



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Chris Walton

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Transit

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-479 authorizing the Mayor to execute and file a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4, to provide capital funding up to \$1,102,018, for Interstate 95 Express Bus Service; and authorizing the County Administrator to take necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreement; and providing for an effective date. The term of this supplemental agreement is from date of execution by FDOT through December 31, 2022. There is no County match required.

*(A member of the public pulled this item.)*

*(Consistent with Board Rules, a member of the public was given 10 minutes in total to speak to all Public Meeting Items, and additional time to address Quasi-Judicial Items and Public Hearing Items.)*

***ACTION: (10:59 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-480 to increase the Transit Division's Capital Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,102,018, to provide funding for buses and other capital improvements as approved by FDOT.

*(A member of the public pulled this item.)*

*(Consistent with Board Rules, a member of the public was given 10 minutes in total to speak to all Public Meeting Items, and additional time to address Quasi-Judicial Items and Public Hearing Items.)*

***ACTION: (10:59 AM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

**Why Action is Necessary**

A. FDOT requires Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of PTGAs.

B. Board approval is required for Budget Resolutions.

**What Action Accomplishes**

Provides \$1,102,018, in grant funding for capital improvements for the 95 Express commuter routes.

**Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

**Previous Action Taken**

None

**Summary Explanation/Background**

THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND TRANSIT DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the Board's Value of "Cooperatively delivering an efficient and accessible regional intermodal transportation network".

Staff is requesting approval of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that will provide \$1,102,018 for capital improvements for the 95 Express Bus service which may include the purchase of buses, Park and Ride enhancements, signage, bus shelters, bus stops, and other costs deemed necessary by the project manager and approved in writing by FDOT.

As background, at its January 8, 2008 meeting (Item No. 56), the Board approved Broward County Transit Division's (BCT) participation as a key partner for the transit component of the I-95 Express Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) between the US Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and FDOT Districts 4 and 6. Phase 1A of this UPA project converted the northbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes along I-95 in Miami-Dade County from I-195 to the Golden Glades Interchange into high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. Tolls are variably priced based upon demand and collected electronically via "SunPass" transponders. Phase 1B converted the southbound I-95 lanes in Miami-Dade County from the Golden Glades area to just north of S.R. 836. Phase 2 converted the lanes from Golden Glades to I-595 in Broward County. As part of the overall project, BCT implemented an express bus system (I-95 Express) in cooperation with Miami-Dade Transit that transports commuters from Broward County to Miami-Dade County using the HOT lanes.

BCT now operates three 95 Express routes weekdays during peak morning and afternoon travel hours from four Park & Ride locations in western Broward County to downtown Miami and the Miami Civic Center Health District in Miami-Dade County. This premium express commuter transportation service feature comfortable over-the-road coaches with high-back seats, Wi-Fi, LED reading lights, electrical outlets and USB ports for passengers.

**Source of Additional Information**

Chris Walton, Director, Transportation Department, (954) 357-8361

**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The Transit Division is requesting an increase to the Transit Division's Capital Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,102,018 based on the state funding provided through this PTGA.