



Miami-Dade Legislative Item

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Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
County Attorney	2/20/2009		Assigned	Craig H. Coller			
Board of County Commissioners	12/2/2008	7D AMENDED	Adopted as amended				P

REPORT: Assistant County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record. Assistant County Attorney Craig Collier asked that the foregoing ordinance be amended to include the language "...Roadway trust funds may be expended on select transit

capital improvements provided the Board of County Commissioners, after recommendation from the Mayor in consultation with the Public Works Director, and after public hearing, determines that such transit use of roadway trust funds would be an effective part of the county's strategy for providing roadway capacity within the Urban Infill Areas..." It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that the foregoing ordinance be adopted as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss, followed by discussion. In response to Commissioner Martinez' question regarding where the fees would be directed, Assistant County Attorney Collier advised the roadway impact fees could only be used in the district from which it was generated. He further explained that this ordinance was an amendment to the larger roadway impact fee document, and only those provisions being amended were included here. Responding to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry of whether road impact fees would be used for Transit Capital Projects within boundaries or countywide, Mr. Collier stated those funds could only be used within the district and within the urban infill areas of that district. Regarding Commissioner Diaz' concern with roadway impact fees being diverted away from a specific project within District 12 that had been underway for several years, Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, explained the particular circumstances pertaining to the project referenced. Assistant County Manager Ysela Llort agreed to meet with Commissioner Diaz to review the details of the referenced project so she might develop recommendations to resolve the matter. Further discussion ensued between Commissioner Diaz and staff regarding a bridge overpass, the referenced project in District 12. Assistant County Attorney Collier advised of an option to ensure the impact fee paid by the developer would remain in Medley, which was part of an interlocal agreement between the County and Medley identifying those funds as partial payment for construction of that particular development. He noted the list identifying this particular improvement as a developer-funded improvement would need to be modified. Commissioners Sorenson, Sosa, and Moss asked to be added as co-sponsors to this ordinance. There being no further questions or comments, the Board adopted the foregoing ordinance as amended to change the first sentence of paragraph (d), on handwritten page 7, to read as follows: "...Roadway trust funds may be expended on select transit capital improvements provided the Board of County Commissioners, after recommendation from the Mayor in consultation with the Public Works Director, and after public hearing, determines that such transit use of Roadway Trust Funds would be an effective part of the County's strategy for providing roadway capacity within the Urban Infill Areas..." The amended version has been assigned Ordinance Number 08-135. It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the Public Works Director be directed to work with the Town of Medley and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to implement the bridge proposed along N.W. 107th Avenue and 132nd Street. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

Legislative Text

TITLE

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ROAD IMPACT FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 33E-3, 33E-5 AND 33E-12 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (CODE); PROVIDING FOR TRANSIT USE OF ROAD IMPACT FEES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 33E-3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 33E-3. Intent and purposes.

- (a) This chapter is intended to implement and be consistent with the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.
- (b) The purpose of this chapter in regulating development is to ensure that all new development bears its proportionate share of a portion of the capital cost of [[road facilities]] >>roadway capacity improvements<< necessary to allow an adequate level of roadway service.

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Section 2. Section 33E-5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 33E-5. Definitions.

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(q) Roadway capacity improvement or roadway improvement means any roadway element >>or select transit capital improvement<< which will serve to enhance the vehicular movement or increase the vehicular volume in any corridor. The following roadway elements shall be considered as roadway capacity improvements:

- (1) Thru lanes;
- (2) Turn lanes;
- (3) Bridges;
- (4) Drainage facilities that serve to enhance vehicular movement or volume;
- (5) Traffic signalization;
- (6) Sidewalks or bike paths that serve to enhance vehicular movement or volume;
- (7) Resurfacing of existing roadways including planning and removal of existing paved surfaces where such improvements will enhance the roadway capacity and service level; [[and]]
- (8) >>Select Transit Capital Improvements; and

9.<< Other structural improvements shown by specific studies to enhance roadway capacity. In addition, the following roadway elements shall also be considered roadway capacity improvements when undertaken as components of a complete roadway project:

- (1) Curbs, medians, shoulders, striping, and traffic signage;
- (2) Utility relocation; and
- (3) Sodding and tree planting.

Furthermore, the following activities: preliminary engineering, design studies, land surveys, engineering design, right-of-way acquisition, and permitting, shall also be construed as roadway capacity improvements when associated with the construction of any of the aforementioned roadway elements.

