

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

**DATE:** April 19, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Secretary of Transportation to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor; directing the County Mayor to: (1) take all necessary steps to nominate U.S. Highway 1 within Miami-Dade County as an alternative fuel corridor, including submitting a nomination to the Federal Highway Administration; (2) coordinate with the South Florida Regional Planning Council to identify opportunities for regional collaboration on the effort to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor; and (3) provide a status report

Resolution No. R-378-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

GBK/jp



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** April 19, 2022

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item Not. 11(A)(11)  
4-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-378-22

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE U.S. HIGHWAY 1 AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO: (1) TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO NOMINATE U.S. HIGHWAY 1 WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR, INCLUDING SUBMITTING A NOMINATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; (2) COORDINATE WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON THE EFFORT TO DESIGNATE U.S. HIGHWAY 1 AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR; AND (3) PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT

**WHEREAS**, section 151 of title 23 of the United States Code requires the United States Secretary of Transportation to “designate national electric vehicle charging and hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling corridors that identify the near- and long-term need for, and location of,” infrastructure for charging and fueling alternative fuel vehicles along major national highways; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these alternative fuel corridor designations is “to support changes in the transportation sector that help achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and improve the mobility of passenger and commercial vehicles that employ electric, hydrogen fuel cell, propane, and natural gas fueling technologies across the United States”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, enacted by the United States Congress as Public Law No. 117-58, established two grant programs to fund alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure along alternative fuel corridors, known as the Discretionary Grant Program for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure, and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for publicly accessible charging and fueling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles is increasing in Miami-Dade County as more people are choosing to drive alternative fuel vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County currently has three corridors designated as National Alternative Fuel Corridors, as depicted in blue on exhibit 1, which is attached and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Highway 1 is an important, well-traveled roadway that is not currently designated as an alternative fuel corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2022, the Federal Highway Administration issued a Request for Nominations for Designation of Alternative Fuel Corridors, soliciting nominations from state and local officials for roadways to designate as alternative fuel corridors, with a submission deadline of May 13, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Highway 1 within Miami-Dade County, as depicted in red in exhibit 1, is ideal for designation as an alternative fuel corridor for the following reasons, among others:

- It is part of the National Highway System;
- Within Miami-Dade County it is about 60 miles in length and provides access to Downtown Miami, Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, and the Florida Keys;

- Approximately 28 miles of U.S. Highway 1 located in Miami-Dade County is a multi-modal transportation corridor that includes heavy rail, bus rapid transit and a bicycle/pedestrian trail; and
- The portion of U.S. Highway 1 located in Miami-Dade County carries between 30,000 and 80,000 annual average daily trips; and

**WHEREAS**, the numerous travelers on U.S. Highway 1, both nationally and within Miami-Dade County, would benefit from increased electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other alternative fuel infrastructure, and therefore U.S. Highway 1 should be designated as an alternative fuel corridor, whether nationally or within Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida Regional Planning Council represents the geographic area of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties, and the Council's board consists of county and municipal elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, and ex-officio representatives from the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's many duties is to coordinate transportation policies across the South Florida region; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County should coordinate with the South Florida Regional Planning Council to identify opportunities for regional collaboration on the effort to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board therefore wishes to: (1) urge the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor; (2) direct the County Mayor to take all necessary steps to nominate U.S. Highway 1 within Miami-Dade County as an alternative fuel

corridor; and (3) direct the County Mayor to coordinate with the South Florida Regional Planning Council to identify opportunities for regional collaboration on the effort to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the United States Secretary of Transportation to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to: (1) take all necessary steps to nominate U.S. Highway 1 within Miami-Dade County as an alternative fuel corridor, including submitting a nomination to the Federal Highway Administration; (2) coordinate with the South Florida Regional Planning Council to identify opportunities for regional collaboration on the effort to designate U.S. Highway 1 as an alternative fuel corridor; and (3) provide a status report to this Board regarding the actions taken to comply with this directive within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place said report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the United States President, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of Transportation, and the Executive Director of the Federal Highway Administration.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2022 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

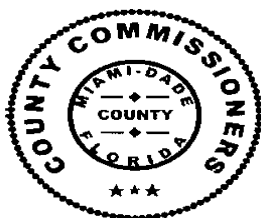
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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

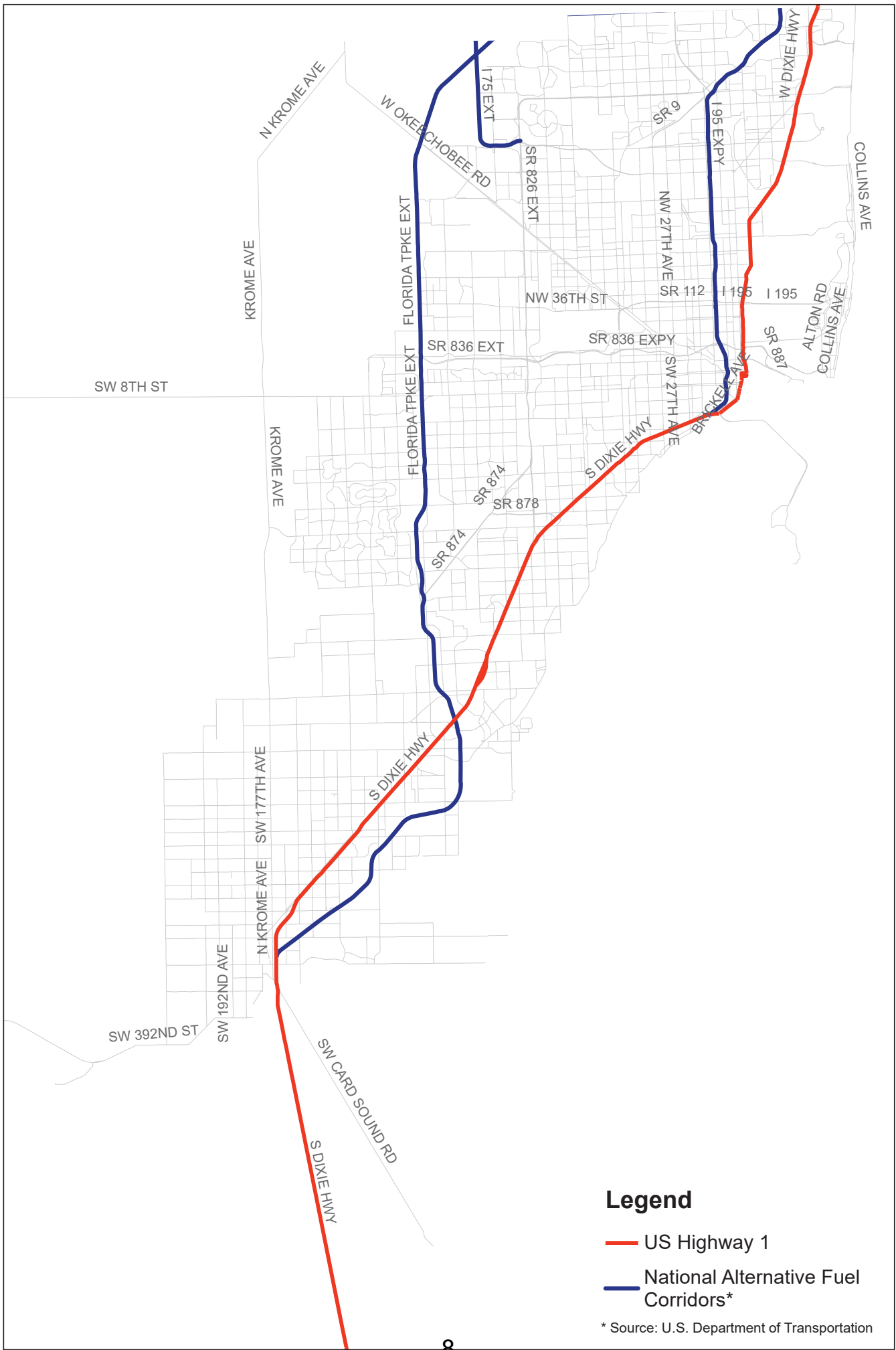


By: **Basia Pruna**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

*CJW*

Christopher J. Wahl  
Annery Pulgar Alfonso



8

Exhibit 1: Existing and Proposed Alternative Fuel Corridors