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Dear Ms. Bouclé:

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors is tentatively in favor of supporting the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan after your presentation. However, as we did not have a quorum in attendance at our July Board meeting, we were unable to vote in support of the Plan. We look forward to your update at our September Board meeting on the 13th and anticipate a quorum to be able to vote on the motion of supporting the MPO's SMART Plan.

As a Board representing the businesses of Miami Beach, we are in favor of increasing the public transportation options for residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach, and all of South Florida. The SMART Plan, recently endorsed and adopted by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), identifies six rapid transit corridors and an express bus network that directly supports the mobility of our future population and employment growth. We recognize and commend the Miami-Dade MPO Board for their leadership and unity in prioritizing a mass transit plan for the citizens of Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach, and the entire South Florida area. This is a truly remarkable action where, for the first time in decades, the MPO has amended the Long Range Transportation Plan to fully fund all six transit corridors to initiate project development for a comprehensive transit system.

We appreciate your commitment and taking the time to present the SMART plan to the Board of Governors of the Miami Beach Chamber. This collaborative action by the Miami-Dade MPO Board exemplifies a comprehensive regional approach to transportation and has placed us on a path of success to address congestion and transportation needs in South Florida. As a community, we must stand unified with the Miami-Dade MPO and urge all our transportation partners to continue working collaboratively to identify and prioritize capital improvement funds for the development of the six rapid transit corridors and express bus networks.

Sincerely,

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