



MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: July 13, 2011

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FOR THE PROVISION OF A BI-DIRECTIONAL TRANSIT CIRCULATOR ROUTE SERVICE KNOWN AS THE "SOUTH BEACH LOCAL".**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Refer the proposed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Miami-Dade County (the County) and the City of Miami Beach for the provision of the South Beach Local (SBL) to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion.

ANALYSIS

Under the provisions of an ILA the County has been operating a bi-directional transit circulator route service in Miami Beach since September 25, 2005. The SBL ILA expired on October 11, 2010. Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has continued service after the expiration of the SBL ILA.

Prior to and since then, City staff has been conducting negotiations with the County for a new agreement. At the start of negotiations the County insisted on a 50/50% split on the annual operating costs, this would have represented a \$548,264 cost increase for the City. In 2005 when the MDT ILA was signed, the annual operating cost split was 46% City and 54% County. The existing agreement has a 34% City and 66% County operating cost split, or \$1,177,787 City contribution and \$2,228,433 County share. The new proposed agreement has a 38% City and 62% County split, or \$1,213,121 City contribution and \$1,979,303 County share. The County will continue the same level of service, and the \$0.25 fare will remain the same. The County has also agreed to the terms of the annual operating cost increase.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission refer the new proposed SBL ILA to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion.

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