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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide an annual dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority through a new $2 rental car surcharge

Resolution No. R-136-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. **R-136-09**

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THROUGH A NEW $2 RENTAL CAR SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, Section 343.58, Florida Statutes, currently requires Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties to contribute $4.2 million each annually to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA); and

WHEREAS, even with these contributions, the SFRTA is currently suffering from budgetary shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, authorizing a new dedicated funding source for the SFRTA would relieve Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties from the possibility of increased annual subsidies to the SFRTA, and will help to expedite Miami-Dade County's implementation of the People's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, if successful in obtaining a new dedicated funding source, the SFRTA has committed to contribute a proportionate share of funds towards regional transit projects throughout the tri-county region including the following projects in Miami-Dade County:

a. The Northeast FEC Corridor;

b. The East-West/Dolphin Extension; and

c. The Kendall/Homestead Extension within; and

WHEREAS, a new $2 rental car surcharge is estimated to generate approximately $50 million annually that could be used to help fund the SFRTA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide an annual dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority through a new $2 rental car surcharge.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the Governing Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbying team to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2009 State Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. It was offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman aye

Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of February, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty