

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2177

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND IMPLEMENT A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE MIAMI LAKES ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$280,000.00) PER YEAR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2028, 2029, AND 2030, TOTALING EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$840,000.00); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT, ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offers Public Transit Service Development Program grants to provide initial funding for special and innovative public transit projects; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the Town Council passed and adopted Resolution No. 17-1489, authorizing the Town Manager to execute the contract with Beefree (DBA Freebee) for on-demand transportation service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") launched its Freebee Ridesharing Program in January of 2018 to provide eco-friendly, electric, and on-demand transportation services to residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously received Service Development Program grant funding from FDOT in 2019, 2020, and 2021 to expand and enhance the Freebee program; and

WHEREAS, current demand for the Town's on-demand transit service exceeds the program's capacity, and the Town desires to further improve the reliability, efficiency, and capacity of the service by adding an additional vehicle to increase service frequency during peak hours and to provide enhanced connectivity to regional transit at the Opa-Locka Tri-Rail Station Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Public Transit Service Development Program Grants are subject to specified times of duration, but no more than three (3) years, and require a fifty-fifty (50/50) funding participation between FDOT and the awarded Agency; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Miami Lakes On-Demand Public Transit Service Improvements Project has an estimated cost of Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$560,000.00) per year for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to apply for FDOT Public Transit Service Development Program grant funds in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$280,000.00) per year for Fiscal Years 2028, 2029, and 2030, totaling Eight Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$840,000.00), with the required fifty percent (50%) local match funded through the People's Transportation Plan (PTP 20%) and sponsorship advertisement revenues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements align with the Town's Strategic Plan, enhance public transportation, reduce traffic congestion, reduce carbon emissions, and address transportation challenges identified during the Town's Transportation Summit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization to Apply. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to apply for a Florida Department of Transportation Public Transit Service Development Program Grant in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$280,000.00) per year for Fiscal Years 2028, 2029, and 2030, totaling Eight Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$840,000.00).

Section 3. Authorization to Accept and Implement. If awarded, the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to accept the grant funds, execute the grant agreement and any necessary amendments, take all necessary steps to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement, and expend budgeted funds in connection with the Project.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Morera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Joshua Dieguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia	No
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Steven Herzberg	Yes
Councilmember Alex Sanchez	Yes

Passed and adopted this 19th day of April 2026.




Joshua Dieguez
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



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TOWN ATTORNEY