

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: July 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to: (1) include in any future procurements and, to the extent practicable, in any current procurements, related to the transit fare-collection system a component for the provision of an electronic voucher process for the use of pre-paid Special Transportation Services (STS) trips and to expedite, to the extent legally practicable, any such current or future procurements in order to upgrade the current fare collection system incorporating such electronic voucher process, and (2) explore the feasibility of doing an expedited competitive procurement or accessing a competitively procured contract for the implementation of a platform or application that would allow for the booking and tracking of STS rides electronically; or alternatively, explore the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to create a platform or application using or modeling currently owned and/or utilized platforms, applications, and/or software to provide an option to book and track STS rides electronically; and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-631-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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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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7-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-631-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO: (1) INCLUDE IN ANY FUTURE PROCUREMENTS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, IN ANY CURRENT PROCUREMENTS, RELATED TO THE TRANSIT FARE-COLLECTION SYSTEM A COMPONENT FOR THE PROVISION OF AN ELECTRONIC VOUCHER PROCESS FOR THE USE OF PRE-PAID SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ("STS") TRIPS AND TO EXPEDITE, TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY PRACTICABLE, ANY SUCH CURRENT OR FUTURE PROCUREMENTS IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE CURRENT FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM INCORPORATING SUCH ELECTRONIC VOUCHER PROCESS, AND (2) EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DOING AN EXPEDITED COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OR ACCESSING A COMPETITIVELY PROCURED CONTRACT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLATFORM OR APPLICATION THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE BOOKING AND TRACKING OF STS RIDES ELECTRONICALLY; OR ALTERNATIVELY, EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM TO CREATE A PLATFORM OR APPLICATION USING OR MODELING CURRENTLY OWNED AND/OR UTILIZED PLATFORMS, APPLICATIONS, AND/OR SOFTWARE TO PROVIDE AN OPTION TO BOOK AND TRACK STS RIDES ELECTRONICALLY; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, federal guidelines require paratransit services for those individuals unable to access existing Miami-Dade transit service; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County recognizes the importance of providing efficient and safe paratransit service to its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County contracts for Special Transportation Services ("STS") to serve as the paratransit complement to Miami-Dade transit's bus service; and

WHEREAS, currently, STS trip reservations can be made via phone by contacting the reservation line or online on the stsconnect.miamidade.gov website; and

WHEREAS, creating a platform or application to book and track STS trips similar to the applications for MetroConnect, Uber, and Lyft, would provide convenience and greater transparency for the STS riding public; and

WHEREAS, the County requires that the STS contractor provide a fare prepayment solution that facilitates the prepayment of trips in advance for clients and service centers by accepting the following pre-payment in cash, check/e-check, and credit card; and

WHEREAS, when an STS rider pre-pays for a trip or trips, the STS contractor will mail a paper STS voucher(s) for the rider to use to pay for future trips; and

WHEREAS, creating an electronic option for the STS voucher system would likely be more efficient for the County and the general riding public; and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking to procure a new fare collection system that could have the capacity to incorporate an electronic voucher process for the use of pre-paid STS trips; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to incorporate an electronic voucher process for the use of pre-paid STS trips; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the riding public to expedite any such current or future procurements in order to upgrade the current fare collection system and to provide such electronic voucher process,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals and incorporates it into this resolution.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to include in any future procurements and, to the extent practicable, in any current procurements, related to the transit fare-collection system a component for the provision of an electronic voucher process for the use of pre-paid Special Transportation Services ("STS") trips and to expedite, to the extent legally practicable, any such current or future procurements in order to upgrade the current fare collection system incorporating such electronic voucher process.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to explore the feasibility of doing an expedited competitive procurement or accessing a competitively procured contract for the implementation of a platform or application that, in coordination with the applicable STS contractor, would allow for the booking and tracking of STS rides electronically. Alternatively, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to explore the feasibility of implementing within six months of the effective date of this resolution a pilot program, to the extent necessary in partnership with the applicable STS contractor, to create a platform or application using or modeling currently owned and/or utilized platforms, applications, and/or software, such as the MetroConnect mobile application, to provide an option to book and track STS rides electronically.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution to prepare a report regarding the directives in sections 2 and 3 above and to 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 Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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	absent
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 July, 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