

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

DATE: October 9, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Ludlam Trail
project in Miami-Dade
County

Resolution No. R-993-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis.



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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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10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-993-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE LUDLAM TRAIL
PROJECT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has acquired several miles of former railroad corridor for the purpose of developing the Ludlam Trail, a shared-use path for non-motorized transportation and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the Ludlam Trail Corridor stretches from the southern edge of the Miami International Airport to the Downtown Kendall Urban Center; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that certain segments of the Ludlam Trail shall serve as recreational trail segments and will be developed for various recreational uses, including, but not limited to, a pedestrian and bicycle trail, parks and associated amenities; and

WHEREAS, once developed, the Ludlam Trail will serve as an asset to the community that aims to connect more than 35,000 people within a half-mile radius of the trail to multiple schools, parks, greenway trails, transit hubs, and other commercial shopping areas as well as activity centers; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Ludlam Trail and conversion of this former railway corridor into a continuous, publicly-accessible pedestrian and bicycle trail will promote the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents of Miami-Dade County by enhancing regional mobility, providing opportunities for physical activity, and improving the economic vitality of the area; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated substantial funding for the acquisition and environmental remediation of the property for Ludlam Trail; and

WHEREAS, the County has received significant funding awards from the Florida Legislature and state agencies in the past, demonstrating state interest and commitment to this project; and

WHEREAS, the Ludlam Trail is designated as a priority trail by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that this project is of Countywide significance; and

WHEREAS, the Ludlam Trail will be used by residents from all across the County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County now seeks the Florida Legislature's continued support for the Ludlam Trail project, and its intended goals of increasing green space in the County and improving overall quality of life for County residents,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Ludlam Trail project in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2026 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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	aye
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 9th day of October, 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes
Brianna E. Donet