

Date: April 18, 2023

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor



Resolution No. R-360-23

Subject: Recommendation for Approval of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust Resolution Recommending an Amendment to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan to Add the Planning and Design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements Funded in Part by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds

Executive Summary

The attached item is being placed on the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at the request of Javier Betancourt, Executive Director of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), for approval.

The Five-Year Implementation Plan was established pursuant to the ordinance governing the activities of the CITT (Ordinance 02-116), as amended by the BCC on September 21, 2010. The procedure to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan includes that such proposals shall be initially reviewed by the Trust, which shall forward a recommendation to the Board. The Trust recommends the amendment of the Five-Year Implementation Plan to include the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements project. Of the project cost of \$6,000,000, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide 50 percent, with the balance (\$3,000,000) being funded by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds. The grant agreement with FDOT for them to provide the funds was approved by the Board on February 21, 2023, and requires a local match of 50 percent of the project cost.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the resolution by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) recommending an amendment to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to add the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements project. Of the project cost of \$6,000,000, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide 50 percent, with the balance 50 percent (\$3,000,000) being funded by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds.

This agenda item is placed for Committee review pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-124(f). The item may only be approved by the Board if CITT has forwarded a recommendation prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or 45 days have elapsed since the filing of the item with the Clerk of the Board. The CITT approved a resolution of support on February 2022, 2023.

Scope

The South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path project scope consists of developing the planning and design for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the South Dade TransitWay, from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City. Moreover, as the only continuous non-vehicular shared-use path in the area, the project seeks to deliver additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access from the adjacent communities to transit services along the TransitWay.

The impact of this item is countywide in nature. The South Dade Trail is part of the SMART Trails Master Plan, developed as a multifaceted SMART Plan implementation effort, providing additional ADA connectivity between the South Dade TransitWay bus stops and the surrounding communities, including first-last-mile (FLM) connections.

Delegation of Authority

Pursuant to Section 2-8.3 of the County Code, there are no delegations of authority beyond those specified in the attached resolution.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The estimated total project cost is \$6,000,000, of which FDOT provides \$3,000,000. The local match of \$3,000,000 will be provided using bond proceeds from the Charter County Transportation System Surtax Funds. For FY 2023, state funding is provided through Specific Appropriation 1988A of House Bill 5001, through the Local Transportation Projects Program. The required local project is included in the County's 2022-23 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan under Project No. 3006422 and Program No. 2000002956.

Track Record/Monitor

The project will be monitored by Irene Hegedus, DTPW Chief, Transportation Enhancements Division.

Background

The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan is a comprehensive plan which advances six rapid transit corridors and a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) service to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County. The South Corridor is one of the SMART Plan corridors, that is currently under construction with anticipated completion in the first half of 2024. The Department of Transportation and Public Works has identified a need to provide South Dade Trail enhancements as it is an important component of the South Corridor Rapid Transit Solution to provide safe and secure pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access from adjacent communities to the transit services along the South Dade TransitWay corridor.

On June 2, 2022, the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (House Bill 5001) was signed into law, and the County was appropriated funds for the planning and design services to develop a design criteria plan for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the South Dade Trail off-road mobility multi-modal corridor from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City.

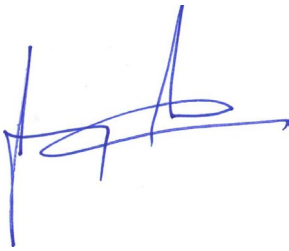
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With this planning and design effort, DTPW intends to identify potential First and Last Mile connections by advancing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis while evaluating the feasibility review of the TPO's "South Dade TransitWay Intersection Areas Analysis" completed June 16, 2022, which focused on:

1. Identifying connectivity and accessibility gaps on pedestrian crossings and bicycle facilities network within one-half mile of the South Corridor TransitWay; and
2. Identifying viable bicycle and pedestrian facility projects for future implementation in order to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access to the transit services along the South Dade TransitWay.

The goal is to develop a project that provides additional ADA connectivity between the South Dade TransitWay bus stops and the surrounding communities given that many of the local streets along the TransitWay do not currently have sidewalks, forcing pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles to find a longer path to get to the major corridors that do have direct ADA access to the TransitWay.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



Memorandum

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director
Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

Date: February 15, 2023

Re: Amendment to FY2023-27 PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan Update of the Peoples' Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path enhancements project

The purpose of this memorandum is to present an amendment to the FY2023-27 Five-Year Implementation Plan update of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to add South Dade trail shared-use path enhancements project which will be funded in part by the Charter County Transportation Surtax funds.

In accordance with Ordinance 02-116, it is necessary to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path enhancements project before the project can be eligible for Charter County Transportation Surtax funding. If approved, this project will be included in the eleventh annual update of the five-year implementation plan.

