

TPO RESOLUTION #40-17

RESOLUTION URGING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, TO ALLOCATE A DEDICATED AMOUNT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), on February 18, 2016, adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution #26-16, the TPO Governing Board endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which includes six (6) rapid transit corridors; and

WHEREAS, the development of the six rapid transit corridors will likely need the infusion of various funding sources, including federal, state, County, and municipal participation; and

WHEREAS, establishing a separate budgetary line item and category under the Transit program for the implementation of the SMART Plan that will allow funds allocated for the SMART Plan to be retained in the SMART Plan category of the Transit program in reserve and carry forward until used for SMART Plan projects will allow for greater transparency and accountability as to use of funds related to the rapid transit corridors; and

WHEREAS, the County’s July 2017 proposed budget is supported by a Transit 40-Year Forecast, significant dollars from County General Revenue funds to the current Transit program and frees Charter County Transportation Surtax funds to support the expansion of the transit system; and

WHEREAS, the TPO encourages the Board of County Commissioners to provide at least the amount for transit expansion as was identified in said proposed budget from the County General revenue funds as a contribution to the current Transit program and encourages the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust and the Board of County Commissioners to provide Charter County Transportation Surtax funds for the development of the SMART Plan,

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 this Board hereby urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, subject to appropriation, to allocate a dedicated amount for the implementation of the SMART Plan consistent with the July 10, 2017, Transit 40-Year Forecast and urges the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust and the Board of County Commissioners to provide Charter County Transportation Surtax funds for the development of the SMART Plan.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Dennis C. Moss and moved by Board Member Dennis C. Moss. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Francis Suarez, 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 Philip Levine	-Absent
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Absent
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Smith Joseph	-Absent	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Nay
Board Member Vince Lago	-Absent	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 26th day of September, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO

