MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO:

Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

May 6, 2014

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution authorizing law

enforcement and fire rescue vehicles to operate on the South Miami-Dade Busway even when

not in emergency mode

Resolution No. R-445-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

RAC/lmp



May 6, 2014 TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa DATE: and Members, Board of County Commissioners R. A. Cuevas, Jr. **SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11) FROM: County Attorney 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 Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing

Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____,

Current information regarding funding source, index code and available

balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

No committee review

3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve

| Approved _ | Mayor | | Agenda Item No. | 11(A)(11) |
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| Veto _ | | | 5-6-14 | |
| Override _ | | | | |
| | RESOLUTION NO. | R-445-14 | | |
| | DECOMPTON APPROPRIE | NC I AW ENE | | . |

FIRE RESCUE VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE BUSWAY EVEN WHEN NOT IN EMERGENCY MODE

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

WHEREAS, currently, law enforcement and fire rescue vehicles may only traverse along the South Miami-Dade Busway when said vehicles are in emergency mode; and

WHEREAS, allowing law enforcement and fire rescue vehicles on the South Miami-Dade Busway will increase a police presence in this corridor and thus serve as a deterrent to crime; and

WHEREAS, police take home vehicles have proven to be a deterrent to crime in communities by providing a visible presence; and

WHEREAS, the visibility of law enforcement vehicles along the South Miami-Dade Busway will serve as a deterrent to crime along that transit corridor; and

WHEREAS, allowing law enforcement and fire rescue vehicles to traverse along the South Miami-Dade Busway will provide comfort and security to Miami-Dade Transit patrons with little or no interference with Miami-Dade Transit operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby authorizes law enforcement and fire rescue vehicles to operate on the South Miami-Dade Busway even when not in emergency mode.

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The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner

Dennis C. Moss , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

José "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

| Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman Lynda Bell, Vice Chair | | | |
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| Bruno A. Barreiro | aye | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. | aye |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | aye | Audrey M. Edmonson | aye |
| Sally A. Heyman | aye | Barbara J. Jordan | aye |
| Jean Monestime | aye | Dennis C. Moss | aye |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | aye | Xavier L. Suarez | aye |
| Juan C. Zapata | aye | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa

Deputy Clerk

COMMISSION MAN

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber