

Memorandum



Date: August 4, 2026

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

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(7)
September 1, 2026

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Report Regarding DTPW Fare, Service Adjustments, and Contracted Route Changes – July 20, 2026 Bus and Rail Lineups

Executive Summary

This report, prepared by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), is being provided to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in response to Resolution No. R-235-18 which was adopted on March 6, 2018. The resolution, sponsored by then-Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report describing any planned fare or service adjustments to Miami-Dade County transit services made pursuant to Sections 2-150(c) or 2-150(d) of the Code of Miami-Dade County as well as any contracting out of routes prior to the enactment of such adjustments and to place such reports on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. This report summarizes adjustments to be implemented with the July 20, 2026, bus and rail lineups. No fare changes will be implemented with these bus and rail lineups. One bus route operated directly by DTPW will be contracted out and one contracted out bus route will be operated directly by DTPW. These changes benefit the bus network, and the net fiscal impact is estimated to be a savings of approximately \$300,000 annually.

Bus Changes

The following is a summary of bus service changes that will be implemented with the July 20, 2026, bus lineup:

Minor Service Changes:

- The following route will have routing changes:
 - Route 183 – Routing between Aventura Mall and NE 186 St will be changed to serve W Dixie Hwy and the Aventura Brightline Station seven days a week due to the delay of the pedestrian bridge and passenger feedback.
- The following two (2) routes have schedule improvements to reflect current traffic conditions and/or to improve service reliability: 183 and 602.
- The following routes will have frequency and/or span adjustments based on current ridership data:
 - Route 2 – Weekday service decreased from every 20 to every 30 minutes.
 - Route 601 – Weekday southbound service decreased from every 7.5 minutes to every 15 minutes from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and increased from every 15 minutes to every 7.5 minutes from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Route 602 – Weekday northbound service decreased from every 10 minutes to every 15 minutes from 4:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and southbound from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Southbound service decreased from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- Route 836 – Weekday trip added eastbound from the Dolphin Park-and-Ride at 7:30 a.m. and westbound from Downtown Miami at 4:40 p.m.
- The following two routes will have operational changes.
 - Route 2 – Route changed from being operated by a contractor to operated directly by DTPW.
 - Route 500 – Route changed from being operated directly by DTPW to being operated by a contractor.

Efficiency savings, using the new HASTUS software, allowed for the return of Route 2 back to DTPW operations. Meanwhile, Route 500 is fully funded by the Village of Cutler Bay, and the decision to contract out the service was made at their request due to budget constraints.

Rail Changes

No rail service changes implemented with the July 20, 2026, rail lineup. Minor operational improvements related to single-tracking schedules.

Fiscal Impact

The net fiscal impact of the above-mentioned service and operational changes is an estimated annual savings of approximately \$300,000, based on the latest hourly operating rates available. This reflects the combined effect of all lineup changes. Although the operational changes reduce contracted transit service costs by approximately \$1,705,667 annually, the corresponding revenue service will be absorbed by DTPW using existing personnel and resources.

Background

According to the Transport Workers Union Local 291 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), DTPW is required to implement three bus and rail lineups annually, which are scheduled to occur in March, July, and November, as specified in the CBA. These are the only scheduled lineups throughout the year when administrative and major service changes are implemented. DTPW continues to solicit feedback to make needed adjustments in future lineups.

Fares, bus service, and rail service can be changed administratively per Section 2-150(c) of the Code, as long as the changes do not meet or exceed the following change thresholds set forth under Section 2-150(b) which require Board approval after public hearing:

1. Any fare, rate or charge for transit service or for service ancillary to transit;
2. Any change in service of 25 percent or more of the number of route miles of a route;
3. If, in a fiscal year, the cumulative changes on a route add up to 25 percent or more change in the number of route miles of a route;

4. A change in the interval between peak period transit services on a route of more than 10 minutes;
5. A change in the interval between off-peak period transit services on a route of more than 30 minutes; or
6. A new transit service is established or an existing service is abolished.

Any service changes that meet or exceed the above are considered major, requiring Board approval after a public hearing.

When service changes are approved, new schedules are created for routes, and work assignments are put out to bid for bus operators. The entire scheduling and bidding process through implementation takes approximately four (4) months for a typical lineup.

Some routes in the bus network are recommended for contracting out. These routes typically carry less riders or provide service to areas where a full-size bus is not appropriate. Contracting out gives DTPW flexibility if unforeseen situations occur, such as operator shortages or budget constraints, affording DTPW the ability to adjust service as needed.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. Should you require additional information, please contact Stacy Miller, DTPW Director and CEO at (786) 469-5406.

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