

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(6)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving terms of and authorizing the County Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) for the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Facility Project at the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and NW 12th Street for reimbursement by Miami-Dade County to GMX of \$8,218,816.00 for construction costs; and urging GMX to incorporate inside shoulder improvements; and authorizing the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax Bond Program Funds for the construction of the project, which was added to the People's Transportation Plan 2015-2020 Five-Year Implementation Plan in February 2016; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute same and to exercise the rights contained therein

Resolution No. R-705-25

A Substitute was presented and forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation at the July 8, 2025 Transportation Committee.

This substitute differs from the original item as stated in the Mayor's memorandum.

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Date: July 16, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Approving the Execution of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Greater Miami Expressway Agency for Payment to GMX of \$8,218,816 for the Construction of the Dolphin Station Park-and-Ride Terminal Facility Project, Authorizing the Use of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Bond Program Proceeds for Such Purpose

This substitute item differs from the original item in that it adds a Delegated Authority section to the mayoral memorandum, specifying the Board's delegation to the Administration of authority to execute the agreement and exercise the rights contained therein.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the execution of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) for the Dolphin Station Park-and-Ride Facility Project at the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and NW 12th Street. The agreement was originally executed on March 1, 2016 and set forth the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), now known as (NKA) GMX, as the "Local Agency" for the purpose of implementing the design, development, procurement and construction of the Park-and-Ride Facility. Under that agreement, GMX, as the Local Agency, was to receive funds from the County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for project implementation purposes. The initial budgeted construction amount of \$10,000,000 was exceeded by \$8,218,816 as the result of County-requested scope expansion (i.e., adding electric vehicle charging stations, a transit facility gateway, an air-conditioned transit hub building, and parking management, surveillance and bus information systems). Through this First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, the County will reimburse GMX for the excess cost of \$8,218,816.

An item (Legistar No. 171622) recommending approval of the additional scope was on the agenda of the July 13, 2017 Transportation and Public Works Committee and deferred to no date certain. This was due to internal discussions between the then-leadership of the Department of Transportation and Public Works and MDX regarding the complete transfer of the Dolphin Station to MDX for operation and maintenance. Once the process of reconstituting MDX to GMX commenced, this transfer of ownership was abandoned, thus making the County responsible for covering the additional scope of work and cost overruns in construction engineering and inspections services.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with GMX for the Dolphin Station Park-and-Ride Lot at the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and NW 12th Street, under which the County reimburses GMX \$8,218,816 for the project's additional construction cost. Moreover, it is recommended that the Board urge GMX to incorporate the inside shoulder improvements, inclusive of the width and pavement marking design from the existing SW 97th Avenue design to the SW 137th Avenue existing and future modified interchange.

This agenda item is placed for review pursuant to County Code Section 29-124(f). The item may only be considered by the Board 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 recommendation. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and 45 days have not elapsed since the filing of this agenda item, a request for withdrawal of this item will be submitted.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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

SCOPE

The project is located in District 12, which is represented by Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. However, the impact of the project benefits the riding public and is, therefore, countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The original estimated budget for the project, including soft costs, was \$11,100,000, consisting of \$5,000,000 of County funds (i.e., PTP Bond proceeds) and \$6,100,000 provided to GMX from FDOT. Of this amount, the estimated construction budget was \$10,000,000. Prior to completion of construction, the County expanded the project scope, which increased the cost of the construction phase to a total amount of \$18,218,816, representing an increase of \$8,218,816. The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) programmed the funding needed to reimburse GMX from the following funding source:

Program	Adopted Budget	Funding Source
671610 Park and Ride - Transit Projects	FY24-25 Adopted Budget & Multi-Year Capital Plan; Volume 2, Page 190	People's Transportation Plan Bond Program

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

Mia Marin, DTPW Grants Manager, will monitor the administration of the reimbursement to GMX. The Dolphin Station Park-and-Ride Facility was completed by GMX and placed into service by DTPW in March 2020. The FDOT grant funds were managed by GMX as stipulated in the original agreement.

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2016, the County and MDX, NKA GMX, entered into an Interlocal Agreement authorizing GMX to serve as the "Local Agency" to receive \$5,000,000 in local funding from the County as the match to \$5,000,000 in FDOT funds in a pre-qualified Supplemental JPA. The funding provided by the agreement was slated for the design, development and construction of the project, which was added to the PTP Five-Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-20 pursuant to Resolution No. R-163-16.

Based on Section 3(e) of the original agreement, the County would contribute additional local funds to pay for any costs of modifications to the scope of the project requested by the County, subsequent to its letting, should GMX determine that the modifications caused the project budget to exceed the agreement amount of \$10,000,000. Furthermore, the parties would modify the agreement to memorialize the County's contribution of additional local funds to pay for the costs of the requested modifications.

Striving to improve safety, comfort and convenience of the traveling public, and recognizing this facility as a major regional transit hub, the County expanded the original project scope of work, adding the following elements: electric vehicle charging stations, a facility gateway feature, a parking management system, an air-conditioned transit hub building to provide a comfortable waiting area for the traveling public, a transit information system, and a surveillance system. The additional scope of work modified the engineer's estimate of probable construction costs to \$16,000,000, including Construction, Engineering and Inspections (CE&I) services.

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The successful design-build firm's price was received at \$16,988,516.26 for construction, and GMX negotiated the not-to-exceed fee for CE&I services in the amount of \$1,230,300. Based on the County-requested changes, the project construction cost exceeded the initial construction budget by \$8,218,816.26. This amended agreement provides for authorization of additional local funds to pay for the excess construction costs as specified in Section 3(e) of the agreement.

