

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(5)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the award of the contract for the project titled North Miami Avenue Bridge No. 874035 Replacement Over C-8 Canal – Project No. 20230196 – between Miami-Dade County and Interstate Construction, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$6,608,865.63, inclusive of a contingency allowance of \$856,297.63; authorizing the County Mayor to execute same and exercise the provisions contained therein

Resolution No. R-754-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Contract Award Recommendation in the Amount of \$6,608,865.63 to Interstate Construction, LLC for the North Miami Avenue Bridge Replacement Over C-8 Canal Project

Executive Summary

The purpose of this item is to seek approval from the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute a competitively solicited, Contract Award No. 20230196, for the North Miami Avenue Bridge No. 874035 Replacement Over C-8 Canal (the Project), in the amount of \$6,608,865.63 to Interstate Construction, LLC for a 600-day term.

The Project will replace the existing Bridge No. 874035 with a new, wider bridge structure. This effort includes all necessary operations such as dredging and/or excavation of the Biscayne Canal (C-8) at the canal bottom and side slopes, both beneath and upstream/downstream of the proposed bridge and associated roadway improvements.

Bridge No. 874035, located on North Miami Avenue just north of NW 146th Street, was constructed in 1947 and has since developed multiple structural deficiencies. These include visible cracks in the bridge deck, caps, and piles; corrosion of the supporting steel beams; deterioration of the expansion joints; and failure of the embankment slope protection. Furthermore, the bridge is classified as functionally obsolete. It does not meet current safety standards for bridge railings, approach guardrails, or pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve Contract Award No. 20230196, for the Project in the amount of \$6,608,865.63 and a 600-day term to Interstate Construction, LLC.

Scope

The Project is located along North Miami Avenue at Bridge No. 874035, which crosses the C-8 Canal between NW 146th Street and north of NE 148th Street, within Commission District 2. This district is represented by Commissioner Marleine Bastien.

Delegation of Authority

The authority of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the contract and to exercise the provisions contained therein, including termination provisions, is consistent with those authorities granted under the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the Project will be approximately \$6,608,865.63 with the total amount being inclusive of contingency and dedicated allowances. The base contract amount is \$5,752,568. The project is being funded by Mobility Impact Fees (MIF).

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FUNDING SOURCES:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	MIF	2000000534	\$6,608,865.63

OPERATIONS COST IMPACT / FUNDING: The annual estimated operations cost impact will be approximately \$33,044.33 respectively and will be funded through the Department's General Fund allocation.

MAINTENANCE COST IMPACT / FUNDING: The annual estimated maintenance cost impact will be approximately \$33,044.33 and will be funded through the Department's General Fund allocation.

LIFE EXPECTANCY OF ASSET: The life expectancy of the roadway is approximately 25 years and the bridge's life expectancy is approximately 75 years.

PTP FUNDING: No

GOB FUNDING: No

ARRA FUNDING: No

<u>CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM:</u>	<u>CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM # - DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
2000000534	Bridge Rehabilitation – Countywide Improvements FY 2024 – 25 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Volume 2 – Page 158	\$6,608,865.63
	CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM TOTAL:	\$6,608,865.63

BID OPEN DATE: 9/04/2024

BID BOND EXPIRES: 10/24/2025

BID VALID UNTIL: 10/24/2025

ESTIMATED NOTICE TO PROCEED: 10/24/2025

PRIME CONTRACTOR: Interstate Construction, LLC

COMPANY PRINCIPALS: Gustavo H. Graupera

COMPANY QUALIFIER: Gustavo H. Graupera

COMPANY EMAIL: gusgraupera@interstate13.com

COMPANY STREET ADDRESS: 2501 SW 160th Avenue, Ste 400

COMPANY CITY-STATE-ZIP: Miramar, Florida 33027

YEARS IN BUSINESS: 11

PREVIOUS CONTRACTS WITH COUNTY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS: 3

SUB-CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS: Ranger Construction and Kiewit Infrastructure South Co.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS EXCEED LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: YES

