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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
DATE: October 18, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER (AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THIS RESOLUTION) AND WAIVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 2-367(E) OF THE CITY CODE, FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE CITY'S AREAS CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY ROUTE 115, WHICH ROUTE WILL BE ELIMINATED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AS PART OF THE BETTER BUS NETWORK: (1) AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (COUNTY), PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE CITY FOR ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE; AND (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BEEFREE, LLC D/B/A FREEBEE TO INCLUDE THE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE AS PART OF THE SCOPE OF THE FREEBEE AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY, AT MINIMUM, HAS SECURED A LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE COUNTY TO FUND THE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("Commission") approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County ("County") and a contract amendment with BEEFREE, LLC ("Freebee") to implement a new dedicated on-demand Freebee service (as further described under Option 2 in the Analysis section of this memorandum) to mitigate the County's discontinuation of Route 115 as part of the upcoming launch of the Better Bus Network (or "Better Bus") on November 13, 2023, so as to provide uninterrupted public transit services to the affected community.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

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As part of the upcoming changes, and based on the County's analysis, the County will discontinue Route 115 due to historically low ridership (an average of approximately 134 riders per weekday and 67 riders on weekends). Route 115 connects North Beach to South Beach, serving Mount Sinai Medical Center, primarily along the Alton Road corridor (Attachment A). The service utilizes two (2) cut-away buses operating approximately 13 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, at approximately 50-minute headways (i.e. frequency of service). The County is introducing new routes, including Route 14 from Omni Terminal in Miami to Mount Sinai Medical Center via the MacArthur Causeway, Alton Road, South Pointe Drive, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue, and 41 Street, which will somewhat serve the areas affected by the discontinuation of Route 115. Details and maps of the County-approved route changes to be implemented as part of the County's Better Bus Network can be found here (Better Bus SHIFTS Into Gear (miamidade.gov).

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On October 11, 2023, the Administration issued Letter To Commission ("LTC") No. 452-2023 dated October 11, 2023 (Attachment C) with history and an update on the County's imminent discontinuation of Route 115.

ANALYSIS

To help mitigate the impact of the County's upcoming discontinuation of Route 115 and provide a suitable public transit option to the affected customers, City staff has been working with DTPW and evaluating various options as further described below.

Option 1: Enhance Mid-Beach On-Demand Freebee Service

This option would augment the City's current on-demand Freebee service in the Mid-Beach area through the addition of one (1) Freebee Tesla X vehicle (for a total of three (3) Tesla X vehicles in service) operating the same service hours (Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.). Given the current Middle Beach on-demand transit service has only two (2) Tesla X vehicles serving a large geo-fenced area, passengers are currently experiencing average wait times of 20 minutes and many customers ultimately cancel the requested trip. The annual operating cost associated with the additional Tesla X vehicle is $168,000. Per correspondence from DTPW dated October 11, 2023 (Attachment D), the County is committing to fund this amount annually for a period of two (2) years through the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and County. The Interlocal Agreement would require approval from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners as well as the City Commission. In addition, this option would also require executing an amendment to the current agreement between the City and Freebee for the provision of on-demand transit services in the City. Consistent with the current Mid-Beach on-demand service, the enhanced Freebee service would continue to provide direct service to/from Mount Sinai Medical Center, major transit hubs in North Beach, Middle Beach, and South Beach served by the Miami Beach Trolley and County bus services, and any location within the existing geo-fenced area in Mid-Beach (Attachment E). Depending on the passenger's trip origin or destination, a transfer may be required. **Given the current demand on the Mid-Beach on-demand service, the Administration has concerns that this option may not adequately address current demand plus the needs of passengers affected by the discontinuation of Route 115; therefore, this option is not recommended.** Note that following the two (2)-year financial commitment by the County for one (1) additional vehicle, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources or eliminated.

Option 2A: Implement a New Dedicated On-Demand Freebee Service Connecting North Beach and Mount Sinai Medical Center to Partially Replace Route 115

This option would require dedicating one (1) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicle to serve the North Beach portion of Route 115 (all existing stops from 63 Street to 88 Street) and also serve Mount Sinai Medical Center as an on-demand service. For this new service, riders would request a ride telephonically from a bus/trolley stop rather than through the mobile Freebee application due to complexities with creating a new geo-fence within an existing geo-fenced area. Given one (1) Freebee Tesla X vehicle has a capacity to carry five (5) passengers, it is not known at this time whether this option will adequately meet passenger demand. The annual operating cost is estimated to be $168,000 to be fully funded by the County through an Interlocal Agreement as described in Option 1 above. Similarly, an amendment to the City's current agreement with Freebee would be required. **As Route 115 historically served a low demand area (which is better served through an on-demand service) and given the new Route 14 (to be implemented as part of the Better Bus Network) will provide a direct connection from South Beach to Mount Sinai Medical Center, the Administration considers this option to be viable in terms of mitigating the impact to the North Beach community as a result of the discontinuation of Route 115. This option would provide a direct one-seat ride to Mount Sinai Medical Center.** Following the two (2)-year financial commitment by the County for one (1) additional vehicle, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources or eliminated.

Option 2B: Implement a New Dedicated Fixed Route/Fixed Schedule Freebee Service Connecting North Beach and Mount Sinai Medical Center to Partially Replace Route 115

This option would require dedicating one (1) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicle to operate along the North Beach portion of Route 115 (from 63 Street to 88 Street) and serve Mount Sinai Medical Center on a fixed route/fixed schedule service. Given one (1) Freebee Tesla X vehicle has a capacity to carry up to five (5) passengers, it is not known at this time whether this option will adequately meet passenger demand. The annual operating cost is estimated to be $168,000 to be fully funded by the County through an Interlocal Agreement as described in Options 1 and 2A above. Similarly, an amendment to the City's current agreement with Freebee would be required. **Given Route 115 historically served a low demand area (which is better served through an on-demand service) and given the new Route 14 (to be implemented as part of the Better Bus Network) will provide a direct connection from South Beach to Mount Sinai Medical Center, the Administration considers this option to be viable in terms of mitigating the impact to the North Beach community as a result of the discontinuation of Route 115. This option would provide a direct one-seat ride to Mount Sinai Medical Center.** As with Option 2A, following the two (2)-year financial commitment by the County for one (1) additional vehicle, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources or eliminated.

Option 3: Implement a New Dedicated On-Demand Freebee Service to Replace Full Route 115 Service

This option would require dedicating two (2) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicles to operate the same route and schedule as Route 115 but on an on-demand basis. For this new service, riders would request a ride telephonically rather than through the mobile Freebee application due to complexities with creating a new geo-fence within an existing geo-fenced area. The annual operating cost is estimated to be $328,800, of which the County would fund $168,000 through an Interlocal Agreement as in Options 1, 2A, and 2B above, and the remaining cost of $160,800 would need to be funded by the City. However, funding has not been identified, appropriated, or budgeted. Similarly, this option would require executing an amendment to the current agreement between the City and Freebee for the expansion of on-demand transit services in the City. **While this option would provide an on-demand alternative for passengers affected by the impending discontinuation of Route 115, given the new Route 14 (to be implemented as part of the Better Bus Network) will provide a direct connection from South Beach to Mount Sinai Medical Center, the Administration is not recommending this option as it would duplicate bus service in South Beach.** At the conclusion of the County's two (2)-year financial commitment for one (1) additional vehicle, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources, modified/reduced, or eliminated.

Option 4: Implement a New Dedicated Trolley Loop to Replace Route 115

This option would create a new trolley loop to serve the same route, schedule, and service plan as Route 115. The service plan would consist of two (2) trolleys operating 13 hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The annual operating cost would be $728,000 if two (2) high-floor trolleys are utilized and $837,800 if two (2) low-floor trolleys are utilized. The County has not made a financial commitment to provide for this service. This option would require an amendment to the contract with the City's trolley operator (Limousines of South Florida, Inc.), currently on a month-to-month extension, to provide the expanded trolley service. **Given the annual operating cost associated with providing a fixed route/fixed schedule transit service and considering that Route 115 serves a low demand area with historically low ridership, the Administration does not consider this option to be cost-effective and, thus, is not recommending this option.**

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

According to the 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey, less than 10% of residents use public transportation as a primary mode of transportation to get around the City. At least 25% of residents consider biking, trolley or light rail/modern streetcar as the most viable alternatives to using a car for trips within the City. Enhanced on-demand public transportation services will serve to augment viable alternatives to using private vehicles.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Below are the total costs and costs to the City for each of the three (3) options evaluated:

- Option 1 (Not Recommended): Total Cost: $168,000 for one (1) additional Tesla X vehicle (service to be funded by the County). Cost to City: $0.
- **Option 2A (Recommended for Consideration):** Total Cost: $168,000 for one (1) additional Tesla X vehicle (service to be funded by the County). Cost to City: $0.
- **Option 2B (Recommended for Consideration):** Total Cost: $168,000 for one (1) additional Tesla X vehicle (service to be funded by the County). Cost to City: $0.
- Option 3 (Not Recommended): Total Cost: $328,800 for two (2) additional Tesla X vehicles. County will fund $168,000. Cost to City: $160,800. Funding has not been identified, appropriated, or budgeted).
- Option 4 (Not Recommended): Total Cost: $728,000 (for two (2) high floor trolleys) to $837,800 (for two (2) low-floor trolleys). Funding has not been identified, appropriated, or budgeted.

CONCLUSION

Due to historically low ridership and productivity, the County will be discontinuing Route 115 as part of its Better Bus Network launch on November 13, 2023. To help mitigate the loss of public transit service for affected passengers, the Administration has been working with DTPW to develop and evaluate various mitigation options to serve the affected community with the goal of providing uninterrupted public transit service.

Based on City staff's analysis, **the Administration considers Options 2A and 2B to be feasible and suitable mitigation options to the elimination of Route 115 pending further discussion with DTPW and Freebee.** Should the City Commission approve this Resolution and endorse Option 2A or 2B, the Administration will work with DTPW to execute an Interlocal Agreement, effective retroactively as of November 14, 2023, and with Freebee to execute a contract amendment on an expedited basis to be positioned to implement the transit mitigation service on November 14, 2023.

If approved, the Transportation and Mobility Department and the Office of Marketing and Communications will develop and disseminate information to market and promote the service option to be provided.

Applicable Area

Middle Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?	**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**
Yes	No

Strategic Connection

Mobility - Increase multi-modal mobility citywide and connectivity regionally.

Legislative Tracking

Transportation and Mobility

ATTACHMENTS:

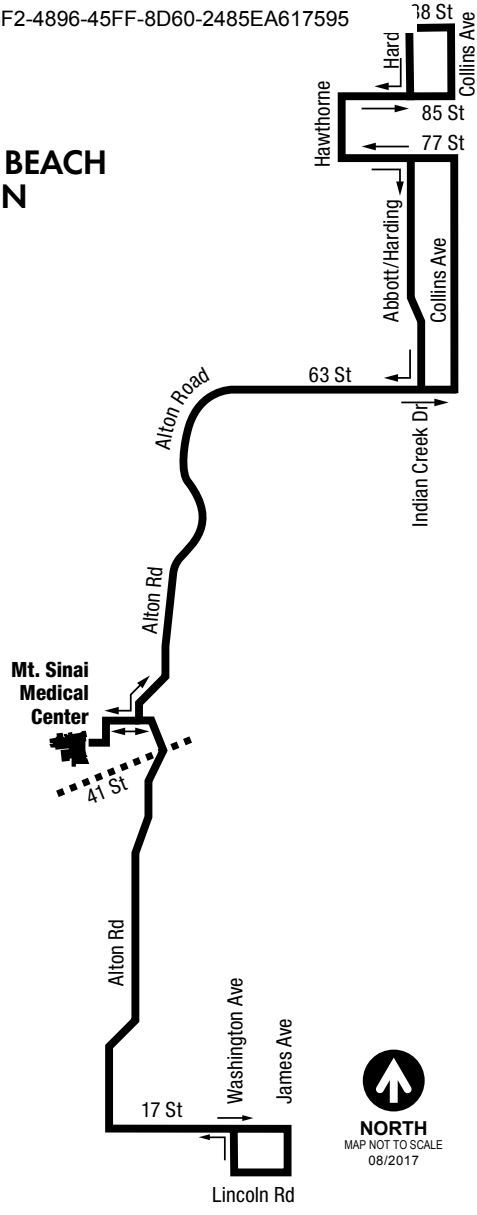
Description

- Attachment A - Map of Route 115
- Attachment B - Resolution No. 2021-31866
- Attachment C - LTC 452-2023 Miami-Dade County Better Bus Network – Discontinuation of Route 115
- Attachment D- Letter from DTPW dated October 11, 2023
- Attachment E - Mid-Beach On-Demand Freebee Service Map

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MID-NORTH BEACH CONNECTION



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Abbott Ave & 69 St	7:34	8:24	9:12	10:02	10:52	11:42	12:32	1:22	2:12	3:02	3:52	4:42	5:32	6:22	7:12
Mt Sinai Hospital	7:47	8:37	9:25	10:15	11:05	11:55	12:45	1:35	2:25	3:15	4:05	4:55	5:45	6:35	7:22
Lincoln & Washington	8:04	8:54	9:44	10:34	11:24	12:14	1:04	1:54	2:44	3:34	4:24	5:14	6:04	6:54	7:37

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Mt Sinai Hospital	8:21	9:11	10:00	10:50	11:40	12:30	1:20	2:10	3:00	3:50	4:40	5:30	6:20	7:10
Collins Ave & 69 St	8:35	9:25	10:14	11:04	11:54	12:44	1:34	2:24	3:14	4:04	4:54	5:44	6:34	7:22
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Mt Sinai Hospital	7:40	8:30	9:22	10:12	11:02	11:52	12:42	1:32	2:22	3:12	4:02	4:52	5:42	6:32	7:20
Lincoln & Washington	7:54	8:44	9:38	10:28	11:18	12:08	12:58	1:48	2:38	3:28	4:18	5:08	5:58	6:48	7:33

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31866

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BETTER BUS PROJECT, TO: 1) PROVIDE RELIABLE TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE AREA SOUTH OF FIFTH STREET; 2) PROVIDE ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE IN LIEU OF BUS ROUTE 115; AND 3) CLOSELY COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OFFICIALS ANY CONSOLIDATION OF THE BUS STOPS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Miami Beach Resident Survey, 75% of residents are satisfied with the City's trolley service; however, 63% of residents are using their personal automobiles for trips within Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Miami Beach Business Survey rates transportation as one of the four most significant challenges for the future growth and stability of businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the same survey, 48% of businesses are satisfied with the effectiveness of public transit for employee commuting; and

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Project is an advocacy-led and community-driven bus system redesign, led by Transit Alliance Miami and the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance is a local, non-profit organization advocating for walkable streets, bikeable neighborhoods, and better public transit in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Project effort began in June of 2019 and it was an intensive two-year project; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the redesign is to position the system for ridership growth by creating a more effective service; and

WHEREAS, an overall network stands to benefit from several key system-wide improvements such as the increase in high-frequency routes, creating more viable connections, better serving high population/employment centers, resolving low productivity and circuitous routes, and integrating key municipal trolley services; and

WHEREAS, "Design a Better Bus Network" is action item 13 in Resilient 305; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-31073 accepting the recommendations of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) and approving conceptually the ridership concept of the Better Bus Network, provided that the South Beach Trolley Service to Belle Isle is retained; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the Miami-Dade County (County) project team presented a Draft Plan of the new network to the public; and

WHEREAS, following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County is currently in the final stage of stakeholder engagement and public outreach, and presented the final Better

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Bus Network to the County's Transportation, Mobility and Planning Committee on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the final plan will be voted on by the Board of County Commissioners in October of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Administration supports changes to the County bus service that would maximize access to jobs, increase ridership, and establish more frequent service for the residents, workforce, and visitors of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Administration does not support elimination of transit service in South of Fifth neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the Administration requests that the County implement on-demand transit service in lieu of the Route 115; and

WHEREAS, the Administration also requests that the County closely coordinate consolidation of any bus stops in Miami Beach with City officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge Miami-Dade County, in connection with the Better Bus Project, to: 1) provide reliable transit service in the area South of Fifth Street; 2) provide on-demand transit service in lieu of bus route 115; and 3) closely coordinate with the City officials any consolidation of the bus stops in the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 17th day of September 2021.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk SEP 22 2021

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APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney 9-23-21 Date

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LTC # **452-2023**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

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FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

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Alina Hudak
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DATE: October 11, 2023

SUBJECT: **Miami-Dade County Better Bus Network – Discontinuation of Route 115**

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To help mitigate the impact of the County's upcoming discontinuation of Route 115 and provide a suitable public transit option to the affected customers, City staff has been working with DTPW on a plan to augment the City's Freebee on-demand service in the affected area. The enhanced Freebee service would be funded by the County through an Interlocal Agreement with the City. After an evaluation of alternatives, the City Administration believes enhancing the current Freebee service can more efficiently serve the historically low transit demand in the area and provide direct service to Mount Sinai Medical Center. The details of the enhanced Freebee service are currently being developed between City and DTPW staff. In addition, pending further correspondence from DTPW, the City Administration anticipates including an item on the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting agenda to obtain authorization to implement the enhanced Freebee service concurrently with the County's discontinuation of Route 115 as part of the upcoming launch of the Better Bus Network on November 13, 2023, so as to provide uninterrupted public transit services to the affected community.

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If you have any questions, please contact José R. González, P.E., Transportation and Mobility Department Director.

Attachments:

A: Map of Route 115

B: City Commission Resolution No. 2021-31866

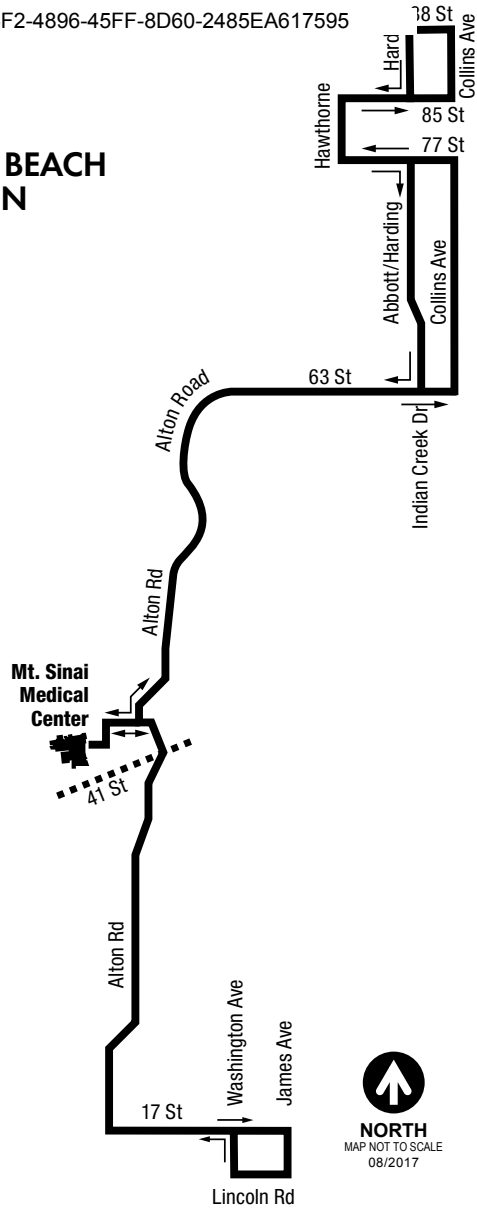
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Abbott Ave & 69 St	7:34	8:24	9:12	10:02	10:52	11:42		12:32	1:22	2:12	3:02	3:52	4:42	5:32	6:22	7:12
Mt Sinai Hospital	7:47	8:37	9:25	10:15	11:05	11:55		12:45	1:35	2:25	3:15	4:05	4:55	5:45	6:35	7:22
Lincoln & Washington	8:04	8:54	9:44	10:34	11:24	12:14		1:04	1:54	2:44	3:34	4:24	5:14	6:04	6:54	7:37

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Mt Sinai Hospital	8:21	9:11	10:00	10:50	11:40	12:30	1:20	2:10	3:00	3:50	4:40	5:30	6:20	7:10	
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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31866

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BETTER BUS PROJECT, TO: 1) PROVIDE RELIABLE TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE AREA SOUTH OF FIFTH STREET; 2) PROVIDE ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE IN LIEU OF BUS ROUTE 115; AND 3) CLOSELY COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OFFICIALS ANY CONSOLIDATION OF THE BUS STOPS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Miami Beach Resident Survey, 75% of residents are satisfied with the City's trolley service; however, 63% of residents are using their personal automobiles for trips within Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Miami Beach Business Survey rates transportation as one of the four most significant challenges for the future growth and stability of businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the same survey, 48% of businesses are satisfied with the effectiveness of public transit for employee commuting; and

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Project is an advocacy-led and community-driven bus system redesign, led by Transit Alliance Miami and the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Transit Alliance is a local, non-profit organization advocating for walkable streets, bikeable neighborhoods, and better public transit in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Better Bus Project effort began in June of 2019 and it was an intensive two-year project; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the redesign is to position the system for ridership growth by creating a more effective service; and

WHEREAS, an overall network stands to benefit from several key system-wide improvements such as the increase in high-frequency routes, creating more viable connections, better serving high population/employment centers, resolving low productivity and circuitous routes, and integrating key municipal trolley services; and

WHEREAS, "Design a Better Bus Network" is action item 13 in Resilient 305; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-31073 accepting the recommendations of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) and approving conceptually the ridership concept of the Better Bus Network, provided that the South Beach Trolley Service to Belle Isle is retained; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the Miami-Dade County (County) project team presented a Draft Plan of the new network to the public; and

WHEREAS, following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County is currently in the final stage of stakeholder engagement and public outreach, and presented the final Better

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Bus Network to the County's Transportation, Mobility and Planning Committee on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the final plan will be voted on by the Board of County Commissioners in October of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Administration supports changes to the County bus service that would maximize access to jobs, increase ridership, and establish more frequent service for the residents, workforce, and visitors of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Administration does not support elimination of transit service in South of Fifth neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the Administration requests that the County implement on-demand transit service in lieu of the Route 115; and

WHEREAS, the Administration also requests that the County closely coordinate consolidation of any bus stops in Miami Beach with City officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge Miami-Dade County, in connection with the Better Bus Project, to: 1) provide reliable transit service in the area South of Fifth Street; 2) provide on-demand transit service in lieu of bus route 115; and 3) closely coordinate with the City officials any consolidation of the bus stops in the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 17th day of September 2021.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk SEP 22 2021

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October 11, 2023

The Honorable Dan Gelber
Mayor, City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

RE: Enhanced FreeBee Service

Dear Mayor Gelber:

Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) is offering a letter of intent to the City of Miami Beach to provide a commitment of funds for the enhanced existing FreeBee service. Currently, route 115, which will be eliminated November 13, 2023, serves mostly Alton Road from Lincoln Road to 88 Street. The City presently runs a FreeBee service covering the Alton Road segment no longer served by fixed route service. As such, the County is proposing to provide funding assistance for one additional FreeBee vehicle to augment the existing service. The County will commit to provide $168,000 annually, for two years, after which time the City will have to source alternative funding and resubmit their PTP funded trolley service plan to the County for approval.

The County is dedicated to working with the City to enhance and complement the existing transportation network to better serve the needs of the City residents and tourists. Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Morris, Chief of Scheduling and Planning at linda.morris@miamidade.gov or (305) 302-2135.

Regards,

Eulois Cleckley,
Miami-Dade County Director and CEO
Department of Transportation and Public Works

c: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager, City of Miami Beach

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From: Daisy Myers <daisymyers@webtv.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:05 AM
To: North Beach Local; Daisy Myers; Rosen Gonzalez, Kristen; Fernandez, Alex; Transportation; Carbonell, Brenda; Dominguez, Laura; Daisy Myers
Subject: FW: the 115 bus... GREAT REBUTTAL BY NORTH BEACH LOCAL

[THIS MESSAGE COMES FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL - USE CAUTION WHEN REPLYING AND OPENING LINKS OR ATTACHMENTS]

NORTH BEACH LOCAL WROTE A LETTER TO LINDA MORRIS, HEAD OF BETTER BUS PROJECT.. READ BELOW DAISY, RN

From: North Beach Local
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:08 AM
To: LINDA.MORRIS@miamidade.gov; Daisy Myers; Dominguez, Laura
Subject: re: the 115 bus

Ms Morris, I was included in your correspondence regarding the 115 bus.

As a solution to its elimination, you are suggesting that Ms Myers, a North Beach resident, does any of the following (see below). None of those options work for North Beach riders- and it is North Beach that has a high density of workers and commuters. Please see my comments below:

(1) Uses the Miami Beach FreeBee service https://ridefreebee.com/service-areas/mid-beach It will connect you directly with the Hospital and will be less wait time than the route 115 which comes every 50 minutes.It's a 6-person Tesla that will pick you up within the zone and drop you off at the hospital.

---------- The "Zone" is Mid-Beach, as its webpage heading indicates. Mid-Beach is precisely where Mt Sinai hospital is. if Ms Myers lived in Mid Beach, she could probably walk. Ms Myers, like myself, is in North Beach- roughly 4-5 miles north.

or (2)
If you don't originate in the zone shown on their site, our new route 14 will also take people on the beach to the hospital every 30 minutes all day. https://www.miamidade.gov/transit/library/bbn/14.pdf

---- IF you open the PDF that you sent, you will see that this bus 14 does not go anywhere near North Beach. There are tons of buses that go to Mt Sinai from all over the county - except from the North.

It would be good if your Transit agency had staff that were well versed in the neighborhoods and needs of county riders. The BEtter Bus Project, as i am sure you are aware, did a dreadful job, and its researchers were absolutely incompetent and unskilled at anything involving focus groups, community involvement, interviews and the like. As a result of the new shoddy plan, North Beach is left out of important lines that have been serving us up until now. One of them is the 115.

I am cc-ing commissioner Laura Dominguez of Miami Beach, who is aware of this situation. Residents have been calling attention to this and two other lines for several years now- even before the Better Bus People announced their intention

(Which is what they would do in meetings, present plans as a done deal and take questions, then disrespect residents). It is unfortunate that ms Myers only found about this now- but it goes to show about the complete LACK of outreach to this area.

The solution would be for the City of MBeach to extend the freebie to North Beach, or to finance the line, since it only transited within Miami BEach. A transit line through Alton Road is sorely needed.

Please, if you have any other suggestions that refer to North Beach, let us know. Unfortunately, lines and services in other parts of the city and the county do nothing for us.

Sincerely,

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North Beach

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32821

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER (AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THIS RESOLUTION) AND WAIVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 2-367(E) OF THE CITY CODE, FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE CITY'S AREAS CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY ROUTE 115, WHICH ROUTE WILL BE ELIMINATED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AS PART OF THE BETTER BUS NETWORK: (1) AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (COUNTY), PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE CITY FOR ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE; AND (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BEEFREE, LLC D/B/A FREEBEE TO INCLUDE THE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE AS PART OF THE SCOPE OF THE FREEBEE AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY, AT MINIMUM, HAS SECURED A LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE COUNTY TO FUND THE ENHANCED ON-DEMAND SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County ("County") Better Bus Network is a revamp of regional bus service, based on a comprehensive countywide study conducted by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW"), in collaboration with Transit Alliance Miami, a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the County is planning to launch the approved route changes on November 13, 2023, which changes include several new bus routes in Miami Beach, including routes 14, 15, 20, and 100 as well as improvements to service frequency; and

WHEREAS, as part of the upcoming changes, and based on the County's analysis, the County will discontinue Route 115 due to historically low ridership (an average of approximately 134 riders per weekday and 67 riders on weekends); and

WHEREAS, Route 115 connects North Beach to South Beach, serving Mount Sinai Medical Center, primarily along the Alton Road corridor, as more particularly described in Attachment A to the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, which service utilizes two (2) cut-away buses, operating approximately 13 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, at approximately 50-minute headways (i.e. frequency of service); and

WHEREAS, the County is introducing new routes, including Route 14 from Omni Terminal in Miami to Mount Sinai Medical Center via the MacArthur Causeway, Alton Road, South Pointe Drive, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue, and 41 Street, which will somewhat serve the areas affected by the discontinuation of Route 115; and

WHEREAS, at the September 17, 2021 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-31866, which urged the County to 1) provide reliable transit service in the South of Fifth neighborhood; 2) provide on-demand transit service in lieu of Route 115; and 3) closely coordinate with City officials any consolidation of bus stops in the City; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the City Administration's advocacy and collaboration with DTPW, the County has agreed to maintain bus service in the South of Fifth neighborhood as well as Route 150/Airport Express service, which were originally slated to be eliminated; however, with respect to Route 115, the County has remained steadfast in its plans to discontinue the route; and

WHEREAS, City staff has been working with DTPW and evaluating various options to help mitigate the impact of the County's upcoming discontinuation of Route 115 and provide a suitable public transit option to the affected City of Miami Beach customers; and

WHEREAS, of the five (5) proposed options described in the City Commission Memorandum, the Administration considers Options 2A and 2B to be feasible and suitable mitigation options to the elimination of Route 115, by implementing a New Dedicated On-Demand Freebee Service, connecting North Beach and Mount Sinai Medical Center, and partially replacing Route 115, as described below:

Option 2A:

- This option would require dedicating one (1) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicle to serve the North Beach portion of Route 115 (all existing stops from 63 Street to 88 Street) and also serve Mount Sinai Medical Center, including providing a direct one-seat ride to Mount Sinai Medical Center as an on-demand service;
- For this new service, riders would request a ride telephonically from a bus/trolley stop rather than through the mobile Freebee application due to complexities with creating a new geo-fence within an existing geo-fenced area;
- Given one (1) Freebee Tesla X vehicle has a capacity to carry up to five (5) passengers, it is not known at this time whether this option will adequately meet passenger demand;
- The annual operating cost of adding one (1) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicle is estimated to be $168,000.00, to be fully funded by the County through an Interlocal Agreement for a period of two (2) years; and following the two-year financial commitment by the County, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources or eliminated; and
- An amendment to the City's current agreement with Freebee would be required to include this new service; and

Option 2B:

- This option would require dedicating one (1) additional Tesla X Freebee vehicle to operate along the North Beach portion of Route 115 (from 63 Street to 88 Street) and serve Mount Sinai Medical Center on a fixed route/fixed schedule service, including providing a direct one-seat ride to Mount Sinai Medical Center;
- Given one (1) Freebee Tesla X vehicle has a capacity to carry up to five (5) passengers, it is not known at this time whether this option will adequately meet passenger demand;
- The annual operating cost is estimated to be $168,000.00, to be fully funded by the County through an Interlocal Agreement for a period of two (2) years; and following the two-year financial commitment by the County, this option would need to be partially or fully funded by the City and/or other sources or eliminated; and
- An amendment to the City's current agreement with Freebee would be required to include this new service; and

WHEREAS, given that Route 115 historically served a low demand area, which would be better served through an on-demand service, and given the new Route 14, to be implemented as part of the Better Bus Network, will provide a direct connection from South Beach to Mount Sinai Medical Center, the Administration considers Options 2A and 2B to be viable in terms of mitigating the impact to the North Beach community as a result of the discontinuation of Route 115; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide enhanced on-demand transit service to the City's areas currently being served by Route 115, the City Manager recommends: (1) authorizing the Administration to implement the enhanced on-demand service described in Option 2A and/or 2B: (2) authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida ("County"), providing funding to the City for enhanced on-demand service; and (3) waiving, by 5/7th vote, the formal competitive bidding requirement in Section 2-367(e) of the City Code, finding such waiver to be in the best interest of the City, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Beefree, LLC d/b/a Freebee to include the enhanced on-demand service as part of the scope of the Freebee Agreement; provided, however, that the City, at minimum, has secured a letter of commitment from the County to fund the enhanced on-demand service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the City Manager (as set forth in the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution) and waive, by 5/7th vote, the formal competitive bidding requirement in Section 2-367(e) of the City Code, finding such waiver to be in the best interest of the City, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the following agreements in order to provide enhanced on-demand transit service to the City's areas currently being served by Route 115, which route will be eliminated by Miami-Dade County as of November 13, 2023 as part of the better bus network: (1) an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida ("County"), providing funding to the City for enhanced on-demand service; and (2) an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Beefree, LLC d/b/a Freebee to include the enhanced on-demand service as part of the scope of the Freebee Agreement; provided, however, that the City, at minimum, has secured a letter of commitment from the County to fund the enhanced on-demand service.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 18th day October, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

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