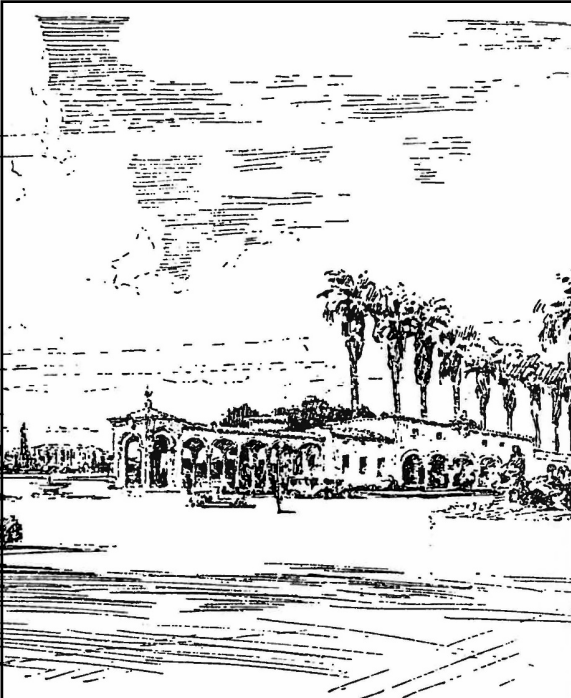




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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RTZ EXPANSION

September 3rd Miami-Dade County adopted on Second Reading to create the “Gables/University Station Subzone” within the Rapid Transit Zone

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(A)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	September 3, 2025
FROM:	Geir Bouzou-Keehan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Ordinance relating to the Rapid Transit System Development Zone, amending chapter 33C of the Code providing for the expansion of the Rapid Transit Zone and creating the Coral Gables University Station Subzone of the Rapid Transit Zone which could, through future action of this Board, encompass property within a quarter mile of the University Metrorail Station, providing for County regulatory jurisdiction over properties added to the Coral Gables University Station Subzone of the Rapid Transit Zone, adding certain private property to the Coral Gables University Station Subzone; making technical changes, directing the County Mayor to coordinate and negotiate with the City of Coral Gables as to a future Interlocal Agreement which could address additional concerns or considerations that may arise in the future.

A substitute was presented and forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation at the July 8, 2025 Transportation Committee.

The substitute differs from the original item in that it changes the glazing requirement in 33C-18F(9) from 40 percent to 50 percent; it deletes language related to building scale from 33C-18F(7) and adds new language regarding compatibility; and deletes language related to building aesthetic from 33C-18F(9).

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rafael A. Regalado.

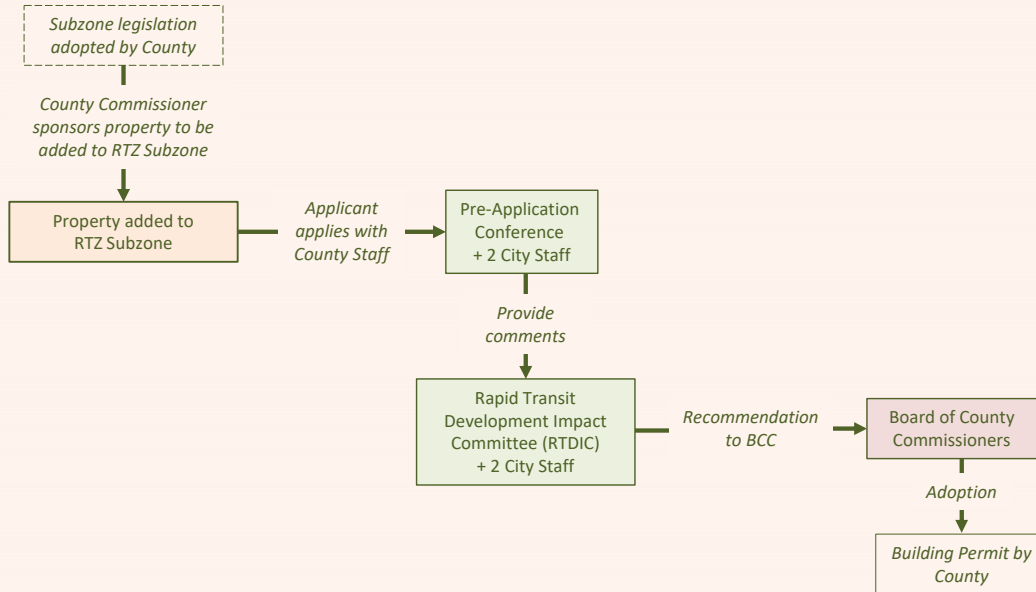
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County Attorney

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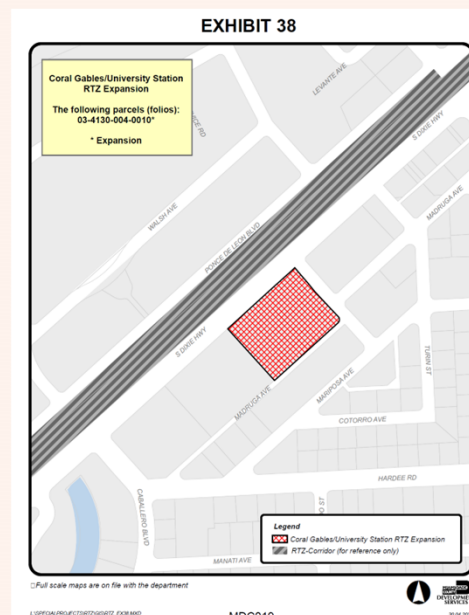
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RTZ EXPANSION

- Grants the County regulatory jurisdiction
- Specifies the allowable uses
- Development standards, criteria, and procedures for the review and approval by County



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



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FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING

FUTURE LAND USE MAP



COMMERCIAL LOW-RISE INTENSITY
AND MIXED-USE

ZONING MAP



MX1 AND MX3

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REQUEST #1:
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE MAP AND MIXED-USE MAP CHANGES

REQUEST #2:
ZONING MAP CHANGE

REQUEST #3:
ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

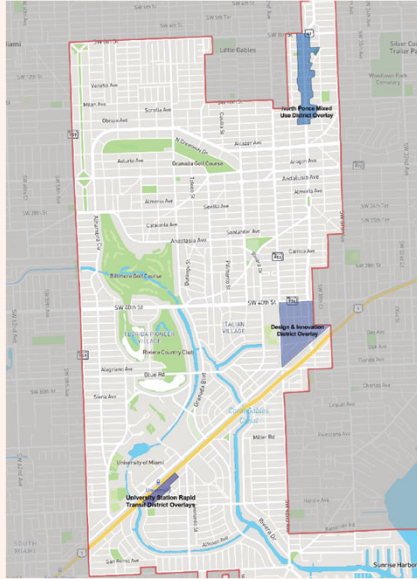


PROPOSED FUTURE LAND USE MAP



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MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP



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EXISTING ZONING MAP



PROPOSED ZONING MAP

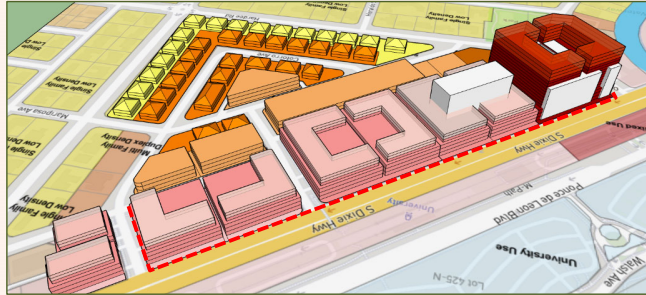


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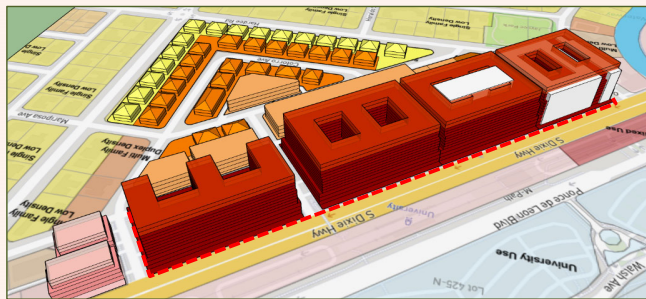
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ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS

	Current Regulations		County RTZ	City Proposed District
Review	Change of land use / Zoning and Conditional Use		Special exception review/approval	Expedited review: City Staff + City Commission
Height (ft)	45	150	Max height of existing buildings w/in 1/4-mile (150')	120 (no Med Bonus height) (+13.5 w/ 5% public open space) 147 maximum
Density	125		125	125
FAR	3.0 (1.5 per Site Specifics)		No Limit	3.0
Med Bonus	+0.2, +0.3 additional (3.5 FAR total)		-	+0.2, +0.3 additional (3.5 FAR total)
Use of TDRs	Not allowed for this area		-	3.75 FAR w/o. Med Bonus 4.375 FAR w Med Bonus (25% max additional)

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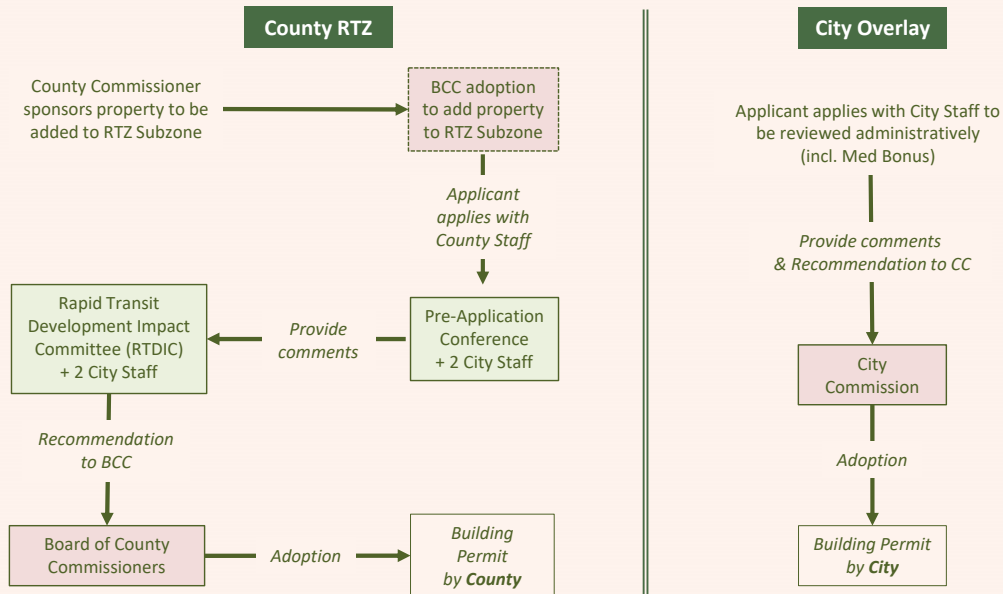
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	Current Regulations	County RTZ	City Proposed District
Setbacks	20 feet (10 feet with arcade) on US-1 (Front: 125 feet, Rear: 50 feet, per Site Specifics)	0 ft	• 20 feet (10 feet with arcade) on all parcels facing US-1 • 25 feet rear setback with landscape buffer on 300'+ parcels
Open Space	10% on ground level	15% 10% on ground level	10% on ground level (incl. setback areas)
Stepbacks (ft) and Paseos	• Front/side street: 10' stepback above 45' • Intr. side: 15' stepback above 45' • Rear w/out alley: 10' stepback above 45' • Rear w/ alley: 3' stepback above 45'	• Within 100 ft of a single-family residential district, 30-foot setback with 10 ft landscape buffer	• Fronting adjacent residential districts: required upon review and approval by the City Architect • No paseo required
Parking	• 1 per studio/1-bd • 1.75 per 2-bd • 2.25 per 3-bd + • 1 per 300 sf comm, office • 1 1/8 per hotel room	• 0 per residential unit • 1.8 per 1,000sf comm. • 0.6 per 1,000sf office • 0.3 per hotel room	• Parking required, except for ground floor restaurant, retail, residential. • Reduction: 50% • Waiver for 25% w/ parking plan and Remote Parking

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COUNTY VS. CITY REVIEW PROCESSES



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REVIEW TIMELINE

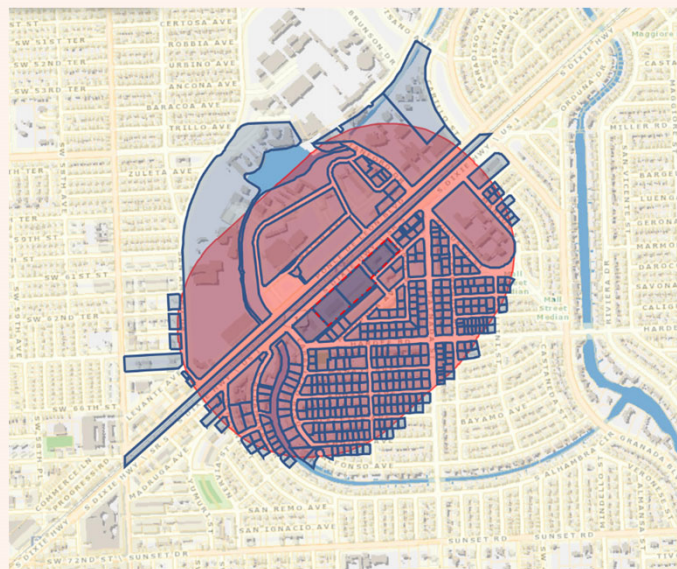
1	PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: 07.02.25
2	CITY COMMISSION 1ST READING: 10.28.25
3	CITY COMMISSION 2ND READING: TBD

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LETTERS TO PROPERTIES (1,500 FT)

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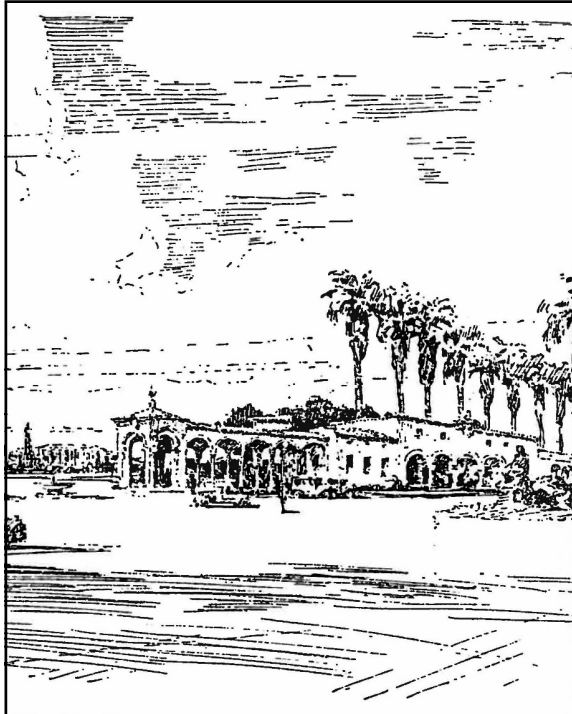
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION	
2 TIMES	LETTERS TO PROPERTIES PZB, CC
1 TIME	PROPERTY POSTING PZB
2 TIMES	WEBSITE POSTING PZB, CC
1 TIME	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT PZB
3 TIMES	INFORMATIONAL VIDEO YOUTUBE, INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, ETC

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY
STAFF’S DETERMINATION IS THAT THIS APPLICATION IS <u>CONSISTENT</u> WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES. THE APPLICATION <u>COMPLIES</u> WITH THE FINDINGS OF FACT. THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL ARE <u>SATISFIED</u>.

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