

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to negotiate and develop a management agreement with the City of Hialeah on the implementation of the proposed plans for the Hia-Line, a linear trail underneath the Metrorail within the City of Hialeah; and (2) provide status reports

Resolution No. R-300-25

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



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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 ____, 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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-300-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR THE HIA-LINE, A LINEAR TRAIL UNDERNEATH THE METRORAIL WITHIN THE CITY OF HIALEAH; AND (2) PROVIDE STATUS REPORTS

WHEREAS, the County has created the Underline transforming approximately 120 acres of County owned land below the existing Metrorail guideway from the Miami River to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station, into a world-class, multimodal urban trail; and

WHEREAS, the Underline provides a walkable and bikeable corridor that will improve connectivity between surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah is interested in partnering with the County to create the Hia-Line within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, stretching nearly a mile between NW 37th Avenue and East 4th Avenue, the proposed Hia-Line initiative aims to activate over 5,000 linear feet of underutilized Metrorail space within the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plans for the Hia-Line include the creation of a multi-purpose path for pedestrians and cyclists, outdoor fitness facilities, recreational areas, and versatile green space for community use; and

WHEREAS, the areas surrounding the proposed Hia-Line have seen an increase in transit-oriented development and plans for significant new developments in the vicinity, bringing an influx of new residential units; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to partner with the City of Hialeah to increase space for pedestrians and cyclists and further connect people to transit options, thereby leveraging and improving existing infrastructure to enhance mobility options,

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

Section 1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate and develop a management agreement with the City of Hialeah on the implementation of the proposed plans for the Hia-Line, a linear trail underneath the Metrorail within the City of Hialeah. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to conduct all necessary due diligence related to such agreement for the implementation of the proposed Hia-line, including identifying legally available funding sources for any costs associated with the maintenance of the Hia-Line.

Section 3. If the agreement referenced in section 2 above is not placed on an agenda of this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to prepare a status report regarding the directive in section 2 above every 30 days thereafter until such time as the agreement referenced in section 2 above is placed on an agenda of this Board, and to place any such completed reports on an agenda of this Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Senator René García and Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. René García**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 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.

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