

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

DATE: October 22, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing support of
the final Better Bus Network
with certain exceptions;
directing the County Mayor to
take all actions necessary,
including but not limited to the
coordination with Transit
Alliance Miami and preparation
of the appropriate agenda item
for this Board's consideration
after a public hearing pursuant to
section 2-150(b) of the Code, to
implement the Better Bus
Network with certain exceptions
and to prepare status reports

Resolution No. R-1100-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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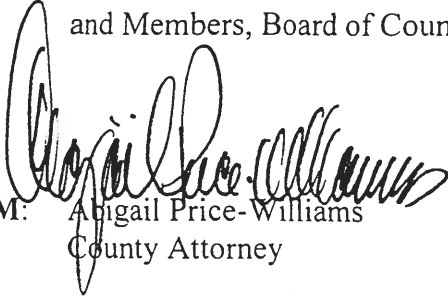


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 _____	Amended Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)
Veto _____		10-22-20
Override _____		

RESOLUTION NO. **R-1100-20**

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE FINAL BETTER BUS NETWORK WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE COORDINATION WITH TRANSIT ALLIANCE MIAMI AND PREPARATION OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS BOARD’S CONSIDERATION AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-150(B) OF THE CODE, TO IMPLEMENT THE BETTER BUS NETWORK WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO PREPARE STATUS REPORTS

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance Miami (“Transit Alliance”) is a non-profit advocacy organization that has produced extensive research on the Miami-Dade County bus network; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019 this Board adopted Resolution No. R-509-19 and expressed unanimous support for the “Better Bus Project,” a project redesigning the County bus network; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance has since produced at least two reports analyzing the existing bus system and outlining possibilities for the new bus network; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance has also gathered community and stakeholder input to develop a network focusing on (1) maximizing ridership and (2) maximizing coverage; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network, which is attached and incorporated herein, has been updated with the latest travel patterns during the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network no longer relies on municipal trolleys and includes a resilience plan to allow the Department of Transportation and Public Works to plan for future service changes; and

WHEREAS, the final Better Bus Network, in comparison with the existing bus network:

1. Increases the percentage of County residents near frequent service from 10 percent to 23 percent, bringing frequent service to 353,000 additional residents;
2. Increases the percentage of jobs near frequent service from 20 percent to 36 percent, bringing frequent service closer to 175,000 additional jobs;
3. Increases by 31 percent the number of jobs which the average County resident can reach via transit and walking within 60 minutes;
4. Provides frequent service near 28 percent of residents in poverty and 23 percent of residents of color, compared to 12 percent and 9 percent, respectively, with the existing bus network; and

WHEREAS, section 2-150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), sets forth how the County makes changes or modifications to Miami-Dade transit service, fares, and rate structure; and

WHEREAS, major service changes, as provided for in section 2-150(b) of the Code, require a public hearing and Board approval; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to express its support of the final Better Bus Network, subject to the necessary public hearing process required by section 2-150(b) of the Code,

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

Section 1. Expresses its support of the final Better Bus Network, with the exception of the service adjustments delineated in section 2 below, and subject to the necessary public hearing process and final Board consideration for final adoption as required by section 2-150(b) of the Code.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to take all actions necessary, including but not limited to the coordination with Transit Alliance Miami and preparation of the appropriate agenda item for this Board's consideration after a public hearing pursuant to section 2-150(b) of the Code, to implement the Better Bus Network with the exception of the following service adjustments which shall not be implemented:

1. Any service adjustments to routes servicing the West Perrine neighborhood, specifically any adjustments which move service from SW 104th Avenue to SW 107th Avenue; and

2. Any service adjustments to routes 35/35A which seek to eliminate or modify the stop near the Community Health of South Florida, Inc., located at 10300 SW 216th Street Miami, FL 33190; and

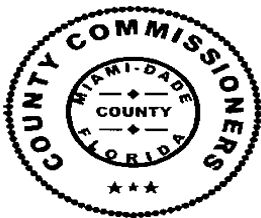
3. Any service adjustments that increase the interval between services on route 35A by 30 minutes or that utilize a jitney to service the route.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to place a status report within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution, and every 45 days thereafter, on an agenda of the Board in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65 until such time that the agenda item referenced in Section 2 above is placed on an agenda of this Board.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bruce Libhaber", written over a horizontal line.

Annery Pulgar Alfonso
Bruce Libhaber

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Final Better Bus Network

Routes by Weekday Midday Frequency

- 10 minutes or less
- 15 minutes
- 20 minutes
- 30 minutes
- 40-60 minutes

Map Symbols

- Rail
- Trolley Service
- Transit Hub
- Express Service
- End of route
- Route continues at lower frequency

0 1 2 3 4 5 Miles

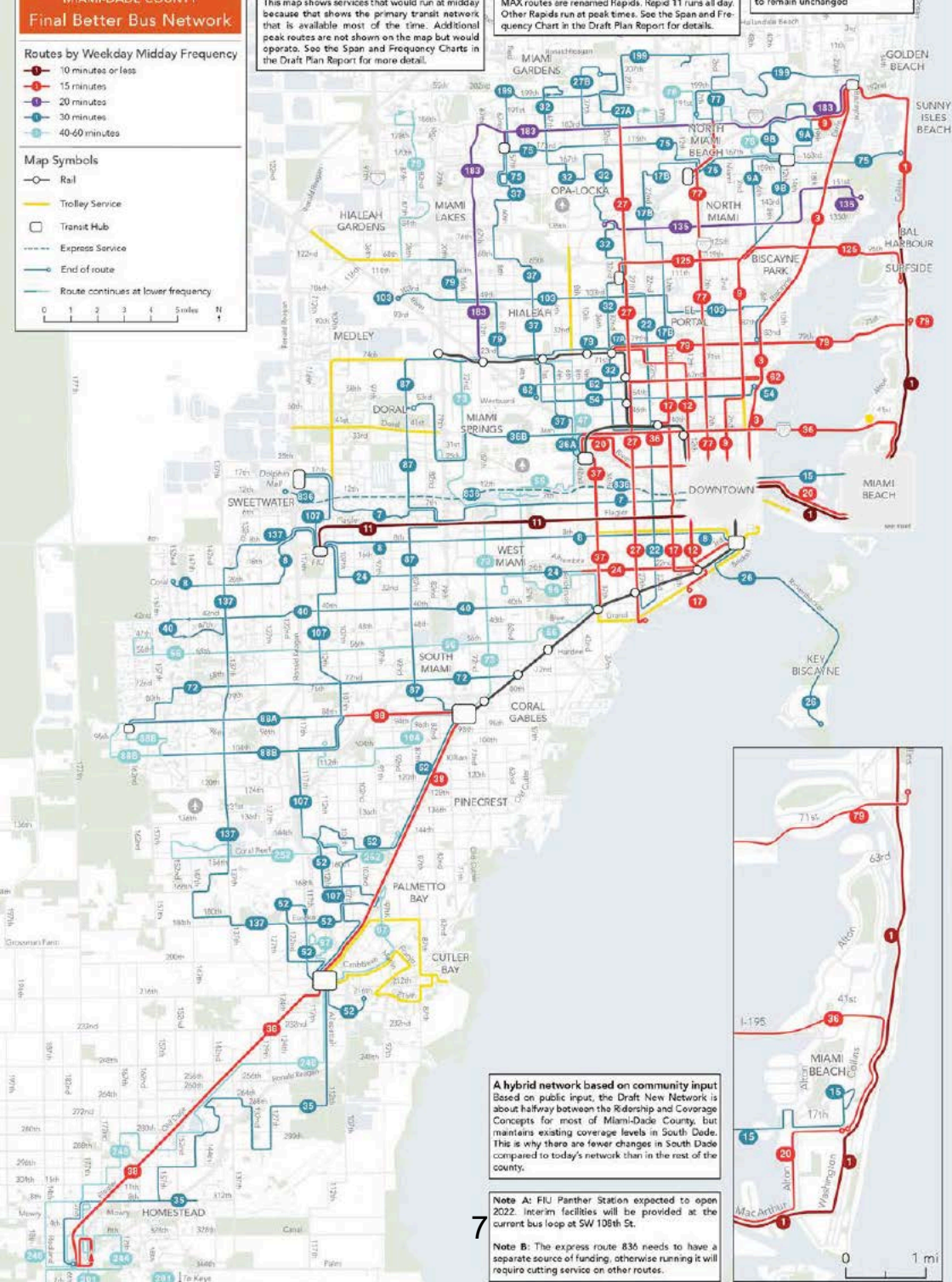
What about peak service?

This map shows services that would run at midday because that shows the primary transit network that is available most of the time. Additional peak routes are not shown on the map but would operate. See the Span and Frequency Charts in the Draft Plan Report for more detail.

Where are MAX Routes?

MAX routes are renamed Rapids. Rapid 11 runs all day. Other Rapids run at peak times. See the Span and Frequency Chart in the Draft Plan Report for details.

Broward County services presumed to remain unchanged



A hybrid network based on community input
Based on public input, the Draft New Network is about halfway between the Ridership and Coverage Concepts for most of Miami-Dade County, but maintains existing coverage levels in South Dade. This is why there are fewer changes in South Dade compared to today's network than in the rest of the county.

Note A: FIU Panther Station expected to open 2022. Interim facilities will be provided at the current bus loop at SW 108th St.

Note B: The express route 836 needs to have a separate source of funding, otherwise running it will require cutting service on other routes.