

Memorandum



Date: October 15, 2026

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Agenda Item No. 3(F)

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Contract Award Recommendation for Replacement Bridge No. 874275 along SW 42nd Avenue (LeJeune Road) over Coral Gables Waterway, RPQ No. 20200214, to Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders in the Amount of \$7,628,216.62

Executive Summary

This item seeks Board approval to award a construction contract to Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders, in the amount of \$7,628,216.62 for the replacement of Bridge No. 874275 along SW 42nd Avenue (LeJeune Road) over Coral Gables Waterway. The project will be delivered over a 785-day term and is funded through Mobility Impact Fees (MIF).

The existing bridge is classified as structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. The proposed project will provide a wider sidewalk, roadway shoulders, and improvements at the approach intersections, including the Cocoplum Circle, bringing the bridge into full compliance with modern design and safety standards. Additional improvements to the Cocoplum Circle include milling and resurfacing, construction of new splitter islands, new signage and pavement markings, drainage, lighting, and curb and gutter, bringing all roadway elements to the latest design and safety standards.

DTPW has conducted public outreach and stakeholder coordination throughout project development, including public meetings, presentations and briefings, resident notifications, and coordination with the City of Coral Gables, with public feedback incorporated into the plans. DTPW will continue outreach during construction to keep the community informed of project progress and upcoming construction activities.

Recommendation

Approval of this contract award to Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders, for a term of 785-days and value of \$7,628,216.62 is recommended to address a deteriorating bridge that no longer meets current safety and design standards. Deferring

Scope

The project is located along 42nd Avenue over the Coral Gables Waterway in Commission District 7, which is represented by Commissioner Raquel Regalado.

Delegation of Authority

The authority of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the contract and to exercise the provisions contained therein, including termination provisions, is consistent with the authorities granted under the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the contract is \$7,628,216.62, inclusive of the contingency and other allowances. The project is being funded through the following funding sources:

Program	Budget	Funding Source
2000000534 BRIDGE REHABILITATION – COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS	FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Volume 3 – Transportation and Public Works, Page 78	Mobility Impact Fees
2000000538 ARTERIAL ROADS - COUNTYWIDE	FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Volume 3 – Transportation and Public Works, Page 97	Mobility Impact Fees

**OPERATIONS&
MAINTENANCE
COST
IMPACT/FUNDING:**

The annual estimated operations and maintenance costs impact will be approximately \$77,644.30 (roadway and bridge) and will be funded through the department's General Fund and Stormwater Utility Fund allocation.

**LIFE EXPECTANCY
OF ASSET:**

The bridge's life expectancy is approximately 75 years.

PTP FUNDING:

No

GOB FUNDING:

No

ARRA FUNDING:	No		
BID OPEN DATE:	12/03/2025		
BID BOND EXPIRES:	3/03/2026		
BID VALID UNTIL:	3/03/2026		
BID PACKAGES ISSUED:	Electronic Download		
BID RECEIVED:	3		
IG FEE INCLUDED IN BASE	Yes		
CONTRACT PERIOD	785 Calendar Days after NTP		
BASE CONTRACT AMOUNT:	\$6,889,436.34		
CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE (SECTION 2-8.1)	TYPE	PERCENT	AMOUNT
	Construction	10%	\$688,943.63
PERMIT ALLOWANCE	\$1,000.00		
OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (1%)	\$47,740.00		
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COST ASSOCIATED WITH UAP FEE (2%)	\$974.80		
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COST ASSOCIATED WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL FEE (0.25%)	\$121.85		

TOTAL AMOUNT:	\$7,628,216.62
PRIME CONTRACTOR:	Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders
COMPANY PRINCIPALS:	Matias Otero
COMPANY QUALIFIER:	Matias Otero
COMPANY EMAIL:	agustin@he-builders.com
COMPANY STREET ADDRESS:	2572 NE 182 Terrace
COMPANY CITY-STATE-ZIP:	North Miami Beach, Florida 33160
YEARS IN BUSINESS:	23
PREVIOUS CONTRACTS WITH COUNTY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS:	4
SUB-CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS:	Rander Construction
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS EXCEED LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:	NO
STANDARD PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND:	YES
REVIEW COMMITTEE:	MEETING DATE: N/A SIGNOFF DADE: 11/27/2024
RESPONSIBLE WAGES: (RESOLUTION No. R-54-10)	N/A
REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNED CONTRACT MEASURES:	TYPE GOAL SBE-CONST N/A CWP N/A
MANDATORY CLEARING HOUSE:	YES
SEA LEVEL RISE: (ORDINANCE 14-79)	N/A

