

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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 approving 2024
federal legislative priorities;
waiving Resolution No. R-1267-
18 to allow adoption of both the
2024 federal legislative package
and priorities at the same
meeting

Resolution No. R-290-24

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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County Attorney

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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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)
Override	_____		4-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. **R-290-24**

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-1267-18 TO ALLOW ADOPTION OF BOTH THE 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE AND PRIORITIES AT THE SAME MEETING

WHEREAS, the 118th United States Congress began on January 3, 2023 and will end on January 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative packages respectively to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, this Board approved Resolution No. R-1267-18, which:

1. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to timely remit the federal legislative package, after its approval by the Board, to the County's federal contract lobbyists for feedback and to prepare a report detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities, with such report being placed on the Board agenda as a supplement to the item providing for the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities;

2. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include in the draft federal legislative package the federal legislative requests from the Public Health Trust, if available; and

3. Requested that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, starting in December 2019 and each year thereafter, present the draft legislative package for the following year to the Board for consideration in December; and

WHEREAS, the provision of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package necessitates the Board approving the federal legislative package at one meeting and then deciding on federal legislative priorities at a subsequent meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive Resolution No. R-1267-18 to allow adoption of both the 2024 federal legislative package and priorities at the same meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the 2024 federal legislative package at the April 2, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 federal legislative priorities as determined by the Board are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Approves the County’s federal legislative priorities for 2024 as determined by the Board.

Section 2. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2024 federal legislative priorities.

Section 3. Waives Resolution No. R-1267-18 to allow the adoption of both the 2024 federal legislative package and priorities at the same meeting.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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 4th 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, likely of the County Attorney, is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty
Michael J. Mastrucci
Javier Zapata

2024 FEDERAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of local home rule. ***OPPOSE*** any effort to preempt local authority.
- **Federal Funding, Cost Shifts, and Unfunded Mandates -** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of existing federal funding for County programs. ***SUPPORT*** direct federal funding to Counties and cities. ***OPPOSE*** any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. ***OPPOSE*** any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.
- **Protect Previous Federal Funding -** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to secure the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships -** ***SUPPORT*** partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **North Corridor and SMART Program Funding -** ***ADVOCATE*** for accelerated review of the North Corridor, which is currently under the Federal Transit Administration's evaluation process. ***SUPPORT*** funding and financing for all corridors of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program. ***SUPPORT*** streamlining of the federal application process for funding to assist in the implementation of the SMART Program as per the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization approved Resolution No. 52-2023.
2. **Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit Project –** ***SUPPORT*** funding of the County's Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit Project as recommended in President Joseph Biden's 2025 budget proposal.
3. **Fully Fund Public Transit and Passenger Rail in Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Bill -** ***SUPPORT*** the THUD Appropriations Act, together with advance appropriations of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to maintain current funding levels or increase funding for public transit and passenger rail. This funding is critical to DTPW's efforts to bring public transit to a state of good repair. ***SUPPORT*** the provision of the fully authorized amount for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants (CIG), which provide substantial funding to DTPW for critical infrastructure projects along the corridors in the SMART Plan such as Bus Rapid Transit, commuter

rail, and light rail systems and extensions. **SUPPORT** the provision of the fully authorized amount for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants, including public transportation and multi-modal projects. This funding supports investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact to improve safety, economic strength, equity, and climate and sustainability. **SUPPORT** the provision of the fully authorized amount provided for public transit formula and bus and bus facility competitive grants.

4. **Funding for Septic to Sewer Conversion - SUPPORT** legislation providing funding in the form of federal grants and loans to facilitate septic to sewer projects where it is shown that septic systems are contributing to public health risks or environmental degradation of significant resources such as Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park. Funding is needed for public infrastructure as well as for the cost of connection for private property owners.
5. **Airport Infrastructure Funding - SUPPORT** airport infrastructure funding levels and provisions contained in the House adopted H.R. 3935 or similar legislation that proposes to increase Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding from \$3.35 billion to \$4 billion annually and authorizes \$100 million per year for supplemental AIP discretionary grants. The bill also includes multiple AIP formula changes that would update the way the FAA distributes federal funds to commercial service and General Aviation airports. H.R. 3935 would reduce the “Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) turnback” for large and medium hub airports from 75 percent to 40 percent. H.R. 3935 also removes most restrictions on the kinds of terminal development projects AIP can be used for, reducing the need for airports to segment terminal projects to comply with program requirements. The cargo apportionment is increased from 3.5 percent to 4 percent of overall AIP funding as well. The House-passed bill proposes to help General Aviation airports by increasing the non-primary entitlement from 20 percent to 25 percent of available AIP funds.
6. **Biscayne Bay Restoration - ADVOCATE** to restore Biscayne Bay water quality and habitats, including the development of a Reasonable Assurance Plan; **SUPPORT** efforts to secure recurring funds to accomplish Biscayne Bay restoration; **SUPPORT** legislation providing funding in the form of federal grants to facilitate restoration-related projects to restore water quality and habitats and prevent fish kills and algal blooms.
7. **Increased Funding for Mental Health Services - SUPPORT** increased funding to address mental health needs of children and adults.
8. **Senior Housing Assistance Program (SHARP) - ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** federal funding to further expand the SHARP program to assist larger numbers of elderly homeowners with needed home repairs and rehabilitation services, which include electrical upgrades, HVAC upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, improved accessibility, roof repairs or replacement, flooring upgrades.