

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-09, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS AND SCHOOL CROSSINGS AT ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVED SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT BY IMPLEMENTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

At its October 29, 2009 meeting, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved Resolution Number 37-09 (Resolution) sponsored by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, in her capacity as School Board Member as well as Vice Chair of the MPO. The Resolution urges the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to amend Procedure Number 750-010-027-h, to require school speed zone reduction signs and school crossings at all senior high schools in Miami-Dade County.

Under this rule, FDOT standards for establishing 15 mile per hour school speed zone signs and school crossings specify that only elementary and middle schools are eligible for these speed control measures. The Miami-Dade County Public Works Department follows this procedure, and does not install school speed zone signs at new high schools. This situation has created a disparity in our schools, where most of the high schools that were built prior to the mid-1990's have the speed zone signs, and the 20 high schools built after the 90's do not have them.

Research in other school districts across the state reveals that Counties may opt to enforce stricter standards. Such is the case in Broward and Hillsborough Counties, where current policies mandate reduced speed zones for all schools, including high schools.

It is recommended that the School Board endorse MPO Resolution Number 37-09 to allow for stricter pedestrian safety measures at all senior high schools in Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution Number 37-09, urging the Florida Department of Transportation to require school zone speed reduction signs and school crossings at all senior high schools in Miami-Dade County.