

TPO RESOLUTION #25-17

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION STAFF TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND WHETHER NEW CIRCULATOR SERVICES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA SHOULD BE INCORPORATED TO FEED INTO THE KENDALL AND SOUTH DADE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN CORRIDORS, AND IF DETERMINED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND FEASIBLE SOLUTION, TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW THE SERVICES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, South Florida has consistently ranked as one of the most heavily congested regions in the country for automobile traffic, and in 2010 was ranked as the worst east coast metropolitan area for traffic; and

WHEREAS, adding more cars to the already gridlocked roads in Miami-Dade County is an unsustainable solution, both environmentally and economically, to the County's growing transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan includes the construction of six (6) new rapid transit corridors and a network of bus express rapid transit (BERT) services throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, studying and implementing innovative approaches for first-and-last mile transit solutions that feed into the SMART Plan should be a priority; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County have successfully implemented circulator services that have become very popular; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2016, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-56-16, which authorized municipal circulators to operate on the South Dade Transitway as part of a new route or route change approved by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, allowing municipal circulators to operate on the transit-exclusive roadway makes for a more seamless connection to rapid transit services; and

WHEREAS, a significant proportion of the population served by the South Dade Transitway live in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, residents of the communities served by the future Kendall SMART Plan corridor are all in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the circulator model should be reviewed as an option for first-and-last mile solutions that feed into the proposed SMART Plan corridors for residents and businesses in unincorporated Miami-Dade,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that Transportation Planning Organization staff is directed to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate and recommend whether new circulator services for the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area should be incorporated to feed into the Kendall and South Dade Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan Corridors, and if determined to be an effective and feasible solution, to provide recommendations for how the services should be incorporated.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Daniella Levine Cava. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis C. Moss, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.- Aye
Vice Chairman Francis Suarez- Aye

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	- Aye	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	- Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	- Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	- Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	- Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	- Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	- Absent	Board Member Jean Monestime	- Absent
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman	- Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	- Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	- Absent	Board Member Jeff Porter	- Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	- Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	- Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	- Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	- Aye
Board Member Smith Joseph	- Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	- Aye
Board Member Philip Levine	- Absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 22nd day of June, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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