

**Date:** May 6, 2025

**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(4)

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor



Resolution No. R-430-25

**Subject:** Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to a Professional Services Agreement with HNTB Corporation for *Department of Transportation and Public Works' Capital Improvement Plan, Contract No. CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4)*, Authorizing Continuation of Final Plans Production and Associated Tasks for the SMART Northeast Corridor Program; Increasing Contract Amount by \$20,000,000; Authorizing the Use of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds for Such Purposes

**Executive Summary:**

This item seeks approval of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with HNTB Corporation (HNTB) to increase expenditure authority by \$20,000,000 under *Contract No. CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4), Professional Services for Transit and Public Works Projects*. This increase includes a 10 percent contingency and will fund design, engineering, post-design, program and project management and other professional services to support the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Northeast Corridor Program. Approval of this item will provide additional contract capacity to enable the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to fulfill its project schedule and production commitments over the next two years under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) New Starts Program, facilitating compliance with programmatic requirements to ultimately obtain a full funding grant agreement. More specifically, HNTB will manage the engineering design plans and construction documents being developed to meet federal guidelines under the engineering and construction phases of the CIG Program. This includes conducting traffic modeling studies to analyze the effects of the proposed transit improvements on roadway congestion and overall transportation network performance. This is the companion item to Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. (PTG), which is also on the agenda. The PTG agreement supports overall program management services for advancing the Northeast Corridor project through all the required phases of the CIG Program, i.e., Project Development, Engineering, and Construction and Full Funding Grant Agreement.

The Northeast Corridor represents Miami-Dade County's portion of the 85-mile regional Coastal Link corridor and is one of six rapid transit corridors of the SMART Program. The project, which adds five new intracity stations (i.e., Wynwood, Design District, Little Haiti, North Miami and FIU/Biscayne) extends a total of 13.5 miles, delivering commuter rail service from Downtown Miami to the Broward County line between Miami Central Station and West Aventura Station along the existing Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) tracks. The project aims to secure funding through the FTA CIG New Starts Program. The project was accepted into the New Starts Program in 2021. It has successfully completed environmental approvals (November 2023) and Project Development (October 2024). The project received FTA approval in October 2024 to proceed to the Engineering phase, the final stage before construction commences and the federal funding contribution is secured.

**Recommendation**

This item recommends the Board’s approval of the attached Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with HNTB under *Contract No. CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4), Professional Services for Transit and Public Works Projects*, increasing contract capacity by \$20,000,000 for a maximum compensation of \$89,700,000 (inclusive of a 10 percent contingency allowance).

This item is placed for Board review pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-124(f). The Board may only consider this item if the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has forwarded a recommendation to the Board prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or 45 days have elapsed since the filing with the Clerk of the Board of this supplemental agreement. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and 45 days have not elapsed since the filing of this agreement, a withdrawal of this item will be requested.

**Scope**

The scope of the project is located within Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5, represented by Commissioner Marleine Bastien, Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, and Commissioner Eileen Higgins, respectively. However, as the project promotes connectivity across multiple transit modes, it is countywide in nature.

**Delegated Authority**

In accordance with Section 2-8.3 of the County Code related to identifying delegation of Board authority, there are no authorities beyond that specified in the original resolution, which includes authority for the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to execute the supplemental agreement.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The fiscal impact of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 is in the amount of \$20,000,000 (inclusive of a base amount of \$18,000,000 with a contingency amount of \$2,000,000). There are no operation and maintenance costs as this is a Supplemental Agreement for professional services. Professional services provided under the Supplemental Agreement for the Northeast Corridor are funded from the following funding sources:

Program	Adopted Budget	Funding Source
2000002796 Northeast Corridor (SMART Plan)	FY24-25 Adopted Budget & Multi-Year Capital Plan; Volume 2, Page 173	- Charter County Transit System Surtax - People's Transportation Plan Bond Program - People's Transportation Plan Capital Expansion Reserve Fund - FDOT Funds - FTA Funds

The cost of services for work related to the SMART Program will be charged to the particular project or activity requiring these services. The division requesting the services for a specific project will provide the funding source at the time a Work Order is issued. Work Orders will not be issued under this contract unless the specific user division identifies appropriate budgeted funds. The work is to be funded by State grants, Federal grants and Charter County Transportation Surtax funds.

**Track Record/Monitor**

Gabriella Serrado, DTPW SMART Northeast Program Manager, is responsible for monitoring this project.

**Background**

The Northeast Corridor project is located along a 13.5-mile segment of the existing FECR corridor right-of-way in the eastern part of the County. The project will connect the Miami Central and West Aventura stations. It will also feature five new stations: Wynwood (NE 27th Street), Design District (NE 2nd Avenue), Little Haiti (NE 61st Street), North Miami (NW 123rd Street), and FIU Biscayne Bay Campus (NE 151st Street).

The project was accepted by FTA in the CIG New Starts Program in 2021, completed environmental approval in November 2023, Project Development in October 2024 and received approval to enter the Engineering phase in October 2024. The Engineering phase constitutes the final step before securing the federal funding share to begin construction and eventually service.

On February 1, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-124-22, approving a professional services agreement with five consulting firms, including HNTB, to provide non-exclusive professional and technical services to support DTPW with infrastructure facilities and system engineering, planning, analysis and design. This scope covered supporting SMART Plan corridor studies and design. The compensation was in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 per firm. Subsequently, on January 17, 2023, the Board passed Resolution No. R-24-23, approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HNTB to increase the contract capacity to \$49,500,000 to support SMART North Corridor program efforts. The last modification was adopted by the Board on January 17, 2024 pursuant to Resolution No. R-33-24, approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with HNTB to increase the contract capacity to \$69,700,000 to continue providing SMART Program consulting services.

