

TPO RESOLUTION #07-2021

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 1 – CURBSIDE BUS RAPID TRANSIT LANES WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND CONCURRENCE FOR FDOT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) TIER 3 REFINEMENT ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE 1 FOR THE FLAGLER CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Miami Urbanized Area, now known as the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), requires that the TPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County. Subsequently, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan in order to implement mass transit projects throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan includes six (6) rapid transit corridors along with a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) services; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the vital rapid transit corridors, in whole or in part, will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan identified Flagler Corridor as part of the BERT network; and

WHEREAS, the Flagler Corridor stretches from downtown Miami to West Dade terminating at the Dolphin and Tamiami Park and Ride Stations; and

WHEREAS, the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies for the six SMART Plan corridors have been funded and are presently in progress, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) serving as the lead agency for the Flagler Corridor; and

WHEREAS, at a TPO Governing Board workshop held on January 30, 2020, FDOT was requested to perform an analysis to evaluate the applicability of a car reversible lane in the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, FDOT performed the analysis, which concluded that a car reversible lane application is not suitable for this Corridor; and

WHEREAS, FDOT is recommending Alternative 1 – Curbside Bus Rapid Transit Lanes as the Recommended Alternative for the Flagler Corridor,

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 supports the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Recommended Alternative 1 – Curbside Bus Rapid Transit Lanes with the exception that said study shall not consider the reduction of vehicular traffic lanes for any portion of Flagler Street west of West 24th Avenue, and concurs that FDOT may, with the exception noted above, proceed with the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Tier 3 Refinement Analysis of Alternative 1 for the Flagler Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Eileen Higgins. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III -Aye
Vice Chairman Juan Carlos Bermudez -Aye

Board Member Philippe Bien-Aime	-Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-Absent
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Oscar De La Rosa	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Rene Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-Aye
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Rodney Harris	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-Absent
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Vince Lago	-Aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28th day of January 2021.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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Miami-Dade TPO