STANDARD PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND: YES

REVIEW COMMITTEE: **MEETING DATE:** 04/23/2024

RESPONSIBLE WAGES: (RESOLUTION No. R-54-10) N/A

REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNED CONTRACT MEASURES:

TYPE	GOAL
SBE-CONST	N/A
CWP	N/A

MANDATORY CLEARING HOUSE: YES

SEA LEVEL RISE: (ORDINANCE 14-79) YES

SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE: NO (I.O. NO. 8-8)

Track Record/Monitor

The designated staff contact to track and monitor this contract is Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) Infrastructure Manager, Leonel Salgueiro, (305)-375-2111, Leosalgueiro@miamidade.gov.

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) conducted due diligence in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility including verifying corporate status and that no performance or compliance issues exist. The lists referenced included: Capital Improvements Information System, Small Business Development Division database, Sunbiz, Tax Collector's Office, convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. Also examined as part of this due diligence: Florida Division of Business and Professional Regulation and the Office of Safety and Health Safety Administration in

accordance with Resolution No. R-1181-18. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Background

Replacement of this bridge is essential to address these safety and structural issues. The new bridge will be constructed to current design and safety standards, incorporating modern bicycle facilities, wider sidewalks, and upgraded approach intersections. Planned improvements include signalization modifications, milling and resurfacing, updated signage and pavement markings, installation of new drainage systems, and guardrail upgrades—all of which will enhance safety and mobility for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. The project also includes dredging and/or excavation of the Biscayne Canal (C-8) at the canal bottom and side slopes beneath and up/downstream of the proposed new bridge to support the structural foundation and ensure proper water flow and stability.

This critical infrastructure project is identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under TPO Project No. PW000765 and included in the Capital Budget Book.

The project was advertised on May 23, 2024. On September 4, 2024, five engineering contractor firms submitted bids. The three lowest responsive and responsible bids were:

- Interstate Construction, LLC: \$5,752,568.00 (34.31% above County estimate)
- GLF Construction Corporation: \$5,797,645.50 (35.36% above County estimate)
- Jones Benitez Corporation: \$7,007,845.30 (63.61% above County estimate)

The project was bid on a unit-price basis. A complete set of bids and the official bid tabulation may be obtained by contacting the Chief of Capital Improvements, DTPW.

DTPW has reviewed the Capital Improvements Information System (CIIS) and identified one previously awarded construction contract for Interstate Construction, LLC. Additionally, four contractor performance evaluations were found, with an average rating of 3.8 out of 4.0—demonstrating a strong record of satisfactory performance. Based on this review, DTPW recommends award of the contract to Interstate Construction, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$6,608,865.63.

Consistent with DTPW's standard procedures, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled following contract award. The project will be managed by Leonel Salgueiro, DTPW Project Manager, who will oversee contract compliance and execution.

In accordance with Board policy, a safety records check was conducted for the recommended contractor. A review of OSHA records over the past five years revealed no significant safety violations. Copies of the OSHA reports are available upon request.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(5)

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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7-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-754-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT TITLED NORTH MIAMI AVENUE BRIDGE NO. 874035 REPLACEMENT OVER C-8 CANAL – PROJECT NO. 20230196 – BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,608,865.63, INCLUSIVE OF A CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE OF \$856,297.63; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS 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: (a) incorporates the foregoing recital as if fully set forth herein; (b) approves the contract award between Miami-Dade County and Interstate Construction, LLC for North Miami Avenue Bridge No. 874035 Replacement Over C-8 Canal project in an amount not to exceed \$6,608,865.63, inclusive of the contingency allowance of \$856,297.63; and (c) authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to execute the same and to exercise the provisions contained therein, including termination provisions. A copy of the contract documents is on file with and available upon request from the Chief of the Capital Improvements Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen 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
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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.

