

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE CITY'S SOUTH BEACH TROLLEY SERVICE AND TERMINATION OF THE CURRENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE COUNTY'S SOUTH BEACH LOCAL SERVICE, TO REALLOCATE THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH BEACH LOCAL SERVICE FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW ENHANCED OR EXPRESS BUS SERVICE ACROSS THE MACARTHUR CAUSEWAY AND/OR JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY SERVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2016, the City Commission, after discussion, approved the revised South Beach Trolley route and service plan, and authorized staff to negotiate a new Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County to enable the City to operate the service upon the termination of the existing South Beach Local service by the County; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2016, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board officially adopted and endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

WHEREAS, as part of the SMART Plan, the County is proposing Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) service across the MacArthur and Julia Tuttle Causeways connecting the City of Miami and Miami Beach as a short-term mass transit solution in advance of the Beach Corridor Rail Connection Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2016, the City Commission, after discussion, approved an amendment to the agreement with the City's trolley service provider to expedite the purchase and delivery of 12 low-floor trolley vehicles needed for implementation of South Beach Trolley service, subject to the County's approval of the Interlocal Agreement required for the City to operate this service; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for the operation of the South Beach Trolley service has been prepared by County staff and reviewed and approved by both the County and the City Attorney's Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement ensures no interruption of service between the termination of the South Beach Local and commencement of the South Beach Trolley service, as directed by the City Commission at the July 20, 2016 City Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, City staff has been coordinating with the County for approval of the Interlocal Agreement by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at its March 7, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County currently covers approximately 2/3 of the overall annual operating cost of the South Beach Local service (approximately \$2.6 Million) while the City covers 1/3 (approximately \$1.3 Million); and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting that the County reallocate its contribution to the South Beach Local service for use in connection with the implementation of a new enhanced or express bus service across the MacArthur Causeway and/or Julia Tuttle Causeway serving the

City of Miami Beach upon commencement of the City-funded South Beach Trolley service and termination of the current Interlocal Agreement governing the County's South Beach Local service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission urge Miami-Dade County, upon commencement of the City's South Beach Trolley service and termination of the current Interlocal Agreement governing the County's South Beach Local service, to reallocate the County's contribution to the South Beach Local service for use in connection with the implementation of a new enhanced or express bus service across the MacArthur Causeway and/or Julia Tuttle Causeway serving the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Philip Levine, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney DA Date