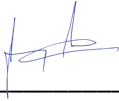
HNTB served as DTPW’s preliminary engineering consultant for the Northeast Corridor during the Project Development phase. The firm is a leader in the rail and track engineering industry. HNTB’s civil and track design professionals, all of whom have hands-on design, construction, and inspection experience are at the forefront of the industry in developing sound engineering designs for railroad agencies. HNTB provides rail design services across Florida including DTPW, Brightline, SFRTA and SunRail and nationally for Amtrak, MARTA, MTA, SEPTA, NJ Transit, LIRR and MBTA. The firm has over 5,000 professionals nationwide and is prepared to mobilize immediately to support the County in accelerating the delivery of the Northeast Corridor. Through this item, HNTB will continue its consulting work on the Northeast Corridor to facilitate the project’s timely advancement through the FTA CIG New Starts process, ensuring DTPW secures a full funding grant agreement.

**DBE Goal Attainment and Compliance Update**

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, DTPW’s Office of Civil Rights (DBE Unit) recommends a “no change” to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal relating to the increased portions of the contract. Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26, the consultant is encouraged to assist DTPW in the achievement of the department’s triennial DBE commitment of 20 percent by utilizing its approved DBE design team in the accomplishment of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for the Northeast Corridor.

**Due Diligence**

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12 and in accordance with the Strategic Procurement Department's Procurement Guidelines, DTPW staff exercised due diligence. The Firm History Report provided by the Internal Services Department noted that HNTB received nine performance evaluations in the Capital Improvement Information System for the last five years, reflecting a rating of 3.7 points out of a possible 4.0 points, representing a satisfactory performance rating. The firm has 11 performance evaluations, reflecting an average rating of 3.7 points out of a possible 4.0 points for its entire work history with the County. This represents an above satisfactory performance rating.



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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operating Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(N)(4)

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 \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, 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) \_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(4)  
5-6-25

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-430-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HNTB CORPORATION AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, CONTRACT NUMBER CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4), INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$20,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR AND OTHER SMART CORRIDORS, WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL EXHIBIT 1 TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

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

**Section 1.** Approves Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement between HNTB Corporation and Miami-Dade County for engineering services for the Department of Transportation and Public Works' Capital Improvement Plan, Contract Number CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4), which increases the contract amount by \$20,000,000.00, authorizing the use of Charter County Surtax Transportation funds up to such additional contract amount for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Northeast Corridor and other SMART corridors which were included in the original People's Transportation Plan.

**Section 2.** Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to execute the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 in substantially the form attached hereto, for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, and to exercise all provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Eileen 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Marleine Bastien	<b>aye</b>	Juan Carlos Bermudez	<b>aye</b>
Sen. René García	<b>aye</b>	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	<b>aye</b>
Roberto J. Gonzalez	<b>aye</b>	Keon Hardemon	<b>aye</b>
Danielle Cohen Higgins	<b>aye</b>	Eileen Higgins	<b>aye</b>
Raquel A. Regalado	<b>aye</b>	Micky Steinberg	<b>aye</b>
District 6 - Vacant			

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. 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.

*D.P.C*

Dale P. Clarke

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO THE  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AND HNTB CORPORATION

This Third Supplemental Agreement is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2025 by and between Miami-Dade County, Florida, a public body, hereinafter referred to as the  
"COUNTY", and HNTB Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (County) on February 1, 2022, entered into a Professional  
Services Agreement with CONSULTANT., to provide Engineering Services for Department of  
Transportation and Public Works' Capital Improvement Plan, Contract Number CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4);  
and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023, the County entered into the First Supplemental Agreement No. 1  
with CONSULTANT, which increased the contract capacity to \$49,500,000 (inclusive of the contingency  
allowance) to provide additional professional services as required. Subsequently, on February 14, 2024 the  
County entered into Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with CONSULTANT, which increased the contract  
capacity to \$69,700,000 (inclusive of a 10% contingency) and extended the option to renew for 5  
additional years to provide additional professional services as required.

WHEREAS, the parties wish to make certain revisions in the Professional Services Agreement as  
provided below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree to amend the Professional Services  
Agreement as follows:

**SECTION IV – COMPENSATION**

*Refer to Section IV, Paragraph F, Maximum Compensation, and amend as follows:*

Although the COUNTY makes no assurances that any work orders will be issued to the CONSULTANT, the total payments to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this agreement shall not exceed \$89,700,000 (inclusive of a 10% contingency allowance).

This Agreement, regardless of where executed, shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Florida, and venue shall be in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties hereto have executed these presents this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

JUAN FERNANDEZ BARQUIN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE

Approved by County Attorney  
as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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ATTEST:

By: Mario Nuno

HNTB CORPORATION  
(Corporate Seal)

By: Craig W. Damon






## Memorandum



**To:** Honorable Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director 

**Date:** March 21, 2025

**Re:** **CITT AGENDA ITEM 7A:**  
RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HNTB CORPORATION AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS' CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, CONTRACT NUMBER CIP215-DTPW19-DE(4), INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY **\$20,000,000**; AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR AND OTHER SMART CORRIDORS, WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL EXHIBIT 1 TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN **(DTPW – BCC LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 250363)**

On March 19, 2025, the CITT voted (11-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 25-004. The vote was as follows:

Robert Wolfarth, Chairperson – Aye  
Mary Street, Esq., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson – Aye  
Hon. Peggy Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson – Aye

Omar K. Bradford, Esq. – Aye  
Qjuezari Harvey – Aye  
Kenneth Kilpatrick – Aye  
Miguel Murphy – Aye  
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq. – Aye

Meg Daly – Aye  
Harry Hoffman – Aye  
David Marin – Aye  
Robert Ruano – Absent

c: Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer  
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney