

**TPO RESOLUTION #25-18**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN UTILIZING THE 2007 RECORD OF DECISION METRORAIL EXTENSION ALIGNMENT AND TO INCORPORATE THIS ALTERNATIVE IN ALL FUTURE COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR**

**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 a network of nine (9) bus express rapid transit (BERT) services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the electorate of Miami-Dade County approved the imposition of a one half-cent surtax to implement the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) in order to enhance transportation and transit in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, the original PTP contemplated the development of various transit corridors, including a corridor along NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the TPO adopted Resolutions #01-15 and #48-15, which identified NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue as one of three premium transit corridors to proceed into the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study phase with the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing said phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the current PD&E does not include the Metrorail Extension alignment, which was the alignment contemplated in the 2007 Record of Decision (ROD) for the North Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 ROD Metrorail Extension alignment identified the minimum operating segment which culminated at or near Miami-Dade College North Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the obtaining of a cost estimate for the 2007 ROD Metrorail Extension alignment along with all proposed viable alternatives and the minimum operating segment within said corridor would facilitate a more reasoned decision in determining the locally preferred alternative,

**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:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to obtain cost estimates for all the proposed viable alternatives for the North Corridor of the SMART Plan and the minimum operating segment within, and including the 2007 Record of Decision Metrorail Extension alignment.

**Section 2.** Urges FDOT to include the 2007 Record of Decision Metrorail Extension alignment in all future community outreach initiatives for the North Corridor.

**Section 3.** Requests FDOT to provide to the TPO Governing Board the cost estimate information referenced in Section 1 concurrent with or prior to the presentation of the local preferred alternatives for the North Corridor.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Barbara J. Jordan and co-sponsored by Board Members: Jean Monestime, Oliver G. Gilbert III, and Audrey M. Edmonson. The resolution was moved by Board Member Sally A. Heyman and seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this day of 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By Zainab Salim  
Zainab Salim, Clerk  
Miami-Dade TPO