It is worth highlighting that the project has been completed, and the land and improvements have been transferred to the County. The Dolphin Station has been open for revenue service since 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jimmy Morales', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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)(6)

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 Davidella Lami Cruz Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(6)
7-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-705-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY (GMX) FOR THE DOLPHIN STATION PARK AND RIDE FACILITY PROJECT AT THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AND NW 12TH STREET FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO GMX OF \$8,218,816.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS; URGING GMX TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN INSIDE SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX BOND PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS ADDED TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2015-2020 FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN FEBRUARY 2016; 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 the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) for the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Facility Project at the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and NW 12th Street for reimbursement by Miami-Dade County to GMX of \$8,218,816.00 for project construction costs (the "First Amendment") in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Urges GMX to incorporate the inside shoulder improvements, inclusive of the width and pavement marking design from the existing SW 97th Avenue design to the SW 137th Avenue existing and future modified interchange.

Section 3. Authorizes the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax Bond Program Funds for the payment of the reimbursement cost of \$8,218,816.00 for the construction of the project, which was added to the People's Transportation Plan 2015-2020 Five-Year Implementation Plan in February 2016, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the First Amendment and to exercise the provisions contained therein.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chair, Members, and Executive Director of GMX.

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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Libhaber", is written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Libhaber
Dale P. Clarke

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DOLPHIN STATION PARK AND RIDE LOT AT THE
HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AND NW 12TH STREET ENTERED INTO ON
MARCH 1, 2016**

This FIRST AMENDMENT ("First Amendment"), entered into on this ____ day of _____ 2025, between Miami-Dade County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and Greater Miami Expressway Agency ("GMX"), a body politic and corporate, a public instrumentality and an agency of the State of Florida, as successor in interest to that certain Interlocal Agreement between the County and Miami-Dade Expressway Agency (MDX) for the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Lot at the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike and NW 12th Street entered into on March 1, 2016 (the "Agreement"), collectively referred to in this Agreement as "the Parties."

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into the referenced Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") on March 1, 2016 under which MDX agreed to serve as the Local Agency for the purpose of implementing the design, development, procurement and construction of the DOLPHIN STATION PARK AND RIDE LOT AT THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AND NW 12TH STREET ("the Project") on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for authorization by the County for GMX to serve as the Local Agency to receive funds from the County and the State for the purpose of implementing the Project on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3(e) of the Agreement, the County has requested modifications to the Project, which will result in the overall Project cost exceeding the budget amount of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this First Amendment is to increase the Project cost by allowing the County to contribute additional local funds to pay for the additional construction cost, as required in section 3(e) of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County hereby finds, declares and determines that it is in the best interest of the public for additional funds to be provided for the construction of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, the County and GMX, in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the mutual covenants and benefits set out in this First Amendment, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by this First Amendment, agree as follows:

1. The established budget to complete the Project in its entirety includes a "not to exceed" cost for Construction Engineering and Inspection ("CEI") Services.
2. In accordance with the bid requirements, the successful Design-Build Firm's Price Proposal contained additional construction components that were accepted by the County and thereby increased the Project's construction cost.
3. Paragraph 3 (a) of the Agreement is amended to include the following:

Financial Responsibilities

- (a) The total not to exceed cost for the Project's construction phase is Eighteen Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$18,218,816.26). This cost is comprised of Sixteen Million, Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$16,988,516.26) for Design-Build Cost; and CEI Services not to exceed One Million, Two Hundred Thirty Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,230,300.00).

The initial construction budget is Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00); however, based on the County requested changes, the current Project construction cost exceeds the initial construction budget by Eight Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$8,218,816.26).

The County agrees to fund and reimburse GMX for the additional costs in excess of the original \$10,000,000 in accordance with the following availability of funds schedule:

a. FY 24-25 \$18,218,816.26

4. Paragraph 3 (g) of the Agreement is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

(g) GMX shall implement the Project within the allocated funding provided by FDOT and the County of Eighteen Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$18,218,816.26).

5. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Agreement and the First Amendment, the terms of the First Amendment shall prevail.
6. Except as expressly provided herein, all of the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements and understandings contained in the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and the same are hereby expressly ratified and confirmed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this First Amendment to be duly executed by representatives thereof, each of whom is authorized to execute same.

GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY

Concurred:

Chief Financial Officer
Print name:

Concurred:

Director of Engineering
Print name:

Approved:

Executive Director
Print name:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

General Counsel
Print name:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor/Mayor's Designee
Print name:

Attest: Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk
Print name:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
County Attorney
Print name:



Memorandum



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

From: Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director

Date: June 26, 2025

Re: CITT AGENDA ITEM 7B:

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) **NOT** APPROVE TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY (GMX) FOR THE DOLPHIN STATION PARK AND RIDE FACILITY PROJECT AT THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AND NW 12TH STREET FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COUNTY TO GMX OF \$8,218,816.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS; URGE THE BCC TO URGE GMX TO INCORPORATE INSIDE SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX BOND PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,218,816.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS ADDED TO THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2015-2020 FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN FEBRUARY 2016; AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME AND TO EXERCISE THE RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN

On June 25, 2025, the CITT voted (4-3) to forward a vote **not** to approve the Interlocal Agreement with GMX for the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Facility Project to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The vote was as follows:

Robert Wolfarth, Chairperson – Nay
Mary Street, Esq., 1st Vice-Chairperson – Absent
Hon. Peggy Bell, 2nd Vice-Chairperson – Aye

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

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

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

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