The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan is a comprehensive program that advances six rapid transit corridors and a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) service in order to implement mass transit solutions throughout Miami-Dade County. The South Corridor is one of the SMART Plan corridors, that is currently under construction with anticipated completion in the first half of 2024. The Department of Transportation and Public Works has identified a need to provide South Dade Trail enhancements as it is an important component of the South Corridor Rapid Transit Solution to provide safe and secure pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access from adjacent communities to the transit services along the South Dade TransitWay corridor.

The South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path extends for approximately 20-miles, running along the South Miami-Dade TransitWay from Dadeland South Metrorail Station in the north to SW 344th Street (W Palm Drive) in Florida City in the South. The trail connects communities from South Miami to Homestead. At Dadeland South Metrorail Station Kiss and Ride facility, the trail will connect to the future Underline and will allow for pedestrians and bicyclists to connect to the Miami River in Downtown Miami.

The planning and design services for South Dade trail shared-use path enhancements project intends to identify potential First and Last Mile (FLM) connections by advancing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis while evaluating the feasibility review of bicycle and pedestrian connectivity

and accessibility gaps in the vicinity of the transit corridor. The project also provides additional ADA connectivity between the South Dade TransitWay bus stops and the surrounding communities given that many of the local streets along the TransitWay do not currently have sidewalks. The proposed project will study the entirety of the 20-mile corridor and propose a series of comprehensive enhancements to address existing deficiencies and maximize user access to the TransitWay.

The proposed improvements will be undertaken within the 100' Right-of-Way of the existing South Dade Transitway (which includes the South Dade Trail). The Transitway is considered a "fixed guideway" as defined under the transit statutes within 49 U.S. Code § 5302, and therefore the proposed improvements are integral to Miami-Dade's efforts to extend and enhance transit service. The South Dade Trail project is intended to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access to the current and future bus transit services along the South Dade TransitWay. To the extent the project establishes such connectivity to transit services, that portion of the project is eligible to be funded with surtax funds pursuant to section 212.055, Florida Statutes.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) programmed the sum of \$6,000,000 as funding for this project in its 5-year work program under Item Number 450910-1 in State Fiscal Year 2023. and such funds will be available on a reimbursement basis on or after July 1, 2022. FDOT agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) share, for the planning and design services to develop a design criteria plan, in the amount of \$3,000,000; and, DTPW desires to use Charter County Transportation Surtax funding as the required remaining 50% in the amount of \$3,000,000 in local match.

Your approval and adoption is recommended. The project detail form with project information is herein incorporated by reference and attached. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

cc: Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer, Office of the Mayor
Eulois Cleckley, Director and CEO, Department of Transportation and Public Works
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney

ATTACHMENT

South-Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements

Department	Transit	PTP Category	Post-Unification
Project Category	Rapid Transit Improvements	Project Phase	Planning and Design
Project Begin Date	4/3/2023	Phase Begin Date	4/3/2023
Project Implementation Date	10/1/2027	Phase End Date	4/30/2026
Project Completion Percentage	0%	Phase Completion Percentage	0%
Amount by Funding Source(s)	PTP-\$3,000,000 FDOT-\$3,000,000	Project/Contract No.	CIP274/TBD
Amount Spent as of 9/30/2021	\$0	Commission District(s)	7,8,9
Capital Budget Project #	2000002956	Site #	3006422

Project Description:

The South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path enhancements project, extends for approximately 20-miles, running along the South Miami-Dade TransitWay between SW 344 Street (W Palm Drive) in the Florida City and the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. The trail connects communities from South Miami to Homestead. At Dadeland South Metrorail Station Kiss and Ride facility, the trail will connect to the future Underline and will allow for pedestrians and bicyclists to connect to the Miami River in Downtown Miami. The South Dade Trail will be enhanced to provide for a shared use path with sufficient width, intersection improvements to increase safety and promote first and last connections to the new BRT stations and renovated bus shelters and identify new connections to adjacent communities. The new enhancements will accommodate for lighting, intersection improvements, signage, site furniture and equipment, landscaping, drainage, and certain amenities.

On June 2, 2022, the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (House Bill 5001) was signed into law, and the County was appropriated funds for planning and design services to develop a design criteria plan for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the South Dade Trail Multi-Use Mobility Corridor from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City. With this planning and design effort, DTPW intends to identify potential First and Last Mile (FLM) connections by advancing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis while evaluating and expanding the feasibility review of the TPO's "South Dade TransitWay Intersection Areas Analysis", which was completed on June 16, 2022. The TPO analysis focused on: Identifying connectivity and accessibility gaps on pedestrian crossings and bicycle facilities networks within one-half mile of the South Corridor TransitWay; Identifying viable bicycle and pedestrian facility projects for future implementation in order to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access to the transit services along the South Dade TransitWay.

The goal is to develop a project that provides additional ADA connectivity between the South Dade TransitWay

bus stops and the surrounding communities given that many of the local streets along the TransitWay do not currently have sidewalks. The lack of access makes it such that pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles are required to traverse longer distances to access corridors that do have direct ADA access in order to patronize the TransitWay. The proposed planning and design effort will study the entirety of the 20-mile corridor and propose a series of comprehensive enhancements to address existing deficiencies and maximize access to the TransitWay. It should be noted that the entirety of the proposed improvements will be undertaken within the 100' Right-of-Way of the existing South Dade Transitway (which includes the South Dade Trail). The Transitway is considered a "fixed guideway" as defined under the transit statutes within 49 USC Chapter 53, and therefore the proposed improvements are integral to Miami-Dade's efforts to extend and enhance transit service. The project term under the grant ends September 30, 2026, with design to be completed by April 30, 2026.

The South Dade Trail project is intended to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access to the current and future bus transit services along the South Dade TransitWay. To the extent the project establishes such connectivity to transit services, that portion of the project is eligible to be funded with surtax funds pursuant to section 212.055, Florida Statutes.

Project Status:

Project not yet started.

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year	Baseline PTP Cost Estimate	Cost Increase (Decrease)	Current PTP Cost Estimate	Actual PTP Expenditures	Estimated Remaining PTP Balance	Baseline Completion Date	Current Completion Date
FY 2021	\$3,000,000	-	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	April 2026	April 2026

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2023-27 UPDATE OF THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO INCLUDE THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE SOUTH DADE TRAIL SHARED-USE PATH ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to include the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements Project along the TransitWay from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City before the project can be eligible for Charter County Transportation Surtax funding; and

WHEREAS, the South Dade Trail extends for approximately 20-miles, running along the South Miami-Dade TransitWay connecting communities from South Miami to Homestead. At Dadeland South Metrorail Station Kiss-and-Ride facility, the trail will connect to the future Underline and will allow for pedestrians and bicyclists to connect to the Miami River in Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Works desires to enhance the South Dade Trail to provide for a shared-use path with sufficient width, intersection improvements to increase safety and promote first and last connections and ADA accessibility to the new BRT stations and renovated bus shelters and identify new connections to adjacent communities given that many local streets along the TransitWay do not currently have sidewalks, and that the lack of

access makes it such that pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles are required to traverse longer distances to access the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the project will study the entirety of the 20-mile corridor and propose a series of comprehensive enhancements to address existing deficiencies and maximize access to the TransitWay; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the proposed improvements will be undertaken within the 100' Right-of-Way of the existing South Dade Transitway (which includes the South Dade Trail), which is considered a "fixed guideway" as defined under the transit statutes within 49 U.S. Code §5302; and

WHEREAS, South Dade Trail project is intended to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access to the current and future bus transit services along the South Dade TransitWay, to the extent the project establishes such connectivity to transit services, that portion of the project is eligible to be funded with surtax funds pursuant to section 212.055, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are integral to Miami-Dade's efforts to extend and enhance transit service; and

WHEREAS, DTPW received approval of a grant application in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 from the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for planning and design services to develop a design criteria plan for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the South Dade Trail Multi-Use Mobility Corridor from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street; and

WHEREAS, FDOT agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) share, for the planning and design services to develop a design criteria plan, in the amount of \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, DTPW desires to use Charter County Transportation Surtax funding as the required remaining 50% in the amount of \$3,000,000 in local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITT, that this Trust recommends approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2023-27 update of the Five-Year Implementation Plan to include planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements project funded in part by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds.

The foregoing resolution was offered by _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Oscar J. Braynon, Chairperson –
Robert Wolfarth, 1st Vice Chairperson –
Alfred J. Holzman, 2nd Vice Chairperson –

Hon. Peggy Bell –
Meg Daly –
Qjuezari Harvey –
L. Elijah Stiers, Esq. –
Ernie Thomas –

Joseph Curbelo –
Omar K. Bradford Esq. –
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq. –
Mary Street, Esq. –

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of February 2023.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency _____

By: _____
Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 18, 2023

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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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RESOLUTION NO. R-360-23

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT
TRANSPORTATION TRUST RECOMMENDING TO THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AN AMENDMENT
TO THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE
PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO INCLUDE
THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE SOUTH DADE
TRAIL SHARED-USE PATH ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT
ALONG TRANSITWAY FROM DADELAND SOUTH
METRORAIL STATION TO SW 344TH STREET IN
FLORIDA CITY FUNDED IN PART BY CHARTER
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("Trust"), pursuant to section 29-124 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, recommends an amendment to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to add the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements project; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held; and

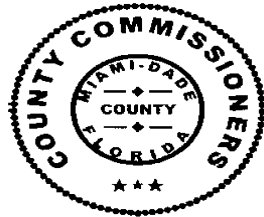
WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the attached amendment to the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) to add the planning and design for the South Dade Trail Shared-Used Path Enhancements funded in part by Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds in substantially the form attached hereto and made part hereof.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**,
 who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**
 and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	absent
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	absent
Keon Hardemon	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of April, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: **Basia Pruna**
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney
 as to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber