

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUEST THAT MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) EXPLORE ONE OR MORE OPTIONS THAT ALIGN THE ELEVATED GUIDEWAY TRACKS OF THE PROPOSED NORTH CORRIDOR METRORAIL EXTENSION TO AREA(S) OUTSIDE OF ANY BOARD-OWNED PROPERTY, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ONCE THE VIABILITY OF THE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS HAVE BEEN EXPLORED BY MDT

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

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STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Background

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is proposing an extension to the north corridor of the Metrorail, which consists of an elevated, heavy rail system along a 9.5 mile stretch on NW 27th Avenue, from NW 79th Street to NW 215th Street. The latest proposed guideway location would impact the Board-owned John H. Schee Transportation Facility located at 2755 NW 122 Street, and the Facilities Operations and Maintenance complex located directly to the north at 12525 NW 28 Avenue (See Exhibit "A").

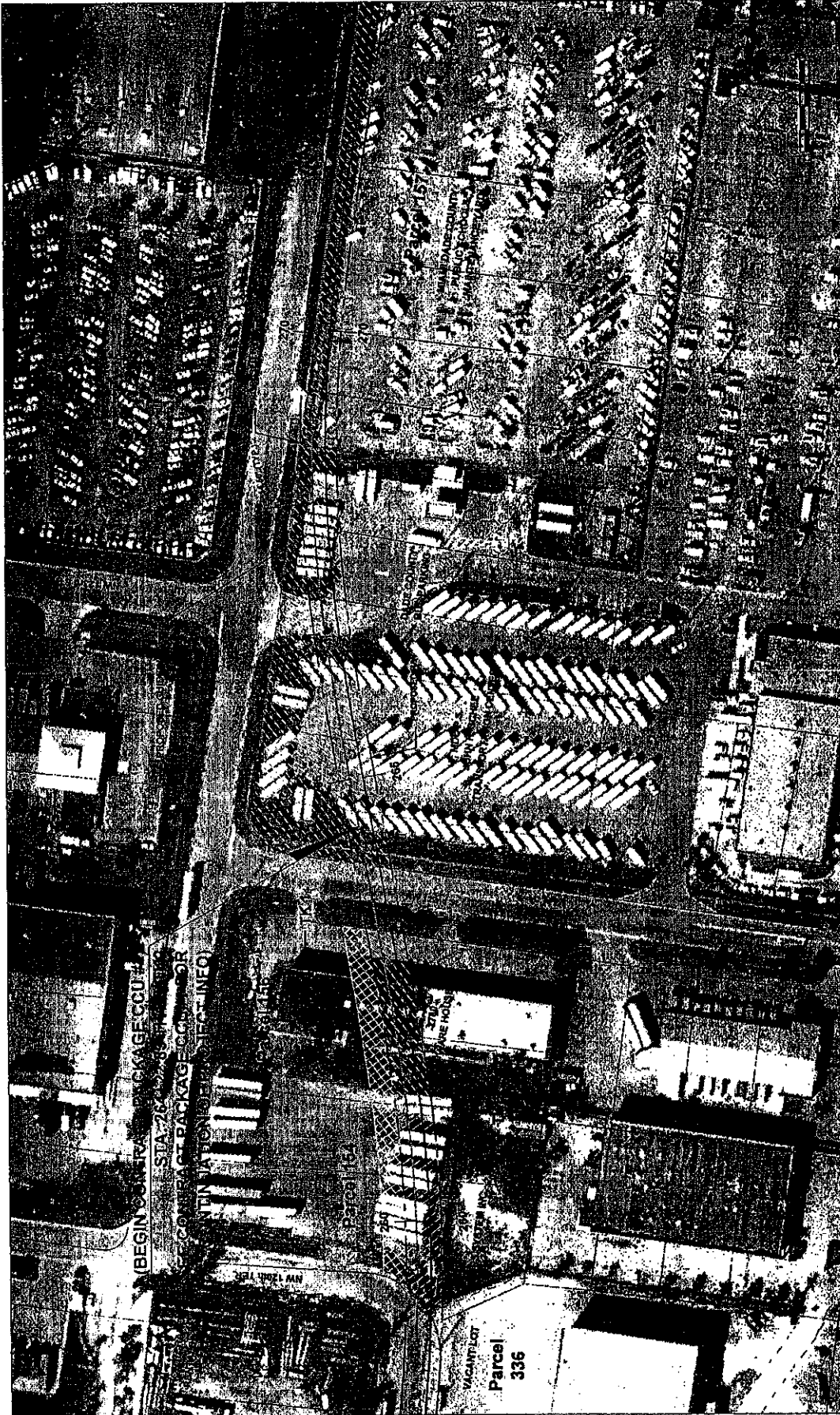
This extension, in the planning stages for several years, has been delayed numerous times. Most recently, the Federal government downgraded the project from "medium" to "medium-low", which will require additional studies by MDT concerning the economic viability of operating the Metrorail in general, prior to any additional matching federal funds being disbursed for the extension project. Should this hurdle be overcome by MDT and should the project continue to move forward, MDT would then seek to complete any required right-of-way acquisition and relocations by or before 2013. Based on this timeframe, the project itself would then be completed by or before 2019. As in years past, this timetable is subject to change.

In April of this year, MDT hosted a public scoping meeting to present design changes to the route of the guideway, primarily in an attempt to reduce site acquisition costs. One of those design changes would potentially increase the impact to the above referenced Board-owned properties. Although the project continues to be delayed and funding questions remain open, District staff anticipates implementation of the project is likely to eventually proceed. As a result, to ensure the Board's interests are properly articulated, and given the possibility of eminent domain action on the part of MDT to acquire property needed for the expansion, including potentially Board-owned property, the Board's eminent domain counsel will be kept apprised as needed by District staff of any new developments on this project. In the interim, District staff is recommending that

MDT be asked to specifically consider options that would eliminate potential impacts to the referenced Board-owned facilities.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to request that MDT explore one or more options that align the elevated guideway tracks of the proposed north corridor Metrorail extension to area(s) outside of any Board-owned property, and report back to the Board, once the viability of the additional options have been explored by MDT.

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EXHIBIT A



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