

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PROPOSED CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX (PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN)

In order to improve and/or resolve countywide traffic and transit concerns, Miami-Dade County (County) is currently considering the levy of a one half of one percent or a one percent Charter County Transit System Surtax, if approved by the electorate of Miami-Dade County, referred to as the People's Transportation Plan. If approved, the surtax proceeds could only be expended for transportation and transit purposes, no more than 5% could be expended on administrative costs (exclusive of project management and oversight for projects), and the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust would be created to provide review and oversight.

In order to truly make this an inclusive and countywide plan, the municipalities, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. (League), are considering a proposal that would allocate a designated percentage of surtax proceeds, if approved, to the municipalities, for traffic and transit projects within the municipalities and to provide continuity and connectivity between the County and municipal transportation and transit systems.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (District) is the largest provider of public transportation in the county, has an extensive bus fleet and, when constructing or expanding schools, is required to provide transportation improvements such as traffic signalization and the installation of school flashers. I therefore recommend that the District, working with the League and the municipalities, similarly seek a designated percentage of surtax proceeds to be allocated to the District for its traffic and transit projects, if the Charter County Transit System Surtax is approved.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is, if approved, to enable administrators to participate in meetings regarding this issue that are being held throughout the county prior to the next regularly scheduled school board meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) seek a designated percentage of surtax proceeds from the Charter County Transit System Surtax, if approved, to be allocated to the District for its traffic and transit projects; and
- 2) direct the Superintendent of Schools to work with Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc., the municipalities, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and other appropriate agencies for the allocation of surtax proceeds.