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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

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

DATE: October 3, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to create a working group to study the feasibility of implementing multimodal transit along the coast of Miami-Dade County, including the consideration of new technologies such as Seaglidors; and to prepare a report

Resolution No. R-903-23

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



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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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10-3-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-903-23

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING MULTIMODAL TRANSIT ALONG THE COAST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CONSIDERATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS SEAGLIDERS; AND TO PREPARE A REPORT

WHEREAS, an efficient transportation network lowers the cost of moving people, increases connectivity, and provides accessibility for commuters of all economic brackets to job locations; and

WHEREAS, creating and supporting an efficient and reliable transportation network will increase economic productivity and encourage economic growth; and

WHEREAS, some of the goals of Miami-Dade County are to enhance the mobility of the urban population, achieve a balanced transportation system, meet energy conservation needs, improve air quality, as well as to preserve or enhance the physical and social environment of the community; and

WHEREAS, southeast Florida is considered among the most susceptible to the impacts of climate change including rising sea levels where Miami-Dade County has been on the forefront of these issues for many years; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need by Miami-Dade County as set forth in the Miami-Dade County Climate Action Plan to increase efforts to mitigate or reduce greenhouse gases while moving forward with adaptation planning, as well as a demand to transform operations into more sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to explore the feasibility of developing maritime mobility options, such as Seaglidors, which could serve to breakdown the boundaries between land and sea, thereby increasing connectivity and efficiency, and providing multimodal choices that integrate into the existing transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is considered the gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean, and emerging maritime mobility technologies could create new vehicles of commerce and travel between the County and Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, emerging maritime mobility technologies, such as Seaglidors, could increase commerce opportunities within Miami-Dade County and across the greater South Florida area, bringing economic growth and potentially new high-tech maritime job opportunities for County residents; and

WHEREAS, establishing a working group of public and private industry stakeholders to evaluate the feasibility of implementing various multimodal transit options along the coast of Miami-Dade County may result in recommendations that would enhance mobility options which could spur commercial opportunities and enhance our local and global economies,

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 create a working group to study the feasibility of implementing multimodal transit options along the coast of Miami-Dade County, including the consideration of new technologies such as Seaglidors. Such working group should consist, at a minimum, of representation from the seaport department, the transportation planning organization, the transportation and public works department, the aviation department, the transportation safety industry, mobility operators and platforms, public or private

utility companies, and other representatives focused on the success of the maritime mobility industry. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide adequate staff and support services to the working group, subject to budgetary limitations.

Section 2. The working group shall, at a minimum: (i) analyze feasible sites to serve as terminals for these multimodal transit options; (ii) recommend feasible days and hours of operation; and (iii) identify any regulatory or legislative changes that may be required in order to support the success of multimodal transit options along the coast of Miami-Dade County such as Seaglidors.

Section 3. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a preliminary written report regarding the directives in section 1 and section 2 above within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution. A final report from the working group shall be prepared by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee prior to the sunset date of the working group. Both completed reports shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

Section 4. The working group shall sunset and stand dissolved on the 365th date from the effective date of this resolution, unless the Board approves an ordinance extending the life of the working group.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, 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	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK



By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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