

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 7

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

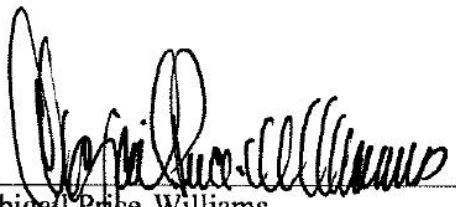
DATE: October 26, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and implement a plan to improve security at all Metrorail and Metromover stations, including posting sworn officers from the Miami-Dade County Police Department (MDPD) at such stations, and providing MDPD's Real Time Crime Center with access to the Department of Transportation and Public Works' closed circuit television system; directing the County Mayor to allocate \$10,000,000.00 from legally available funds, including to the extent available, from any Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds allocated to the County by the Federal Transit Administration, to accomplish this plan; and requiring a report

Resolution No. R-1136-20

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



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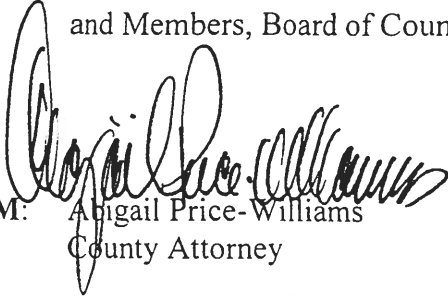


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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
- ☐ 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 _____

Special Item No. 7
10-26-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-1136-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT ALL METRORAIL AND METROMOVER STATIONS, INCLUDING POSTING SWORN OFFICERS FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (MDPD) AT SUCH STATIONS, AND PROVIDING MDPD'S REAL TIME CRIME CENTER WITH ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ALLOCATE \$10,000,000.00 FROM LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE, FROM ANY CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PLAN; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2, which causes an infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), emerged; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern;" and on March 11, 2020, given the alarming levels of spread and the severity of the virus, declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19:

(a) on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida;

(b) on March 12, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a state of local emergency for all of Miami-Dade County, which has since been extended; and

(c) on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency and imposed travel restrictions between the United States and several countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, to help curb the spread of COVID-19, many state and local governments throughout the country ordered non-essential businesses to close and strongly urged residents to be safer at home; and

WHEREAS, to help blunt the impact of the economic downturn set in motion by the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed, and on March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law, H.R. 748, the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (the “CARES Act”); and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act is a \$2 trillion stimulus package which provided, among other things, \$25 billion to transit agencies to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this \$25 billion of CARES Act funds for transit agencies will be disbursed through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportionments to the FTA’s urbanized area and rural area formula programs for capital and operating activities undertaken in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has allocated approximately \$222.6 million to the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to help respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the safety of residents and visitors using Miami-Dade County’s Metrorail and Metromover systems has been and remains a top priority of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the restrictions and the general public's adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines on social distancing in response to COVID-19 has resulted in a reduction in ridership levels on the County's transit systems, including on the Metrorail and the Metromover systems; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, unscrupulous characters have at times sought to take advantage of the sometimes less populated Metrorail and Metromover cars to carry out senseless criminal acts; and

WHEREAS, according to media reports, there have been four recent incidents in which transit users have been senselessly and viciously attacked while on the Metromover system; and

WHEREAS, these vicious and senseless attacks could deter residents and visitors from using the Metrorail and Metromover systems; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the DTPW, presently operates a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system of cameras throughout the Metrorail and Metromover systems, and presently pays private armed security guards to patrol the Metrorail and Metromover systems; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to enhance the current levels of security at Metrorail and Metromover stations by, including but not limited to, posting sworn officers from the Miami-Dade County Police Department ("MDPD") at such stations, and providing the MDPD's Real Time Crime Center with access to DTPW's CCTV system,

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

Section 1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor to develop and implement a plan to improve security at all Metrorail and Metromover stations, including by: (i) posting sworn officers from

the Miami-Dade County Police Department (MDPD) at such stations for as long as the state of local emergency for Miami-Dade County related to coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) remains in effect, and thereafter at the County Mayor’s discretion; and (ii) providing MDPD’s Real Time Crime Center with access to the Department of Transportation and Public Works’ closed-circuit television system.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor to allocate \$10,000,000.00 from legally available funds to accomplish the plan required by section 2 of this resolution (the “plan”), including, to the extent available, from any Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds allocated by the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor to provide a written report detailing the plan and the status of its implementation within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of this pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, 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
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of October, 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke