

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-3
March 10, 2026
Public Safety Building, CMR
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez
City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton
Sustainability Director, Matt Anderson
Anthony

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-3 [Start: 1:43 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County to amend Section 31-107, “Vehicle Standards,” of the Miami-Dade County Code to allow for use of certain passenger motor carrier vehicles for up to twenty model years of age or 350,000 miles of usage. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to item F-3.

City Attorney Suarez: F-3 is a resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County to amend Section 31-107, “Vehicle Standards,” of the Miami-Dade County Code to allow for use of certain passenger motor carrier vehicles for up to 20 model years of age or 350,000 miles of usage.

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Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: Good afternoon, Mayor Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Stephanie Throckmorton Deputy City Attorney. This resolution urges Miami-Dade County to amend Section 31-107 of the Miami-Dade County Code to allow for operation of passenger motor carrier vehicles providing circulator or fixed route services to operate for up to 20 model years of age or 350,000 miles, rather than the 15 model years of age which currently exists in the Miami-Dade County Code. Matt Anderson is here to talk about our trolley system and the resolution.

Sustainability Director: Sure. Thank you, Stephanie. Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners, I also have Anthony here as our Fleet Director who obviously we rely on for ongoing maintenance of the trolleys. So currently, the trolleys that we purchase the hometown streetcar trolleys are -- they get tested from Altuna for 10 years, 350,000 miles. Most of our trolleys at 15 years the average mileage we're under that 350,000-mile threshold, so this resolution would give us some additional flexibility in the event that we don't reach that 350,000 miles to operate past that 15-year threshold and Anthony brought up a great point too. On the model years sometimes we take delivery on a trolley and we may take a delivery on a trolley that's a 2026, but we may take it in early 2027, and it may not go out on route until mid-2027, so we've already lost you know a year to a year and a half as far as the model years go. So again, this just builds in some additional flexibility for us in the event, you know that the county would pass something like this. Anthony if you wanted to add anything.

Another: Another key point is if we make a significant investment like a refurb on a failed engine or transmission that allows us to keep it in service a bit longer or delayed when we receive orders that are delayed and so.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, this is my item and it's something I appreciate all the hard work that you all have done on it and it's something that I had spoken to Commissioner Orbus about, and she expressed a willingness to bring it forward to the county. Having some background and experience in engine maintenance and so forth between my father and my husband, um i know that the way you take care of an engine impacts the longevity of the engine and I know that our team is doing an excellent job and this this increased flexibility will ultimately save the taxpayers money so thank you for your hard work. I'll move. Any questions.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'll second.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, do you have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right we have a motion a second.

Commissioner Fernandez: If I could. I think one of the biggest selling points on this is the actual year of the vehicle. When you have vehicles that you buy the chassis and then they build the platform on top of it, sometimes it could be two model years older than when you actually take delivery, so it's a big impact, because you basically cut out two entire years of usability of vehicle which is practically new. So, I appreciate the Vice Mayor bringing this up. I think if we can get Commissioner Orbis to get this done in the county it would be phenomenal.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. Great job Madam Vice Mayor. We have a motion a second, Mr. Clerk.

Commissioner Lara: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes. Great work to the team, thank you very much, as always good work.