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**METRORAIL EXTENSION:** Odebrecht-Tower-Community Joint Venture is to build an extension of Metrorail linking the existing Earlington Heights Station to the intermodal center near Miami International Airport after Miami-Dade commissioners last week approved a \$360.4 million contract. But they first raised concerns about the contractors that make up the joint venture, who have worked on various county projects, including the new airport terminals — Odebrecht Contractors — and the still unfinished South Miami-Dade Cultural Center — The Tower Group. Sally Heyman said she respects the companies but pointed out that "all of their projects have come in way over — and we're not printing our own money." Assistant County Manager Ysela Llord assured that proper protection is in place and "we're going to administer this contract with an eye for making sure we're right on top of it." She added a caveat later. "Can I absolutely sit here and tell you there are absolutely not going to be any modifications to this? I wouldn't do that. Sometime there are unforeseen circumstances."