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RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION – Liability Claims Section

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Memorandum

DATE:

October 31, 2017

TO.

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Risk Management Division

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Jacqueline Ardiles, Claims Adjuster

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On August 30, 2014, a Broward County Transit bus was heading south on Ocean Drive in Hollywood, when it struck a vehicle making a right turn. The Bus Operator attempted to change lanes to avoid hitting the vehicle, but collided with the vehicle on the driver's rear side. The Claimant, who was a passenger on the bus, is alleging the following injuries: internal derangement of the right knee, chondromalacia patella of the right knee, degeneration of the right medial meniscus and re-injury of the left shoulder. Medical expense to date total \$38,986.06. The Claimant's health insurance carrier was billed \$26,071 and paid \$10,735.73.

A tentative settlement agreement pending Board approval and conditioned on a release of the County from any further obligation was reached in the amount of \$35,000 by the plaintiff's attorney Susan Kaufman, on behalf of the Claimant.

CONCURRENCE

Based on the factual information provided, the Office of the County Attorney concurs in the proposed settlement. This concurrence meets the requirements of Section 1-51.3(2) (c), Broward County Code of Ordinances.

This concurrence does not reflect our independent assessment of Broward County's actual risk or financial exposure, which may change if additional information is learned through litigation or other subsequent events.

ANDREW J. MEYERS
COUNTY ATTORNEY

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