



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one year lease agreement containing an optional one year extension with the School Board of Miami-Dade County for use of its Bus Maintenance Facility, located at 7001 SW 4th Street, as a City operated Trolley Maintenance Facility.

Pursuant to a September 17, 2014 settlement agreement with Astor Development Group (“Astor”), the City sold the property containing its current trolley facility at 4133 Le Jeune Road, Coral Gables, Florida. The property was sold to Astor in exchange for funds that the City will use to construct a new permanent trolley facility. The new facility cannot be completed before the deadline for the City to vacate the South Le Jeune Road Facility. As a result, the City will require a temporary location for the maintenance and storage of its eleven (11) trolleys. The City anticipates using the temporary location for up to two (2) years, after which it will move all trolley operations to the new permanent facility. In locating the necessary temporary trolley facility the City first sought potential sites within the City that would meet minimum requirements and might be available within the existing time constraints. No such sites were found within the City. Three sites near the City were evaluated by Public Works, Economic & Cultural development, Fleet Services and the Parking Department. Site one (1) is owned by Limousines of South Florida and is five miles from the trolley route. Site two (2) is owned and operated by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) as the Central East Transportation Center for the maintenance and storage for over 100 school buses. Site three (3) is a privately owned facility at 6980 SW 58th Place in South Miami. The three sites are more fully described in the attached Title VI Analysis.

After review of the sites and Title VI analysis, staff recommends the MDCPS site. This site has one (1) vacant building which includes maintenance and storage facilities sufficient for the City’s trolley fleet. The facility is located at 7001 SW 4th Street Miami, Florida, 3.4 miles from the trolley route. The City’s mechanics will be able to perform the same maintenance activities as are performed at the current trolley facility. In addition, there are up to twenty (20) parking spaces available for staff.

Miami-Dade Public Schools has agreed to make the building and associated outdoor space available for one year with an option to renew for one year. The proposed lease would require the City to contribute \$200,000 toward Coral Gables High School Auditorium seat replacement. In addition, the City would be responsible for its portion of security, utilities and any cost associated with its use of the leased facilities.