Expenditures for all such improvements shall be in accordance with Section 33E-12 and implementing provisions of the Road Impact Fee Manual.

(r) >>Select Transit Capital Improvement means a specific transit capital project located inside the Urban Infill Area that has been determined by the Board of County Commissioners to be of strategic value in providing roadway capacity inside the Urban Infill Area pursuant to Sec. 33E-12(d).<<

[[(r)]]>>(s)<< Short range transportation improvement program means the five-year roadway program adopted annually by the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization as amended from time to time.

[[(s)]]>>(t)<< Unit(s) of development means a quantifiable increment of development activity dimensioned in terms of dwelling units, one thousand (1,000) square feet of floor area, hotel/motel rooms, parking spaces, students or other appropriate measurements contained in the impact fee schedule or in "Trip Generation," fourth Edition, September, 1987, published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

[[(t)]]>>(u)<< Urban Infill Area or UIA pursuant to the adopted Comprehensive Development Plan means that part of Miami-Dade County located east of and including S.R. 826 (Palmetto Expressway) and NW/SW 77 Avenue and excluding the area north of and west of I-95 and the City of Islandia.

[[(u)]]>>(v)<< Building Permit shall mean an official document or certificate issued by the Building Official authorizing the construction, alteration or installation of any building, structure or any part thereof. The building permit application plans shall bear the impress seal and signature of a licensed architect or registered professional engineer and indicate the use and occupancy of all parts of the building or structure.

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Section 3. Section 33E-12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:
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Sec. 33E-12 Impact Fee Expenditures.

(a) Funds from the roadway impact fee trust funds, including any accrued interest, shall be used only in accordance with Section 33E-11 for the purpose of financing roadway >>capacity< (b) Highest priority for impact fee trust account expenditures shall be for roadway >>capacity<< improvements deemed by the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as most needed to serve new development. Such determination by the MPO shall consider recommendation from a joint County/municipal committee as provided for in the Metro-Miami-Dade road impact fee manual. This recommendation is not limited to only County or State designated roadways, but may include municipal roads >>and select transit capital improvements pursuant to subsection 33E-12 (d).<< Before funds can be allocated or expended for any capacity enhancement projects on local roads within any one Road Impact Fee District, funding for all programmed capacity needs for County arterial and collector roadways, and municipal collector roadways, within said District must have been identified and encumbered, as determined by the Miami-Dade County Public Works Director. Trust account funds shall be deemed expended in the order in which they are collected. Policies to be used in scheduling the expenditure of impact fee trust funds through the long range transportation plan and short range transportation improvement program shall be set forth in the impact fee manual. The County may construct or provide any of the roadway improvement elements listed above or alternatively may contract with a municipality to construct or provide such elements with road impact fees.

(c) Roadway trust funds may be expended on roadway improvements to the State road network within the benefit district. Except in the case of roadway improvements to a State road which has vehicular access within the benefit district, no roadway trust fund moneys shall be exp[[a]]>>e<(d)>>Roadway trust funds may be expended on select transit capital improvements provided that the Board of County Commissioners, after recommendation from the Mayor in consultation with the Public Works Director and after public hearing, determines that any such transit use of roadway trust funds would be effective

as part of the county's strategy for providing roadway capacity within the Urban Infill Area. Roadway trust funds may only be used for select transit capital improvements within the Urban Infill Area. Only impact fees generated from within the Urban Infill Area may be used for select transit capital projects. Transit projects are to be selected for road impact fee funding on the basis of their expected effectiveness as roadway capacity improvements.

(e)<< Each year the County Public Works Director shall present to the Metropolitan Planning Organization pursuant to the Organization's procedures for their review and approval, the annual program for expenditure of roadway >>capacity<< improvements projects[[,]] utilizing road impact fee trust fund monies, to be included within the transportation improvements program. The Public Works Director shall also present the recommended priorities as determined by the joint County/municipal committee for the expenditure of road impact fee trust fund monies. Trust fund monies, including any accrued interest not assigned in any fiscal year, shall be retained in the trust fund until the next fiscal year, except as provided by the refund provisions of this chapter pursuant to Section 33E-13.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 5. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, shall become and be made part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word ordinance may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective (90) days from date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective on such date only upon an override by this Board.
1 Words stricken through and/or [[double]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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