

TPO RESOLUTION #27-2021

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE BEACH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), in its role as the MPO, 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. Accordingly, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan 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, the Beach Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Beach Corridor project is made up of three separate but connected legs, and the name may be confusing to the public as its scope goes beyond a proposed connection between Downtown Miami and South Beach; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the TPO Governing Board adopted a motion directing efforts to rename the Beach Corridor to define each area of the project with a specified corridor name and instructed the Executive Director to reach out the Mayors of Miami-Dade County, Miami and Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2021, a publicly noticed Sunshine meeting involving the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, the Mayor of Miami Beach, and the Chairman of the TPO was convened to discuss potential names for the Beach Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021, the Executive Director had a meeting with the Mayor of Miami to receive additional input on potential names for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the renaming recommendations to the TPO Governing Board are as follows:

- **“Beach Corridor Causeway Extension”** (refers to the rapid transit project connecting the Downtown Metromover Omni Extension in Miami with 5th Street near Washington Avenue in Miami Beach along MacArthur Causeway).
- **“Miami Corridor Extension”** (refers to the rapid transit project connecting the Metromover School Board Station at NE 15th Street and NE Miami Place with NW 41st Street along Miami Avenue).
- **“Miami Beach Convention Center Connection”** (refers to the rapid transit project between 5th Street and the Miami Beach Convention Center along Washington Avenue).

WHEREAS, the TPO Governing Board believes it is in the best interest of the public to rename the Beach Corridor to better describe the project limits of each individual project,

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 renames the Beach Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan with a specified name for each of the three project corridors as follows:

“Beach Corridor Causeway Extension of the SMART Plan”

“Miami Corridor Extension of the SMART Plan”

“Miami Beach Convention Center Connection of the SMART Plan”

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was Sponsored by Board Member Eileen Higgins and moved by Board Member Rodney Harris. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Juan Carlos Bermudez, 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	-Aye
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Oscar De La Rosa	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Rene Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-Aye
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-Absent	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Rodney Harris	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
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 17th day of June 2021.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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