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To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: October 17, 2016

From: Edward Silva, Village Manager

Re: Municipal Circulator to  
Operate on the South Miami-  
Dade Busway

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; RELATING TO IBUS OPERATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NEW ROUTE OR ROUTE CHANGE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THEIR APPROVAL TO UTILIZE OR OPERATE THE IBUS ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** (Sponsored by Administration)

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

In 2006, the Village of Palmetto Bay launched a much-needed intra-Village bus service in full compliance with Miami-Dade County policy, as directed by the staff of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) and the County Attorney's Office. Palmetto Bay currently offers free shuttle bus transportation within the Village limits via the IBus circulator. The IBus route system has two routes that cover the Village and provide transportation from U.S. 1, the Busway, and major points within Palmetto Bay. Each bus can carry 25 passengers inclusive of driver and is equipped with a wheelchair lift and bike rack to make riding comfortable and convenient for residents and visitors of all ages and needs.

As recommended in the final COA report, the use of the South Dade busway with connectivity to Metrorail will increase Ibus ridership. The South Dade Busway is a dedicated lane for transit bus services to Dadeland South Metrorail Station. The express purpose of the busway is to provide an enhancement to transit services by providing more efficient service, bypass potential traffic congestion on US-1, and connect directly to Miami-Dade Transit bus routes operating on the busway. Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution R-56-16 (attached as Exhibit A) authorizing municipal circulators to operate on the South Miami-Dade Busway as part of a new route or route change approved by the County.

The Village Council passed a resolution authorizing the Village Manager to negotiate with Palmetto Bay Village Center to lease spaces required for a potential park-and-ride lot to serve commuters that want to park their vehicles and use the Village's free Ibus circulator service to connect to Miami Dade County Busway or Metrorail. The privately owned

commercial property is located along the Old Culer Road corridor within the boundaries of Palmetto Bay, more specifically, Palmetto Bay Village Center located at 18001 Old Cutler Road. There are no formal park/ride lots in the Village of Palmetto Bay to make transit a more accessible option to those individuals that want to use transit to commute to places of interest. The closest park –and-ride facilities servicing Palmetto Bay transit riders include lots at SW 152nd Street and at SW 168th Street. Based on MDT Monthly Ridership Reports, since November 2014, the lot at SW 168th Street has been operating at 100 percent occupancy monthly; the lot at SW 152nd Street has been at 97 percent.

The Administration is proposing immediate reconfiguration of the Village's Ibus route to include express travel from Palmetto Bay Village Center located at 18001 Old Cutler Road and Old Cutler Presbyterian Church located at 14401 Old Cutler Road. The route when created will provide a convenient yet efficient mode of transit, get vehicles off the road, and reduce traffic congestion by delivering transit riders via the Village's circulator to the South Dade Busway with direct connectivity to the Metrorail corridor.

Providing enhanced transit connectivity from the east to the west will make Palmetto Bay more transit accessible. It is recommended that the Village Council accept the recommendations of Administration and authorize the Village Manager to reconfigure the existing routes and create a new route for County approval in order to commence operation of the Village's Ibus circulator on the South Dade Busway with direct connectivity to the Metrorail corridor once new buses are received in-house.

#### **FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT**

There is no budgetary impact at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval is recommended.

#### **Attachments:**

- Exhibit A - MDC Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. R-56-16

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the final COA report recommends the use of the South Dade busway with connectivity to Metrorail to increase Ibus ridership while minimizing traffic congestion and maximizing the capacity of our local roadway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade Busway is a dedicated lane for transit bus services to Dadeland South Metrorail Station.; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution R-56-16 (attached as Exhibit A) authorizing municipal circulators to operate on the South Miami-Dade Busway as part of a new route or route change approved by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Village Council passed a resolution authorizing the Village Manager to negotiate a lease with Palmetto Bay Village Center for spaces required for a potential park-and-ride lot to serve commuters that want to park their vehicles and use the Village's free Ibus circulator service to connect to Miami Dade County Busway or Metrorail; and

**WHEREAS**, administration is proposing immediate reconfiguration of the Village's Ibus route to include express travel from Palmetto Bay Village Center located at 18001 Old Cutler Road to Dadeland South Metrorail Station via the South Dade Busway; and

**WHEREAS**, the routes when created will provide a convenient and efficient mode of transit, get vehicles off the road, and reduce traffic congestion by delivering transit riders via the Village's circulator to the South Dade Busway with direct connectivity to the Metrorail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council feels that it is in the best interest of the Village to create a new or reconfigured route for County approval to commence operation of the Village's Ibus circulator on the South Dade Busway with direct connectivity to the Metrorail corridor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The Village Council authorizes the Village Manager to create a new or reconfigured route for County approval to commence operation of the Village's Ibus circulator on the South Dade Busway providing for direct connectivity to the Metrorail corridor.

1           **Section 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

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3           PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Eugene Flinn  
Mayor

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15       APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE  
16       AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:

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20 Dexter W. Lehtinen  
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24       FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 20, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing municipal  
circulators to operate on the  
South Miami-Dade Busway as  
part of a new route or route  
change approved by the County

Resolution No. R-56-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney



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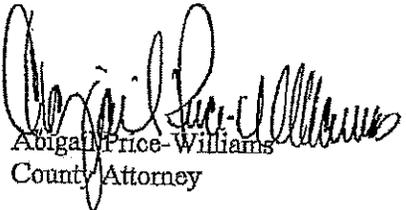


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 20, 2016

**FROM:**   
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(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 \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_\_) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

1-20-16

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. R-56-16

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CIRCULATORS  
TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY AS  
PART OF A NEW ROUTE OR ROUTE CHANGE APPROVED  
BY THE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the South Miami-Dade Busway (Busway) is a dedicated lane for bus transit service from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to S.W. 344 Street; and

**WHEREAS**, various circulators operated by or on behalf of municipalities have routes that are near, adjacent to or surrounding the Busway; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Busway by municipal circulators as part of an approved route would be in line with the express purpose of the Busway to provide an enhancement to transit services, specifically bus service, by allowing such buses to provide more efficient service, bypass potential traffic congestion on U.S. 1, and connect directly to Miami-Dade Transit bus routes operating on the Busway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Busway is intended to operate as a bus rapid transit system, emulating high volume service like Metrorail; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal circulators currently connect directly to Metrorail transit stations; and

**WHEREAS**, such municipal circulator routes are intended to provide direct connection to the Miami-Dade Transit system as they do along the Metrorail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal circulator routes are approved by the County and any new circulator route or change to an existing circulator route in order to utilize or operate on the Busway would have to be so approved; and

**WHEREAS**, such an approval mechanism ensures that any such approved use would not interfere with Metrobus operations and safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that municipal circulators are authorized to operate on the South Miami-Dade Busway as part of a new route or route change approved by the County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner José "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	aye		
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye	
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye	
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye	
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent	Xavier L. Suarez	absent	
Juan C. Zapata	aye			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Alex S. Bokor