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

N/A

**SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE: NO
(I.O. NO. 8-8)**

Track Record/Monitor

The designated staff contact to track and monitor this contract is DTPW Infrastructure Manager, Leo Salgueiro, (305)-375-2111, Leo.salgueiro@miamidade.gov.

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) conducted due diligence in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility including verifying corporate status and that no performance or compliance issues exist. The lists referenced included: Capital Improvements Information System, Small Business Development Division database, Sunbiz, Tax Collector's Office, convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. Also examined as part of this due diligence: Florida Division of Business and Professional Regulation and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in accordance with Resolution No. R-1181-18. In addition, the County conducted a Responsibility Meeting on February 27, 2026, with the apparent lowest bidder. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

There are no violations on record within the last three years for Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders. Within the last five years, Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders had 20 awarded construction contracts and 28 evaluations in the Capital Improvements Information System (CIIS), with an average rating of 3.7 out of a maximum of 4.0.

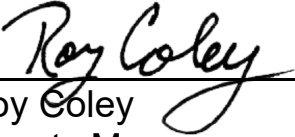
Background

The existing bridge (No. 874275) was built in 1942, and it is located along SW 42nd Avenue/LeJeune Road, between the Cartagena Plaza/Cocoplum Circle and Riviera Drive, crossing the Coral Gables Waterway. The project consists of improvements to the Cocoplum Circle. The bridge has numerous structural deficiencies found in the superstructure components, such as corrosion of the supporting steel beams, bearings, and expansion joint deterioration. Due to the structural deficiencies, the bridge is classified as structurally deficient and has been posted for reduced weight

limits. Additionally, the bridge is classified as functionally obsolete, as it does not meet current design criteria for deck geometry, bridge railings, roadway transitions, and approach guardrails.

Work under this contract includes the furnishing of all supervision, labor, materials, tools, and equipment. In addition, performing all operations required to construct the project in accordance with the contract documents, inclusive of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Replacement of Bridge No. 874275 over Coral Gables canal with a prefabricated steel truss bridge, including abutments, approach slabs, roadway work, drainage system improvements, lighting, new signage and pavement markings, tree removal and pruning, sodding, and removal and disposal of the existing bridge.
2. Improvements to Cocoplum Circle including, but not limited to, milling and resurfacing, construction of new splitter islands, new signage and pavement markings, drainage, lighting, curb and gutter, and sodding.



Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: November 17, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROJECT TITLED BRIDGE NO. 874275 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SW 42ND AVENUE (LEJEUNE ROAD) OVER CORAL GABLES WATERWAY, PROJECT NO. 20200214, BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND HOME EXPRESS CORP. DBA HE-BUILDERS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,628,216.62, INCLUSIVE OF A CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE AND ALLOWANCE ACCOUNTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING TERMINATION PROVISIONS

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: (a) incorporates the foregoing recital as if fully set forth herein; (b) approves the contract award between Miami-Dade County and Home Express Corp. dba HE-Builders for the project titled Bridge No. 874275, Bridge Replacement at SW 42nd Avenue (LeJeune Road) over Coral Gables Waterway in an amount not to exceed \$7,628,216.62, inclusive of a contingency allowance and allowance accounts. A complete set of contract documents is on file with and available upon request from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Procurement Services Division; and (c) authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the same and to exercise the provisions contained therein, including termination provisions.

