purchase of up to fifteen (15) new 40-foot diesel or Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for I-95 Express Bus Service. These buses were used to implement three new Bus Express service routes within the 1-95 Managed Toll Lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

Project Status:

DPTW recommended access to Broward County Contract No. L1168501B1 for the procurement of 15 NABI Forty-Foot Low Floor Diesel BRT style buses for the I-95 Express Bus Service to expand bus routes between Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The Board of County Commissioners approved on October 18, 2016, the procurement of fifteen (15) NABI Forty-Foot Low Floor Diesel BRT style buses using Broward County Contract No. L1168501B1. Notice to proceed for the bus purchase was issued on November 8, 2016. Post delivery inspection and acceptance of buses was completed.

These buses were placed in revenue service on February 5, 2017, along routes 195/295 from Broward Boulevard to Downtown Miami and 196/296 connecting Sheridan Street to the Civic Center. However, these routes were permanently discontinued in March 2020 due to a significant decline in ridership caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing bus operator shortages. Currently, PTP funding of \$3,896,702 is being requested to reimburse FDOT for the depreciated value and unauthorized mileage associated with 15 buses originally purchased solely for the I-95 Express Bus Service routes.

Original Funding: \$9,000,000 (100% FDOT Funds)

Revised Funding: \$5,103,298 (53% FDOT Funds)

\$3,896,702 (43% PTP Funds)

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year	PTP Cost Estimate	Cost Increase (Decrease)	Actual PTP Expenditures	Estimated Remaining PTP Balance	Completion Date
FY 2025	\$3,896,702	-	\$0	\$3,896,702	-

RESOLUTION NO. 26-007

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026-30 UPDATE OF THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO RETROACTIVELY INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF 40-FOOT BUSES FOR I-95 PHASE I AND II PROJECT FUNDED BY CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the purchase of 40-foot buses for I-95 Phase I and II project before the project can be eligible for Charter County Transportation Surtax funding; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Works' (DTPW) seeks to add to the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan a capital project for the purchase of fifteen (15) 40-foot diesel and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses intended to support I-95 Express Bus Service routes operating within the managed toll lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties; and,

WHEREAS, DTPW received \$15 million in State toll revenues through grants G0350 and G1C16 for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) buses for the I-95 Express Bus Service, and the 15 buses associated with this project were purchased with these funds and placed into service in January 2017 before service was discontinued in March 2020 due to a collapse in ridership and operator shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, FDOT requested reimbursement for the depreciated value and unauthorized mileage, and DTPW issued reimbursement payment of \$3,896,702 using DTPW's operating fund; and

WHEREAS, retroactive inclusion of this project in the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan is required to authorize the use of PTP capital funds to restore the DTPW's operating fund resources and ensure compliance with PTP funding eligibility requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITT, that this Trust recommends approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2026-30 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan to include purchase of 40-foot buses for I-95 Phase I and II project funded in part by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Meg Daly, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Omar K. Bradford, Esq. and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Mary Street, Esq., Chairperson – Aye
Hon. Peggy Bell, 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye
Meg Daly, 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Omar K. Bradford, Esq. – Aye
Harry Hoffman – Absent
David Marin – Aye
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq. – Absent
Robert Wolfarth – Aye

Qjuezari Harvey – Absent
Kenneth Kilpatrick – Aye
Miguel Murphy – Aye
Carolina Vester – Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of May, 2026.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency 

By: 
Executive Director



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: September 1, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)
9-1-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026-30 FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE OF THE PEOPLE’S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO RETROACTIVELY INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF 40-FOOT BUSES FOR I-95 PHASE I AND II PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust (“Trust”), pursuant to section 29-124 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, recommends an amendment to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People’s Transportation Plan (PTP) to retroactively add the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held; and

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 approves the attached amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Five-Year Implementation Plan update of the People’s Transportation Plan (PTP) to add the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project funded by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds in substantially the form attached hereto and made part hereof.

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 1st day of September, 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

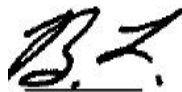
BY ITS BOARD OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Bruce Libhaber



Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the **Transportation Committee** of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in the Commission Chambers, second floor, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida, during a meeting to begin at approximately **9:00 AM on July 14th, 2026**, to consider an amendment to the FY 2026-30 Five Year Implementation Plan Update of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP).

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) is recommending an amendment to the FY 2026-30 Five Year Implementation Plan Update of the Peoples Transportation Plan to retroactively add the Purchase of 40-Foot Buses for I-95 Phase I and II project (CIPP145), funded in part by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds.

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) is seeking to add to the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan a capital project for the purchase of fifteen (15) 40-foot diesel and compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses intended to support I-95 Express Bus Service routes operating within the managed toll lanes between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. These buses previously served routes 195/295 from Broward Boulevard to Downtown Miami and 196/296 connecting Sheridan Street to the Civic Center. The fifteen (15) buses pertaining to the project were purchased with these FDOT Grant funds and placed into service in January 2017. However, these routes were discontinued in March 2020 due to a collapse in ridership and bus operator shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic that required DTPW to prioritize local core services by redeploying the buses to other routes. FDOT officially requested reimbursement for the depreciated value and unauthorized mileage associated with fifteen (15) buses. Retroactive inclusion of this project in the PTP Five-Year Implementation plan is required to authorize the use of PTP capital funds for this project.

At the hearing, the Transportation Committee will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of this project. Interested persons may submit orally, or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by any board, agency, or commission with respect to any such matter considered at its meeting or hearing will need a record of all proceedings. Such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs or services. Auxiliary aids and services for communication are available with advance notice. For material in alternate format, a sign-language interpreter, or other accommodations, please contact Nya Lake at (305) 375-1357.

All interested parties are invited to attend. For copies of the PTP Plan and/or for further information, please contact the Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida 33128, phone: 305-375-1357; e-mail: citt@miamidade.gov; website: www.miamidade.gov/citt. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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