Bruce Libhaber

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into on the [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED],
by and between Miami-Dade County, Florida, acting by and through the Office of The
Mayor, party of the first part (hereinafter sometimes called the "County"), and

Interstate Construction, LLC

party of the second part (hereinafter sometimes called "Contractor");

W I T N E S S E T H

That the parties hereto, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows, to wit:

1. That the Contractor shall furnish all plant, labor, materials and equipment and perform all work in the manner and form provided by the Contract Documents covering the Project of the County known and identified as:

North Miami Ave. Bridge 874035 Replacement Over C-8 Canal

for the amount reflected by the Proposal, based on the Contract unit prices shown in the Proposal heretofore provided by the County, a copy of said Proposal being a part of the Contract Documents, the aggregate amount of this Contract (the application of unit prices to the quantities actually performed) not to exceed:

Six Million, Six Hundred Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars
and Sixty Three Cents

\$6,608,865.63

2. That the Contractor shall begin the work to be performed under this Contract on a day to be specified in a written order issued by the Engineer, and shall fully complete all work hereunder within the time or times stated within the Contract Documents.
3. That the County shall pay to the Contractor for the faithful performance of this Contract, in lawful money of the United States, and subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents, the total amount of aggregate unit prices for work performed as set forth above at the times and in a manner stated in the General Covenants and Conditions of the Contract Documents.

4. It is further mutually agreed that if at any time after the execution of this Contract and the Performance Bond and Payment Bond, the County shall find the surety upon such bonds to be unsatisfactory, or if for any reason such bond shall become inadequate to cover the performance of the work, the Contractor shall at his own expense, within five (5) days after the receipt of notice from the County to do so, furnish an additional bond or bonds in such form and amount and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the County. In such event, no further payment to the Contractor shall be deemed to be due under this Contract until such new or additional surety shall have been furnished in a manner and form satisfactory to the County.

5. The "Contract Documents" are hereby defined as: (electronic check box)

☒ Questionnaire ☒ Advertisement for Bids ☒ Instructions to Prospective Contractors ☒ Code and Ordinance Requirements ☒ Protest Information ☒ Special Provisions ☒ Combined Affidavit ☒ Specific Code / Affidavits Applications ☒ Ownership Disclosure Form ☒ Community Workforce Program; Job Order Request Form ☒ Contract ☒ Bid Bond ☒ Performance and Payment Bond (if required, Bid Bond is required)	☒ Proposal ☒ Financial Statement ☒ General Covenants and Conditions ☒ Additional Contractor Responsibilities ☒ Applicable Federal Requirements ☒ Department of Business Development Provision ☒ Wages and Benefits Provisions ☒ Specifications ☒ Standards ☒ Plans / Sketches ☒ All Addenda Issued ☐ Other
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6. The terms and conditions of said Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein. The Contract Documents are complementary, so that a recital in one is tantamount to a recital in all, and the Contractor specifically acknowledges that he has read and understands all of said Contract Documents.

7. The various indemnities of the Contractor contained in the Contract Documents indemnifying the County from liability for damages to persons or property caused by acts, omissions, or defaults in the performance of the Contract Documents shall have a monetary limitation of the larger of the following: \$1,000,000.00, or the entire amount of the Contract.

8. The County retains the right to audit any and all information regarding this Contract as described in the Appendix A – Code and Ordinance Requirements, Section 21 and in the Instructions To Prospective Contractor, Section 19.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract in four counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original Contract, all as of the day and year first herein before written.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

ATTEST: Juan Fernandez-Barquin
Clerk of the Court

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

(PARTY OF THE FIRST PART)

Approved For Sufficiency of Execution Only:

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

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WHEN THE CONTRACTOR IS A CORPORATION:

(CORPORATION SEAL)

ATTEST By: _____

(Secretary)

FNA GRAUPERA
(Print or type name)

Interstate Construction, LLC
(Name of Corporation)

(Signature of Officer)

Gustavo H. Graupera
(Print or type name)

Manager
(Official Title)

2501 SW 160th AVE, S-400

Miami, FL 33027
(Address)

(PARTY OF THE SECOND PART)

* Attach to each counterpart a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporation authorizing the officer who signs the Contract, the Performance Bond and Payment Bond to do so in its behalf.