

MEMORANDUM

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

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to provide a plan to
prioritize replacement of the Bear
Cut Bridge

Resolution No. R-75-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 19, 2022

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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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R-75-22
RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A PLAN TO
PRIORITIZE REPLACEMENT OF THE BEAR CUT BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Bear Cut Bridge was constructed in 1944, and is currently owned, operated and maintained by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Bear Cut Bridge provides connectivity to the Rickenbacker Causeway, the only vehicular artery serving the Village of Key Biscayne; and

WHEREAS, millions of vehicles and hundreds of thousands of bicycles cross the Bear Cut Bridge every year; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Bear Cut Bridge makes it susceptible to salt erosion and other environmental factors which may weaken the structure; and

WHEREAS, Bear Cut Bridge may also be vulnerable to impacts from major hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Village of Key Biscayne have repeatedly advocated for a replacement of Bear Cut Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the residents of Miami-Dade County is of utmost concern to this Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, widening and rehabilitation of the bridge was performed; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the County undertook major rehabilitation at Bear Cut Bridge, including partial substructure replacement, roadway milling and resurfacing, new lightening and widening; and

WHEREAS, in October 2021, the County began the design process to address deficiencies found in the substructure components of the Bear Cut bridge; and

WHEREAS, deficiencies to be addressed include delaminations, cracks and spalls at the columns, pier caps, piles and pile caps, seawall bulkhead cap and panels, slope protection and main girders; and

WHEREAS, in addition, previous pile repairs, such as pile jackets and cathodic protection will be evaluated and repaired as part of the County's repairs to the bridge; and

WHEREAS, design is expected to be completed in Spring 2023 with construction expected to begin Winter 2023; and

WHEREAS, it may not be in the best interest of the County to continue to repair Bear Cut Bridge; and

WHEREAS, there may be federal funds that could be used for the replacement of Bear Cut Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of Bear Cut Bridge may be a better solution for the continued viability of the Bear Cut Bridge; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the replacement of the Bear Cut Bridge be prioritized,

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

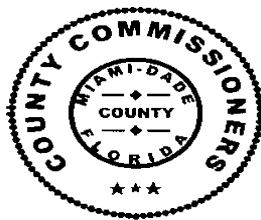
Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop a plan to prioritize the replacement of the Bear Cut Bridge. The plan shall include the use of all available federal infrastructure funds for the replacement of Bear Cut Bridge.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a written report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding the directive as outlined in section 1. The completed report to this Board shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board, without committee review, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of January, 2022. 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.
Melanie J. Spencer

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