

# Memorandum



**Date:** March 3, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 5(F)

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess", written over the printed name of George M. Burgess.

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Construction of Intersection Improvements Along Old Cutler Road

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve the attached resolution authorizing the construction of intersection improvements along Old Cutler Road. The proposed improvements will not detract from the historical features of the road and will enhance safety for area residents and other users.

## **Scope**

The proposed improvements to be performed include intersection improvements at seven (7) intersections; Old Cutler Road & Farmer Road (SW 70 Avenue), Old Cutler Road & SW 157 Terrace, Old Cutler Road & SW 77 Avenue, Old Cutler Road & SW 82 Avenue, Old Cutler Road & SW 174 Street, Old Cutler Road & SW 176 Street, Old Cutler Road & SW 179 Street.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

Although there is no fiscal impact associated with this authorization to proceed with the planned safety improvements, the cost for future contracts for the construction is estimated at \$ 194,361.00. Funding for these improvements will be from the Charter County Transit Surtax. Specifically, Neighborhood Improvement funds will be from the yearly allocation for Commission District 8.

## **Delegation of Authority**

No additional authority is being requested.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

Following PWD's standard operating procedures, after award of a contract, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled. Throughout all PTP projects, the responsible staff person in PWD will be the PTP Coordinator, Mr. Frank Aira, P.E. Following completion of the award process, the intersection improvement projects will be assigned to Mr. Joaquin Rabassa, P.E., Project Coordinator, for day to day responsibilities.

## **Background**

Section 9-2 of the Miami-Dade County Code prohibits the widening or expansion of Old Cutler Road from its presently paved right-of-way, except for the purpose of assuring safe travel. The Code also permits the limited expansion of intersections provided that an advertised public hearing is held to present the findings of fact necessitating such work prior to approval by the BCC.

On April 13, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the Old Cutler Road Charrette Report, including its plan and recommendations, and directed me to present a Final Area Plan to address recommendations contained in the Report. Subsequently, the Old Cutler Road Traffic Engineering Study was commissioned to advance some of the elements of the Charrette by assessing several transportation/roadway corridor enhancements along the Old Cutler Road between SW 87 Avenue and SW 212 Street. The study was designed to focus specifically on three (3) critical recommendations from the Report: (1) the assessment of the existing and projected Old Cutler Road operations; (2) roundabouts at the proposed locations of SW 87 and SW 97 Avenues; and (3) shared pedestrian/bicycle path and related facilities.

Subsequent to the findings and recommendations of the study, it was decided to proceed with the implementation of measures to improve the bicycle path from Cocoplum Circle to SW 224 Street. In evaluating the bicycle path, it was found that when traffic flow for North bound travelers along Old Cutler Road was interrupted for a driver to make a left turn at any of the seven (7) above listed intersections waiting drivers were "going around" by driving onto the existing bicycle path endangering bicyclists and pedestrians traveling along the path. The proposed improvements will provide for improved safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. Construction of the proposed improvements will be effectuated via a contract award to Kailas Corp. for intersection improvements which is being presented to the Board under separate cover.

  
Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss      **DATE:** March 3, 2009  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:**   
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 5(F)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 5(F)  
3-3-09

RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ALONG OLD CUTLER ROAD

**WHEREAS**, Section 9-2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida prohibits the widening or expansion of Old Cutler Road from its presently paved right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9-2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, permits the Board of County Commissioners to permit the limited expansion of intersections on said Old Cutler Road for purposes of assuring safe travel on Old Cutler Road, after public hearing with reasonable notice by newspaper publication; and

**WHEREAS**, safe travel along Old Cutler Road will require the construction of improvements along Old Cutler Road, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has conducted a public hearing in accordance with Section 9-2 of the Code, and 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:**

Section 1. That all matters herein above stated are incorporated herein by reference and found to be true.

Section 2. That the Miami-Dade Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of improvements along Old Cutler Road.

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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Thomas Goldstein

