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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending Resolution No. R-537-14 relating to allocation of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 17 – “Countywide Water and Sewer System Enhancements” (“Project No. 17”) to fund extension of sewer system to developed commercial and industrial corridors of the County to reduce allocation for such purposes from \$126,000,000.00 to \$98,500,000.00 and to approve allocation of Project No. 17 funds in amount of \$27,500,000.00 to fund extension of sewer system to Schenley Park neighborhood (“Project”); directing the County Mayor to include the Project in the list of projects to be funded from future financing proceeds and in the 2025 or next available, associated debt issuance in an amount not less than \$27,500,000.00; further directing the County Mayor to expedite all necessary procurement, design, engineering and construction work for the Project

Resolution No. R-301-25

This item was amended at the March 10, 2025 Policy Council Committee to correct certain financial figures, to identify an additional funding source for the project, and to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to include the project in the next debt issuance and makes conforming changes to the title.

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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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3-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-301-25

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-537-14 RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 17 – “COUNTYWIDE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS” (“PROJECT NO. 17”) TO FUND EXTENSION OF SEWER SYSTEM TO DEVELOPED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS OF THE COUNTY TO REDUCE ALLOCATION FOR SUCH PURPOSES FROM \$126,000,000.00 TO \$98,500,000.00 AND TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF PROJECT NO. 17 FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$27,500,000.00 TO FUND EXTENSION OF SEWER SYSTEM TO SCHENLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD (“PROJECT”); DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT IN THE LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM FUTURE FINANCING PROCEEDS AND IN THE 2025 OR NEXT AVAILABLE, ASSOCIATED DEBT ISSUANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$27,500,000.00; FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXPEDITE ALL NECESSARY PROCUREMENT, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, certain parts of the County lack sufficient sewer infrastructure, resulting in a reliance on septic systems; and

WHEREAS, septic systems present potential environmental risks to groundwater, private drinking water wells, and surface waters, and it is in the best interest of the County and the health and welfare of our community to expand the County’s sewer system to eliminate commercial and residential property owners’ reliance on septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, Schenley Park is a neighborhood in unincorporated Miami-Dade County bounded on the north by Coral Way (SW 24th Street), on the east by Red Road (SW 57th Avenue), on the south by the Coral Gables canal, and on the west by SW 63rd Avenue (“Schenley Park neighborhood”); and

WHEREAS, the Schenley Park neighborhood is adjacent to the C-3 canal, a tributary to Biscayne Bay, which is a water of the United States with demonstrated declining water quality and natural habitat impacts from excess nutrient pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Schenley Park neighborhood has approximately 1,700 properties on septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of sewer service into the Schenley Park neighborhood is estimated to cost >>no less than<<¹ \$55,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-912-04 (“Water and Sewer Resolution”), the voters of Miami-Dade County approved the issuance of general obligation bonds to be used to protect natural resources through improved distribution of clean water, safe sewage and waste disposal, improved flood control, and drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A to the Water and Sewer Resolution lists projects eligible for funding from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (the “Bond Program”) by project number, municipal project location, Commission district, project name, project description, street address and allocation; and

WHEREAS, one of the projects in the Water and Sewer Resolution is Bond Program Project No. 17 – “Countywide Water and Sewer System Enhancements”, with a municipal and County commission district location of “countywide,” an original project allocation of \$222,000,000.00 and a project description as follows: “Construct main, pipeline and other enhancements to water delivery systems and to sewer collection systems to increase efficiency, capacity, quality of service, public health or fire protection;” and

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

WHEREAS, in 2014, this Board approved Resolution No. R-537-14 to allocate \$126,000,000.00 of Bond Program funds from Project No. 17 to fund sewer expansions within certain business corridors throughout the County that were still largely reliant on septic tanks that are at capacity; and

WHEREAS, currently, there remains a balance of \$102,000,000.00 in Project 17 of Bond Program funds that are uncommitted and unused; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board desires to: (a) amend Resolution No. R-537-14 to reduce the allocation of Project No. 17 funds for sewer expansion to certain industrial and commercial corridors from \$126,000,000.00 to ~~[[\$81,000,000.00]]~~>>\$98,500,000.00<<; and (b) approve the allocation of ~~[[\$45,000,000.00]]~~>>\$27,500,000.00 of Project No. 17 funds<< for sewer expansion to the Schenley Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these Bond Program funds, the Board has previously budgeted and allocated \$10,000,000.00 to the septic-to-sewer expansion in the Schenley Park neighborhood as part of the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan (Appendix AB in the approved Fiscal Year 2024-25 County budget); and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to have the County Mayor or Mayor's designee expedite the expansion of sewer to the Schenley Park neighborhood,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board amends Resolution No. R-537-14 to reduce the allocation of Project No. 17 funds for sewer expansion to certain industrial and commercial corridors from \$126,000,000.00 to ~~[[\$81,000,000.00]]~~>>\$98,500,000.00<<.

Section 3. This Board approves the allocation of ~~[[\$45,000,000.00]]~~
>>\$27,500,000.00<< of Bond Program funds from Project No. 17 to be used for the expansion of the sewer system to the Schenley Park neighborhood (the “Project”).

>>**Section 4.** This Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to include the Project in the list of projects to be funded from future financing proceeds backed by covenant to budget and appropriate debt in an amount not less than \$27,500,000.00 and to include in the 2025 debt issuance or the next issuance undertaken the \$27,500,000.00 for the Project.<<

Section [[4]]>>5<<. Acknowledging that \$10,000,000.00 has already been budgeted and allocated in the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan to be used for the Project and that the Project is therefore fully funded, this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to expedite the procurement, design, engineering and construction work for the delivery of the Project.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, 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.

MRP

Monica Rizo Perez