

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ENCOURAGING BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT, MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT, PALM-TRAN, TRI-RAIL AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK COLLECTIVELY TO DEVELOP A SEAMLESS, INTEROPERABLE, SIMPLIFIED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit and Tri-Rail have implemented an interoperable transit fare collection system, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Transit and Tri-Rail's interoperable transit fare collection system (EASY CARD) is the first multi-agency regional system that is compliant with the American Public Transportation Association's Contactless Fare Media Standard that has been adopted in public transport as the national standard, and

WHEREAS, Broward County Transit and Palm-Tran have been analyzing ways to develop a seamless interoperable and simplified transit fare collection system for the past decade, and

WHEREAS, The lack of a interoperable transit fare collection system makes transferring between Miami-Dade Transit/Tri-Rail's system to Broward County Transit and Palm Tran's systems extremely difficult; and

WHEREAS, A seamless interoperable and simplified transit fare collection system would promote increased ridership, improved access to employment centers, recreational, medical, educational, and cultural activities in the Southeast Florida region; and

WHEREAS, A seamless interoperable and simplified fare collection system would help to build a robust economic base in the Southeast Florida region, assist in reducing congestion, and truly connect this region's public transportation system into one whole without any barriers for transit users,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council strongly encourages Broward County Transit and Palm Tran to complete their current analysis and collectively have all

transportation operators move forward in developing a seamless interoperable and simplified fare collection system that is compatible with Miami-Dade and Tri-Rail's system.

SECTION 2. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council shall distribute this resolution to the legislative delegations and County Commissions of Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, the Governor, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Secretaries of FDOT Districts 4 and 6, members of the media, the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils, the Broward County Planning Council, and any and all interested parties.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Blattner, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Robert Friedman, Chairman	-Aye (Commissioner Susan Haynie)
Bruno A. Barreiro, Vice Chairman	-Aye
Mayor Richard Kaplan	-Aye (Commissioner Richard Blattner)

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly adopted this 23rd day of April 2012.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

By: 
MPO Director