

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: April 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to evaluate the feasibility of providing aviation fuel to Miami International Airport by rail or constructing rail accessible fueling facilities at Miami International Airport; directing the County Mayor to commence discussions with Florida East Coast Railway and present a report of findings to the Board of County Commissioners in 75 days

Resolution No. R-285-24

This item was amended at the March 13, 2024 Transportation, Mobility and Planning Committee to extend the time for the County Mayor to provide the requested report such to 75 days—the original item required the report in 60 days—and makes conforming changes to the title and recital clauses.

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



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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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4-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-285-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING AVIATION FUEL TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY RAIL OR CONSTRUCTING RAIL ACCESSIBLE FUELING FACILITIES AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS WITH FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY AND PRESENT A REPORT OF FINDINGS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN 75 DAYS

WHEREAS, Miami Dade County owns and operates a fuel facility at Miami International Airport which provides fuel to aircraft and certain ground equipment at Miami International Airport ("MIA"); and

WHEREAS, that fuel facility is supplied by a single underground pipeline connecting the fuel facility to Port Everglades; and

WHEREAS, this single point of connection to fuel supplies renders MIA vulnerable to disruptions in the event the pipeline is damaged; and

WHEREAS, there have been periods in the past where damage to the pipeline caused MIA to run critically low on fuel, which would have resulted in significant impacts to flight operations at MIA; and

WHEREAS, MIA is adjacent to rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it may be possible to supply MIA with fuel by rail, on either a supplemental or emergency basis, following the development of additional infrastructure to offload and store fuel delivered by rail; and

WHEREAS, this redundancy provided by this infrastructure may provide additional benefits to MIA,

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

Section 1. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of providing aviation fuel to MIA by rail or constructing rail accessible facilities at MIA. As part of this study, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to commence discussions with Florida East Coast Railway to evaluate the potential of developing facilities at MIA to accept fuel tendered by rail. The study shall also consider the potential benefits of such facilities, costs of such facilities, the market for fuel delivered by rail, potential sites for such facilities, and possible alternate uses for such sites. Finally, the study shall make a recommendation as to whether or not the development of such facilities should be pursued.

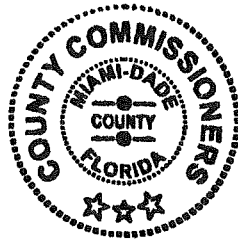
Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report summarizing findings to this Board within ~~[[60]]~~¹ >>75<< days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

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 2nd day of April, 2024. 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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David M. Murray