

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: February 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the President
of the United States, the United
States Department of
Transportation, and the United
States Federal Highway
Administration to allocate
additional funding for bridge
infrastructure projects under
the 2021 Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs Act to the
State of Florida

Resolution No. R-165-22

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



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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 _____

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2-15-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-165-22

RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) into law; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA provides, among other things, \$110,000,000,000.00 of funding over five years from Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through FY 2026 to rebuild roads and bridges across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the implementation of the IIJA, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced \$26,500,000,000.00 in funding for the replacement, repair, and rehabilitation of bridges to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Tribal governments over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, USDOT specifically announced that Florida currently has 408 bridges in poor condition and that Florida will receive roughly \$245,000,000.00 to repair and improve its bridges over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the \$245,000,000.00 in funding allocated to Florida’s bridges represents less than one percent of the approximately \$26,500,000,000.00 in federal funding through the IIJA’s Bridge Formula Program; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 21, 2022, United States Senators Marco Rubio (R – FL) and Rick Scott (R – FL) and five other members of Congress requested the Secretary of Transportation to reconsider and increase the bridge infrastructure funding allocated to the State of Florida, enumerating therein several reasons why the \$245,000,000.00 allocated to Florida is insufficient and should be recalculated; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the nation’s third most populous state with its population increasing at record rates; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s bridge infrastructure is a critical component of Florida’s transportation system, especially in Miami-Dade County and in Florida’s many populous coastal communities that attract millions of domestic and international visitors, and investments in Florida’s bridge infrastructure are critically important to the safety and quality of life of Florida’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need to fund and support Florida’s critical bridge infrastructure, this Board urges the President, the USDOT, and FHWA to reconsider and increase the allocation of funding for the replacement, repair, and rehabilitation of Florida’s bridges under the IIJA,

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

Section 1. Urges the President of the United States, USDOT, and FHWA to reconsider and increase the allocation of funding for bridge infrastructure projects under the IIJA to the State of Florida.

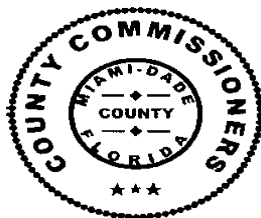
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg, and FHWA Executive Director Thomas D. Everett.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2022 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent	Joe A. Martinez	absent
Kionne L. McGhee	absent	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 15th day of February, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Andrea Gonzalez Mateo