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 17th day of November, 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

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into on the [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED],
by and between Miami-Dade County, Florida, acting by and through the Office of The
Mayor, party of the first part (hereinafter sometimes called the "County"), and
Home Express Corp. dba He-Builders
[REDACTED]
party of the second part (hereinafter sometimes called "Contractor");

W I T N E S S E T H

That the parties hereto, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows, to wit:

1. That the Contractor shall furnish all plant, labor, materials and equipment and perform all work in the manner and form provided by the Contract Documents covering the Project of the County known and identified as:

Bridge No. 874275 Bridge Replacement at SW 42nd Avenue (Lejeune Road) over Coral Gables Waterway.

for the amount reflected by the Proposal, based on the Contract unit prices shown in the Proposal heretofore provided by the County, a copy of said Proposal being a part of the Contract Documents, the aggregate amount of this Contract (the application of unit prices to the quantities actually performed) not to exceed:

Seven million, six hundred twenty eight thousand, two hundred sixteen dollars and sixty two cents

\$7,628,216.62

2. That the Contractor shall begin the work to be performed under this Contract on a day to be specified in a written order issued by the Engineer and shall fully complete all work hereunder within the time or times stated within the Contract Documents.
3. That the County shall pay to the Contractor for the faithful performance of this Contract, in lawful money of the United States, and subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents, the total amount of aggregate unit prices for work performed as set forth above at the times and in a manner stated in the General Covenants and Conditions of the Contract Documents.

4. It is further mutually agreed that if at any time after the execution of this Contract and the Performance Bond and Payment Bond, the County shall find the surety upon such bonds to be unsatisfactory, or if for any reason such bond shall become inadequate to cover the performance of the work, the Contractor shall at his own expense, within five (5) days after the receipt of notice from the County to do so, furnish an additional bond or bonds in such form and amount and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the County. In such event, no further payment to the Contractor shall be deemed to be due under this Contract until such new or additional surety shall have been furnished in a manner and form satisfactory to the County.

5. The "Contract Documents" are hereby defined as: (electronic check box)

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| ☒ Questionnaire | ☒ Proposal |
| ☒ Advertisement for Bids | ☒ Financial Statement |
| ☒ Instructions to Prospective Contractors | ☒ General Covenants and Conditions |
| ☒ Code and Ordinance Requirements | ☒ Additional Contractor |
| ☒ Protest Information | Responsibilities |
| ☒ Special Provisions | ☒ Applicable Federal Requirements |
| ☒ Combined Affidavit | ☒ Department of Business Development |
| ☒ Specific Code / Affidavits Applications | Provision |
| ☒ Ownership Disclosure Form | ☐ Wages and Benefits Provisions |
| ☐ Community Workforce Program; | ☒ Specifications |
| Job Order Request Form | ☒ Standards |
| ☒ Contract | ☒ Plans / Sketches |
| ☒ Bid Bond | ☒ All Addenda Issued |
| ☒ Performance and Payment Bond | ☐ Other |
| (if required, Bid Bond is required) | |

6. The terms and conditions of said Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein. The Contract Documents are complementary, so that a recital in one is tantamount to a recital in all, and the Contractor specifically acknowledges that he has read and understands all of said Contract Documents.

7. The various indemnities of the Contractor contained in the Contract Documents indemnifying the County from liability for damages to persons or property caused by acts, omissions, or defaults in the performance of the Contract Documents shall have a monetary limitation of the larger of the following: \$1,000,000.00, or the entire amount of the Contract.

8. The County retains the right to audit any and all information regarding this Contract as described in the Appendix A – Code and Ordinance Requirements, Section 21 and in the Instructions To Prospective Contractor, Section 19.

CONTRACT NO. 20200214

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract in four counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original Contract, all as of the day and year first herein before written.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

ATTEST: Juan Fernandez-Barquin
Clerk of the Board

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

(PARTY OF THE FIRST PART)

Approved For Sufficiency of Execution Only:

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

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WHEN THE CONTRACTOR IS A CORPORATION:

(CORPORATION SEAL)

ATTEST By: _____

(Secretary) Notary
MARISABEL CASTANEDA
(Print or type name)



MARISABEL CASTANEDA
Commission # HH 379163
Expires April 5, 2027

Home Express Corp DBA HE Builders
(Name of Corporation)

(Signature of Officer)

Matias Otero
(Print or type name)

Vice President
(Official Title)

6820 Indian Creek Dr.
(Address)

#601 Miami Beach, FL 33141
(Address)

Mailing
(PARTY OF THE SECOND PART)

* Attach to each counterpart a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporation authorizing the officer who signs the Contract, the Performance Bond and Payment Bond to do so in its behalf.