

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: June 30, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Department of Transportation to include the Underline, the Ludlam Trail, the Biscayne- Everglades Greenway and Black Creek Trail in the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Program, as well as funding for these trails in the 2015-16 state fiscal year budget

Resolution No. R-617-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.


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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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) 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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RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE THE UNDERLINE, THE LUDLAM TRAIL, THE BISCAYNE-EVERGLADES GREENWAY AND BLACK CREEK TRAIL IN THE FLORIDA SHARED-USE NONMOTORIZED TRAIL NETWORK PROGRAM, AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR THESE TRAILS IN THE 2015-16 STATE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

WHEREAS, during the recent 2015 Special Session A, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter No. 2015-22B Laws of Florida (Senate Bill 2514-A), which established the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail (“SunTrail”) network and provided for the annually recurring allocation of \$25 million to fund SunTrail projects; and

WHEREAS, the SunTrail network provides nonmotorized transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians statewide; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Rick Scott vetoed all of Miami-Dade County’s trail projects in the fiscal year 2015-16 state budget; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges that \$6.7 million of the \$25 million SunTrail fund be directed to Miami-Dade County trail projects in the 2015-16 fiscal year in the following amounts: \$2 million for the Underline, \$3 million for the Ludlam Trail, \$1.5 million for the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway, and \$200,000 for the Black Creek Trail; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Miami-Dade County’s Parks and Open Space System Master Plan (OSMP) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution No. R-171-08; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the OSMP includes Great Parks, Great Public Spaces, Great Natural and Cultural places, Great Streets, and a Great Network of Connected Greenway Trails and Water Trails; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade trail network consists of nonmotorized trails which allow bicyclists and pedestrians to access a variety of origins and destinations with limited exposure to motorized vehicles, and which connect or it is anticipated will be connected to the SunTrail network; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade trail network includes multiuse trails that by virtue of design, location, extent of connectivity or potential connectivity and allowable uses, provides nonmotorized transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians to communities, conservation areas, parks, beaches, and other natural or cultural attractions for a variety of travel purposes including work, school, shopping and other personal business, as well as social, recreational and personal fitness purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County trail network seeks to connect communities, improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, provide an accessible space for exercise, attract development along the trail's path, and generate a positive economic impact; and

WHEREAS, this Board has long supported projects geared towards enhancing the livelihood of Miami-Dade County residents while improving the environmental footprint and economic impact of our County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade is one of the most dangerous places to walk and bike in the country—the fourth most dangerous in the country for pedestrians and the most dangerous place in the state for bicyclists.

WHEREAS, funding of these projects will improve biking and walking safety and increase mobility and recreation alternatives for residents and visitors, enhance economic prosperity, enrich residents' quality of life, and reflect responsible environmental stewardship,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Department of Transportation to include the following trails and respective funding in the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Program in the 2015-16 state fiscal year budget: \$2 million for the Underline, \$3 million for the Ludlam Trail, \$1.5 million for the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway, and \$200,000 for the Black Creek Trail.

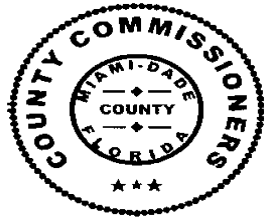
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues and funding set forth herein and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2016 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	absent		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent	Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 2015. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM/MP

Matthew Papkin