

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 19, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving reimbursement of travel expenses, not to exceed a total of \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds (or \$3,000.00 per traveler) budgeted for such purposes, to permit up to three members of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("CITT") selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO") Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program scheduled for October 23-25, 2023

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: September 19, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Reimbursement of Travel Expenses, Not to Exceed a Total of \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds (or \$3,000 per traveler) Budgeted for Such Purposes, to Permit up to Three Members of the Trust to Attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program Scheduled for October 23-25, 2023

The attached item was prepared by the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) and is being placed on the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at the request of Javier Betancourt, Executive Director of the CITT, for approval.

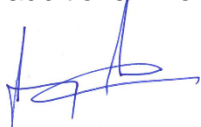
The Miami-Dade TPO is leading a regional Bicycle Immersion Program (Program) supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Manager, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Consulate General in Miami. This Program will be led by the Dutch Cycling Embassy, from October 23-25, 2023, and will be open to Miami-Dade TPO regional agencies and industry partners.

It is recommended by the CITT that the BCC approve travel expenses in an amount not to exceed \$9,000 (or \$3,000 per traveler), budgeted for such purposes in the Office of the CITT's operating budget, to enable up to three CITT members selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Program.

This Program will provide an immersive experience in bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure through a combination of sessions with political and industry leaders, as well as guided cycling, to learn the Dutch approach for the design and implementation of bicycle infrastructure.

The CITT's participation in this program helps to advance several CITT objectives related to the promotion of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure as an alternative mobility solution, including the development of first/last mile connectivity to transit services such as the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan corridors.

Due to logistical time constraints and the August recess, at the request of the CITT, the Administration will request a waiver of this item from BCC Committee review and placement of the item on the agenda for the September 19 meeting of the BCC. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Javier Betancourt, Executive Director of the CITT.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 19, 2023

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(4)

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 ____, 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) ____, or 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 _____

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(4)
9-19-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$9,000.00 OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (OR \$3,000.00 PER TRAVELER) BUDGETED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PERMIT UP TO THREE MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST ("CITT") SELECTED BY THE CITT CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("TPO") DUTCH CYCLING EMBASSY BIKE IMMERSION PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23-25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("CITT") is actively working with its partner transportation organizations to promote the development of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure throughout Miami-Dade County as an alternative mobility solution, and as first/last mile connectivity to the County's transit system; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are consistent with and further the CITT's charge, pursuant to County Code, to "monitor, oversee, review, audit and investigate the implementation of the transportation and transit projects listed in any levy of the surtax, and all other projects funded in whole or in part with surtax proceeds"; and

WHEREAS, the CITT is engaged in the ongoing oversight and monitoring of the current 5 Year Implementation Plan of the People's Transportation Plan ("PTP"), which currently includes several bicycle/pedestrian related projects, such as Vision Zero and the South Dade Trail component of the South Dade Corridor; and which may be amended in the future to include eligible bicycle/pedestrian projects that provide first/last mile connectivity to transit services such as the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CITT is also engaged in the ongoing oversight and monitoring of municipalities' use of their share of surtax funds, including several past, present and future bicycle/pedestrian projects; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO") has invited the CITT to attend a regional Bicycle Immersion Program supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Manager, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Consulate General in Miami. This Program, included herein as part of Exhibit A, will be led by the Dutch Cycling Embassy, from October 23-25, 2023, and will be open to Miami-Dade TPO regional agencies and industry partners; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide an immersive experience in bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure through a combination of sessions with political and industry leaders, as well as guided cycling, to learn the Dutch approach for the design and implementation of bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the CITT's active participation in this unique Program alongside its partner transportation organizations will help to better educate and inform the CITT with respect to successful bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, policies and programs, thereby enhancing its ability to properly monitor, oversee, review, audit and investigate proposed County and municipal bicycle/pedestrian projects and programs seeking surtax funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the CITT's FY23 (current) and FY24 (proposed) operating budgets have funds budgeted for Staff and Member travel in amounts sufficient to cover these expenses; and

WHEREAS, at its public meeting on July 27, 2023, the CITT unanimously approved a Resolution, provided herein as Exhibit A, recommending to the County Commission approval of the reimbursement of travel expenses, not to exceed \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation

Surtax Funds (or \$3,000.00 per traveler) budgeted for such purposes, to permit up to three members of the CITT selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program scheduled for October 23-25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this item was waived from BCC Committee review due to time constraints between the time that the CITT received an invitation from the TPO to attend the Program, and the actual dates of travel, requiring expedited approval in order to be able to make the necessary travel arrangements in a timely and cost effective manner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the reimbursement of travel expenses, not to exceed \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds (or \$3,000.00 per traveler) budgeted for such purposes, to permit up to three members of the CITT selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program scheduled for October 23-25, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of September, 2023. 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

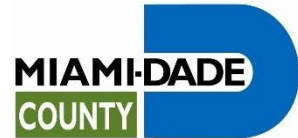
JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Bruce Libhaber



Memorandum

To: Oscar J. Braynon, Chairperson
and Members, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT)

From: Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director

Date: July 21, 2023

Re: Approving Reimbursement of Travel Expenses, Not to Exceed a Total of \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds (or \$3,000 per traveler) Budgeted for Such Purposes, to Permit up to Three Members of the Trust to Attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program Scheduled for October 23-25, 2023

The attached item was prepared by the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT). **The Surtax impact is a maximum of \$9,000.**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve travel expenses in an amount not to exceed \$9,000 (or \$3,000 per traveler), budgeted for such purposes in the Office of the CITT's operating budget, to enable up to three (3) CITT members selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Dutch Cycling Embassy Bike Immersion Program scheduled to take place between October 23-25, 2023 in the Netherlands, as provided in Exhibit A to the draft Resolution.

The Miami-Dade TPO is leading a regional Bicycle Immersion Program supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Manager, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Consulate General in Miami. This Program will be led by the Dutch Cycling Embassy, from October 23-25, 2023, and will be open to Miami-Dade TPO regional agencies and industry partners.

This Program will provide an immersive experience in bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure through a combination of sessions with political and industry leaders, as well as guided cycling, to learn the Dutch approach for the design and implementation of bicycle infrastructure.

Program includes:

- Presentations on Dutch history of cycling, policy, budgets, multi-modality, network planning, cycle highways and infrastructure design
- Cycling network field review of The Hague, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Houten infrastructures
- Peer exchanges

The CITT's participation in this program helps to advance several CITT objectives related to the promotion of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure as an alternative mobility solution, including the

development of first/last mile connectivity to transit services such as the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan corridors.

Given time constraints and the upcoming August recess, Staff will request a waiver of this item from BCC Committee review, and placement of the item on the agenda for the next available meeting of the BCC.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Jimmy Morales, COO, Office of the Mayor
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 23-015

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$9,000.00 OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS (OR \$3,000 PER TRAVELER) BUDGETED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PERMIT UP TO THREE MEMBERS OF THE TRUST SELECTED BY THE CITT CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION DUTCH CYCLING EMBASSY BIKE IMMERSION PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23-25, 2023

WHEREAS, the CITT is actively working to promote and fund the development of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure throughout Miami-Dade County as an alternative mobility solution, including the advancement of first/last mile connectivity to transit services such as the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is leading a regional Bicycle Immersion Program supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Manager, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Consulate General in Miami. This Program, included herein as Exhibit A, will be led by the Dutch Cycling Embassy, from October 23-25, 2023, and will be open to Miami-Dade TPO regional agencies and industry partners; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide an immersive experience in bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure through a combination of sessions with political and industry leaders, as well as guided cycling, to learn the Dutch approach for the design and implementation of bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the CITT's FY23 (current) and FY24 (proposed) operating budgets have funds budgeted for Staff and Member travel in amounts sufficient to cover these expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITT, that this Trust approves reimbursement of travel expenses, not to exceed a total of \$9,000.00 of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds (or \$3,000 per traveler) budgeted for such purposes, to permit up to three members of the Trust selected by the CITT Chairman to attend the Miami-Dade TPO Bicycle Immersion Program, scheduled for October 23-25, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Mary Street, Esq., who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Joseph Curbelo and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Oscar J. Braynon, Chairperson – Aye
Robert Wolfarth, 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye
Paul Schwiep, Esq., 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Hon. Peggy Bell – Aye
Joseph Curbelo – Aye
Qjuezari Harvey – Absent
L. Elijah Stiers, Esq. – Absent

Omar K. Bradford Esq. – Aye
Meg Daly – Aye
Robert Ruano – Absent
Mary Street, Esq. – Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of July 2023.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency Bruce Zilhaber

By: 
Executive Director