

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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 provide a written report
describing the status of the
implementation of the revised
Better Bus Network implemented
pursuant to Resolution No.
R-607-23

Resolution No. R-279-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera and Senator René García.



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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-279-24**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN
REPORT DESCRIBING THE STATUS OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED BETTER BUS
NETWORK IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION
NO. R-607-23

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-920-21 which authorized the implementation of the bus service adjustments set forth in the amended Better Bus Network, including service enhancements of an estimated annual cost of \$28,195,939.00, to be implemented on or after April 2022; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent impact on the operator workforce, the Department of Transportation and Public Works was not able to grow the bus operator numbers to implement the enhanced network plan as approved by Resolution No. R-920-21, and as such proposed a series of service adjustments set forth in the revised Better Bus Network to reduce the operator requirement and implement the majority of the network in or after November 2023; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, on July 6, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-607-23, which authorized the implementation of the bus service adjustments set forth in the revised Better Bus Network to be implemented in or after November 2023; and

WHEREAS, the revised Better Bus Network was launched on November 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, all Miami-Dade Transit modes, including Special Transportation Service (STS) and MetroConnect, were fare-free from November 13, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an effort to ease the transition for riders and encourage new riders to use the new and improved system; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024, the revised Better Bus Network will have been in place for approximately six months and this Board wishes to examine the status of the implementation of the revised Better Bus Network to ensure continued successful roll-out for County residents and visitors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution describing the status of the implementation of the revised Better Bus Network implemented pursuant to Resolution No. R-607-23. The report shall, at a minimum:

- (1) describe status of the implementation of the revised Better Bus Network;
- (2) compare ridership numbers pre- and post-implementation of the revised Better Bus Network, including and specifically detailing the ridership numbers during the fare-free period from November 13, 2023 through December 31, 2023;
- (3) provide information regarding which routes fared better or worse than other routes that were adjusted as part of the revised Better Bus Network;
- (4) provide data on number of complaints received pre- and post-implementation of the revised Better Bus Network;
- (5) provide data on average wait time at all bus shelters;
- (6) provide the number of incidents involving patrons, pre- and post-implementation of the revised Better Bus Network;
- (7) provide data on fares collection amounts pre- and post-implementation of the revised Better Bus Network;
- (8) any additional information relevant to the implementation of the revised Better Bus Network;

(9) provide an assessment of the efficiency of the revised Better Bus Network and provide data pertaining to the on-time performance of the revised Better Bus Network; (10) provide the following information pertaining to the MetroConnect service: provide the cost per user of MetroConnect, identify the users of MetroConnect, how many people are using MetroConnect, identify the times that the MetroConnect services are being used, including the peak hour(s) of use, and what is the origination and destination points of the users of MetroConnect; and (11) examine the feasibility of reinstating a bus stop to service the Robert Forcum Towers. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall place the completed report on an agenda of this 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 Juan Carlos Bermudez, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera and Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** 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	aye
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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Annery Pulgar Alfonso", written over a horizontal line.

Annery Pulgar Alfonso