

Memorandum



Date: August 31, 2020

Agenda Item No. 5(Q)

To: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Resolution No. R-831-20

Subject: Resolution Retroactively Authorizing the County Mayor to Apply for Grant Funds in the Amount of \$99,999,999 from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Fiscal Year 2019, Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Discretionary Capital Investment Grant Program and Authorizing the Mayor to Receive and Expend Said Grant Funds for the South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Small Starts Project

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution retroactively authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$99,999,999 from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, Section 5309 Fixed Guideway (Section 5309) Discretionary Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program and authorizing the County Mayor to receive and expend said grant funds for the South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Small Starts Project (Project). It is further recommended that the Board authorize the receipt and expenditure of funds, as specified in the grant.

A Public Hearing is required in accordance with Federal regulations.

Scope

The scope of this item is countywide in nature. The South Corridor BRT Project extends along the existing South Dade Transitway from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City. The Project is located within Districts 7, 8 and 9, represented by Commissioners Xavier L. Suarez, Daniella Levine Cava and Dennis C. Moss, respectively.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The estimated FTA Small Starts project cost is \$299,940,163. The federal funding approved for this project is \$99,999,999. The remaining \$199,940,164 Small Starts project cost will be provided by matching funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Charter County Transportation System Surtax (Surtax).

On May 5, 2020, the Board approved Resolution No. R-353-20, authorizing a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with FDOT to provide up to \$100,000,000 in State FY 2020, New Starts Transportation Program funding. The FDOT funding represents 50 percent of the non-federal share of the Small Starts project cost. The County will match FDOT's share of the FTA Small Starts project cost (\$100,000,000), plus approximately \$3.46 million in pre-project development cost, bringing the County's participation to date to \$103,460,000.

Track Record/Monitor

The Grant Manager for this Agreement is Ed Carson, Manager, Grants Administration, Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Background

The FTA, Section 5309 CIG Program is a discretionary grant program in which projects are selected for funding based on eligibility and merit. The program provides funding for fixed guideway investments such as new and expanded rapid rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, bus rapid transit and ferries, as well as corridor-based bus rapid transit investments that emulate the features of rail. There are four categories of eligible projects under the CIG program: New Starts, Small Starts, Core Capacity and Programs of Interrelated Projects. Each type of project has a unique set of requirements and must be evaluated and rated by FTA in accordance with statutorily defined criteria at various points in the development process. To be eligible to receive a construction grant, all projects must go through a multi-step, multi-year process and receive at least a “Medium” overall rating, in addition to other requirements.

The South Dade Corridor BRT Project is a key element of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan adopted by the Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in 2016. On August 30, 2018, the TPO approved Resolutions No. R 31-18 and 32-18, which selected the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative and amended the Transportation Improvement Program and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to program \$100,000,000 local funds for the Project, respectively. On October 26, 2018, the FTA accepted the South Corridor Rapid Transit Small Project into Small Starts Project Development. Subsequently, on August 23, 2019, the County submitted a Small Starts application to the FTA for \$99,999,999 in FY 2019 Section 5309 Discretionary CIG Program funding. On February 10, 2020, the FTA released their Annual Report on Funding Recommendations, where the South Corridor BRT Project received a rating of “High”, further advancing the project towards a construction grant agreement. On May 29, 2020, the U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced the South Corridor Rapid Transit Small Starts Project was selected to receive \$99,999,999 for a construction grant agreement with the FTA. To receive the CIG funding, DTPW is required to submit an electronic grant application to the FTA in substantially the form attached.

The County is currently in the process of awarding a Design/Build contract for the development of the Project. The Project is to be developed within the existing public right-of-way between the Dadeland South Metrorail Station and SW 344th Street in Florida City and will include 14 new BRT stations at existing station locations and modifications to two existing terminals, one at the SW 344th Street Park-and-Ride and one at the Dadeland South Metrorail station. Improvements and modifications will include milling and resurfacing along sections of the 20-mile corridor, reconstruction of approximately 45 intersections with the implementation of new signalization with preemption, rail-like traffic control devices and Intelligent Transportation Systems. Revenue service is expected to begin by Summer 2022. The estimated completion date of the Project is Fall 2022.



Jennifer Moon
Deputy Mayor

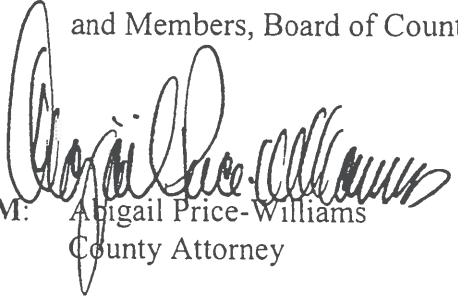


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 31, 2020

FROM: 
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(Q)

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
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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8-31-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-831-20

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,999,999.00 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, FISCAL YEAR 2019 SECTION 5309 FIXED GUIDEWAY DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH CORRIDOR RAPID TRANSIT SMALL STARTS PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT AND OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT SHOULD SUCH FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted on Miami-Dade County's Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, Section 5309 Fixed Guideway (Section 5309) Discretionary Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Small Starts Program application as described in the accompanying memorandum,

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

Section 1. Retroactively authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$99,999,999.00 from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), FTA FY 2019, Section 5309 CIG Program for the South Corridor Rapid Transit Small Starts Project.

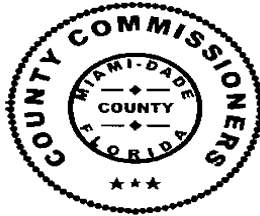
Section 2. Further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute and file a grant application with the USDOT, FTA in substantially the form of the templates attached to this resolution in the amount of \$99,999,999.00 in FTA, FY 2019 Section 5309 Discretionary CIG Program grants funding for the South Corridor Rapid Transit Small Starts Project and also to provide all necessary supporting documentation.

Section 3. Further authorizes receipt and expenditure of funds received pursuant to such application and agreement and further authorizes receipt and expenditure of any additional funds should they become available.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 31st day of August, 2020. 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	1089-2020-4
Temporary Application Number	1089-2020-4
Application Name	DTPW- FY 2019 FTA Section 5309 Small Starts South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Miami FL
Application Status	In-Progress
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2025
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: MIAMI-DADE, COUNTY OF

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	Recipient DUNS
1089	County Agency	Miami Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works	135722747

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	111 NW 1ST St Ste 2550	Miami	FL	33128
Physical Address	701 NW First Ct Ste 1300	Miami	FL	33136
Mailing Address	111 NW 1ST	MIAMI	FL	33128

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State	FL
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State	Florida
Zipcode	33025
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Website	
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State	Florida
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