



## Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

**Village Commission Meeting Date:** April 5, 2016  
**Subject:** CITT Transit Funds  
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**Sponsored By:** Commissioner Roxanna Ross

### Background

Sec. 212.055(1), Florida Statutes (2001), Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 02-116, enacted on July 9, 2002, imposed a one-half of one percent Transit Surtax on eligible sales transactions for transportation-related projects. Of the proceeds collected by the County, 20% is distributed to municipalities on a pro rata basis using population statistics. Municipalities may use proceeds to develop, construct, equip, maintain, operate or expand on County-wide bus systems, Fixed guideway rapid transit systems, and Roads and bridges in the County. Surtax proceeds may also be used to secure bonds or pay debt service for such systems.

By way of further restriction on use of the funds, cities are required to apply at least 20% of the proceeds to transit-related infrastructure. If unable to do so, cities may apply transit proceeds to a County project that enhances traffic mobility within their municipal boundaries, or funds shall be redistributed among other cities in the ensuing year for similar purposes.

Throughout the years, the Village has used transportation funds to repair and improve roads, clear storm drains, for street lighting and road engineering services. The 20% transmit restricted monies for couple of years (2008 – 2010) paid for the Village to shared North Miami's local circulator bus which was discontinued due to infrequent ridership by Village residents. Although we have from time to time discussed improving road crossings at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and wi-fi equipped bus shelters, to my memory, no movement has been made to implement any local project that could be funded by the restricted CITT transit funds.

Over time, funds that are not used by the municipality for their stated purpose revert to the County and are redistributed to funds needs throughout the County, and the 2007 Audit Report by the County documents a recapture transit from the Village in the early days of the surtax for lack of use.

Today, the Manager reports that the Village's transit restricted CITT fund balance is \$55,575.61, and Heidi has confirmed that the installation of a bus shelter is an approved project for CITT transit funding ( <http://www.miamidade.gov/citt/library/municipal-program/municipal-guidelines.pdf>).

**Fiscal / Budget Impact**

This is a request to use restricted CITT transit funds, which if unused would revert back to the County.

**Recommendation**

I welcome discussion of any other projects that would fall within the requirements for use of CITT transit funds. In the meantime, I recommend that the Commission direct the Manager to evaluate the options and feasibility of using CITT transit restricted funds (and other appropriate funding) to install a wi-fi equipped bus shelter at 6 Ave and 114 Street as an enhancement of the existing County bus service through the Village.