

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,500.00 FOR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXPANSION OF THE CORAL GABLES TROLLEY ROUTE ON PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD FROM S. W. 8<sup>th</sup> STREET TO WEST FLAGLER STREET.**

**WHEREAS**, a trolley route expansion feasibility study was completed in 2006 which examined possible expansions of the Coral Gables Trolley to areas along Ponce de Leon Boulevard north of S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Le Jeune Road to the University of Miami campus, the Riviera Business District and S.W. 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and an expansion that would connect the MacFarlane Homestead District and the City of Miami Coconut Grove Circulator; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of said feasibility study and in consideration of capital and operational costs, potential ridership, travel time runs, coordination with third parties and other factors, it is recommended that only the northerly route extension terminating at West Flagler Street be considered for implementation at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Advisory Board, having been apprised of the benefits and disadvantages of the proposed routes under study, concurred with the recommendation to extend the Ponce de Leon Boulevard route to West Flagler Street at its meeting of May 16, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated annual operational cost to operate the City's Trolley Service along said route extension is \$185,000.00 over and above the current budget; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further recommended that said West Flagler Street extension be implemented provided the following revenue enhancements, purchases, and efficiency measures are undertaken: (1) execution of a new Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County in order for the City to become an eligible recipient of FTA pass-through funding; (2) move forward with an interior advertising program with Arcoart Plus/Trolinet, Inc.; (3) purchase at least two additional shuttle buses; (4) reduction in roundtrip travel time on other sections of the trolley route through roadway capacity improvements in order to offset the increase in travel time allocated to the route extension; and

**WHEREAS**, a Joint Participation Agreement in the amount of \$92,500.00 has been prepared by the FDOT to extend financial assistance to the City on a 50/50 matching basis for start-up of the aforesaid trolley route extension on Ponce de Leon Boulevard north of S.W. 8th Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriate matching funds for said route expansion will be provided through local operational funds from the Miami-Dade County Half-Penny Sales Surtax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

**SECTION 1.** The recitals and findings contained in the “Whereas” clauses to this Resolution are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for financial assistance in the amount of \$92,500.00 for service development in the expansion of the existing Coral Gables trolley route on Ponce de Leon Boulevard from S.W. Eighth Street to West Flagler Street, including connectivity with Miami-Dade bus transit stops at the intersection of West Flagler Street and Douglas Road.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2009.

APPROVED:

DONALD D. SLESNICK, II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY