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MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, AT 2:00 PM

**TPO GOVERNING BOARD**

150 WEST FLAGLER STREET  
SUITE 1924  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130  
GOVERNING BOARD CHAMBERS

**AGENDA**

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
  1. **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE - KIDZ NEUROSCIENCE CENTER AT THE MIAMI PROJECT TO CURE PARALYSIS – BIKE SAFETY**
  2. **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EVS**
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)**
    1. **2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT: NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SMART COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO MODIFY FUNDING FOR PLANNING CONSISTENCY AND ADVANCE TO PRIORITY I THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT*  
  
*09-20-2023 Item waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting*
  - B. **NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)**
    1. **REQUEST BY TPO CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.**  
*RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY*  
  
*09-28-2023 Scheduled on the Executive Policy Committee Meeting Agenda*

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- 2. REQUEST BY TPO BOARD MEMBER ALIX DESULME**  
*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BUDGET TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY*

*09-20-2023 Item waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting*

- 3. REQUEST BY TPO BOARD MEMBER ROBERTO J. ALONSO**  
*RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, K-8, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROTECTED BICYCLE LANE PILOT PROGRAM AND TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID PROGRAM*

*09-20-2023 Item waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting*

- 4. REQUEST BY TPO BOARD MEMBER ROBERTO J. ALONSO**  
*RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 27TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL "WALK TO SCHOOL DAY" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2023*

*09-20-2023 Item waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting*

- 5. REQUEST BY TPO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**  
*RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2024 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS*

*09-28-2023 Scheduled on the Executive Policy Committee Meeting Agenda*

- 6. MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION REDESIGNATION**  
*RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) SUPPORTING REDESIGNATION OF THE EXISTING TPO IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND REAFFIRMING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL*

*09-28-2023 Scheduled on the Executive Policy Committee Meeting Agenda*



**7. MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP PLAN AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY MAP**  
*RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CURRENT MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP PLAN AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY MAP WITHIN THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA*

*09-28-2023 Scheduled on the Executive Policy Committee Meeting Agenda*

**8. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
*RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REINSTATE THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING LEVELS TO SUPPORT THE NON-MOTORIZED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY*

*09-20-2023 Item waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting*

**9. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS*

*09-28-2023 Scheduled on the Executive Policy Committee Meeting Agenda*

**C. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

1. Vacancy Report

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting of June 22, 2023

**7. REPORTS**

**A. BOARD MEMBERS**

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. SMART M.A.P. 2050 - Long Range Transportation Plan Update
2. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update
3. Report - Welcoming New TPO Governing Board Members, Sponsored and Special Events

**C. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

1. Department of Transportation and Public Works -Midyear State of the System Report

**D. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT SIX)**



**8. COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. CITIZENS' COMMITTEES**

1. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)
2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TARC)
3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
4. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

**B. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**



# **TPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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1. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE - KIDZ NEUROSCIENCE CENTER AT THE MIAMI PROJECT TO CURE PARALYSIS – BIKE SAFETY
2. FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EVS





TPO AGENDA ITEM 5.1



# Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board Meeting

9/28/2023

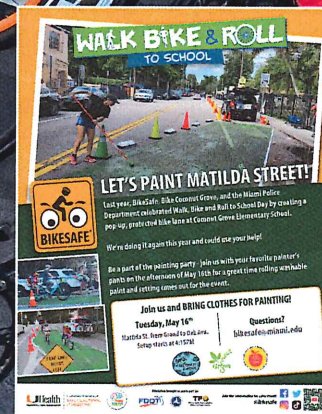
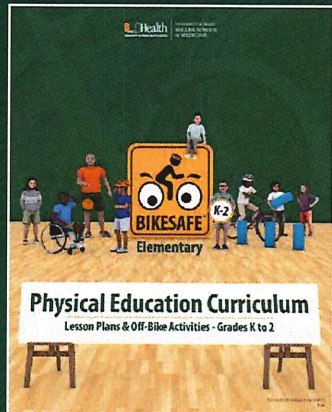


# BikeSafe's Mission

Decrease the number of kids hit by cars while riding their bikes

Promote physical activity

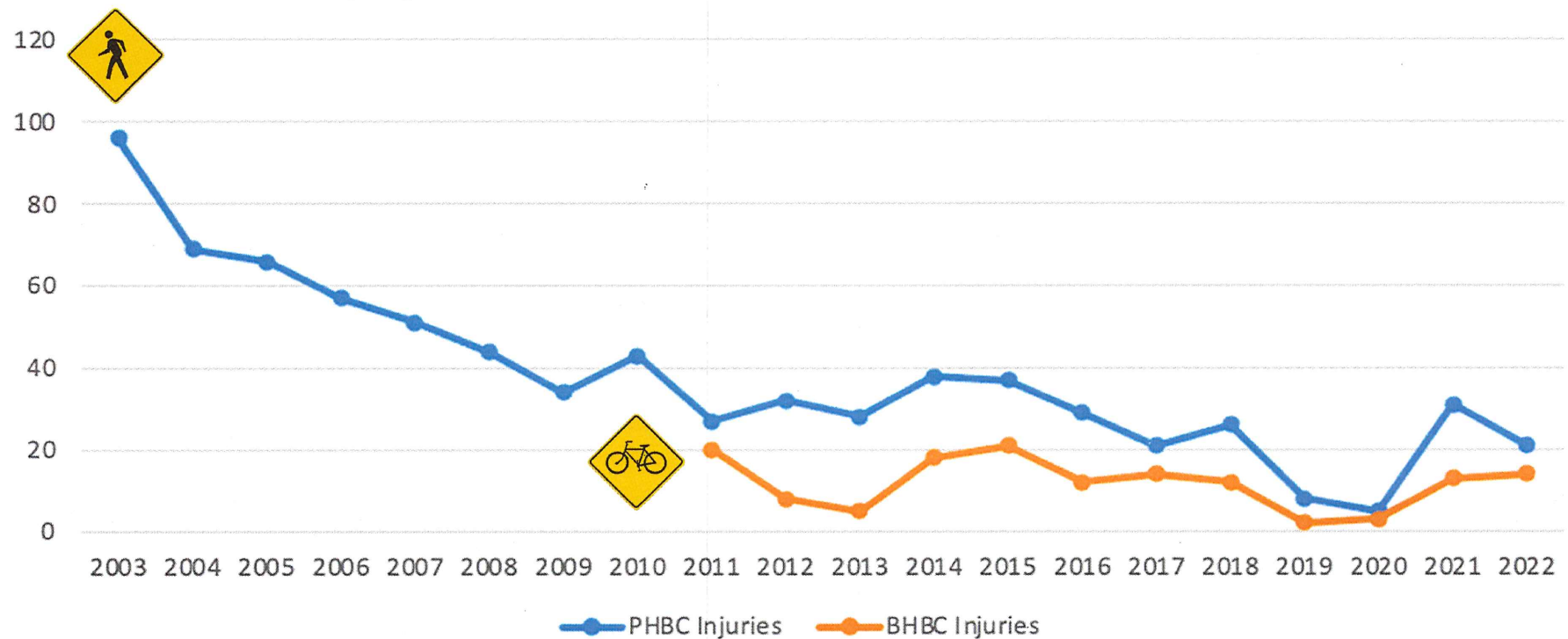
Advocate for and educate about safer infrastructure and encourage the use of walkable & bikeable environments





# Pedestrian and Bicyclist Trauma Data

Number of Pediatric (0-14) Pedestrian and Bicyclist Hit By Car (PHBC/ BHBC) Injuries from MDC Trauma Centers\* from 2003 to 2022



\*Data from Ryder Trauma Center and Nicklaus Children's Hospital

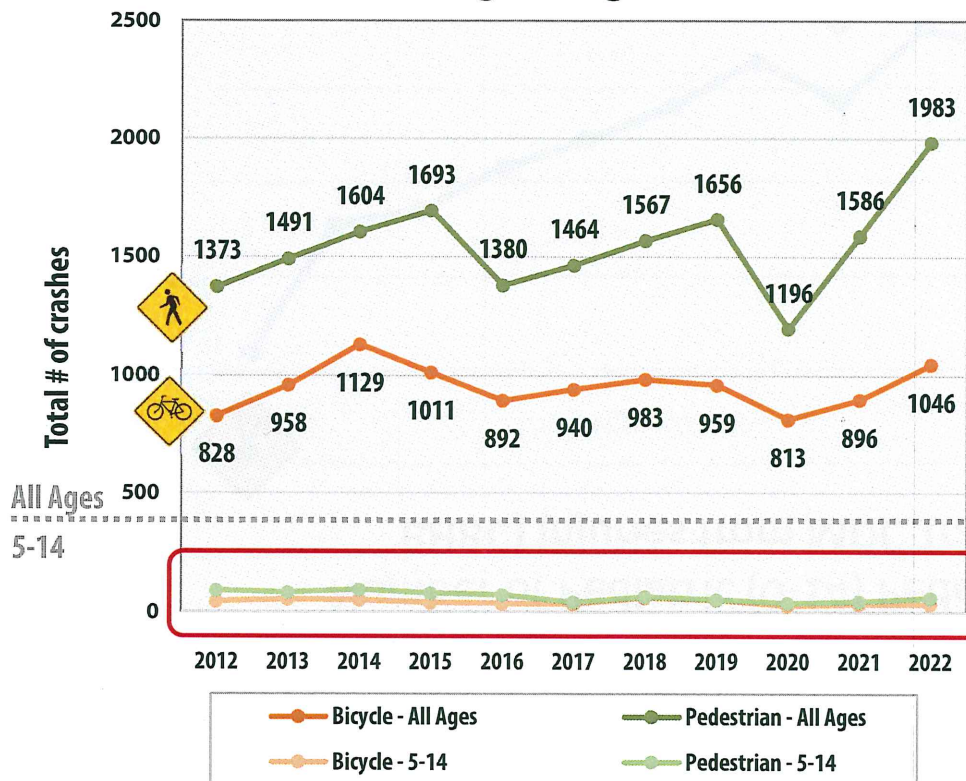




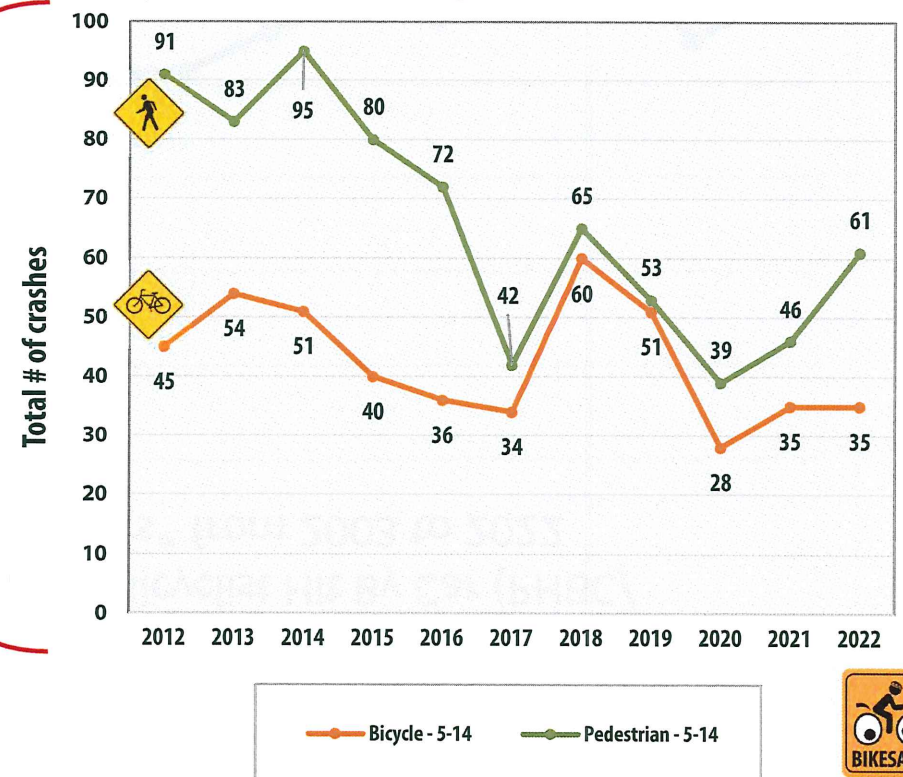
# Miami-Dade Crash Reports

Reported and geolocated Miami-Dade crashes with pedestrian and bicycle involvement\*  
Signal 4 Analytics - 2012-2022

## All ages + Ages 5-14



## Ages 5-14





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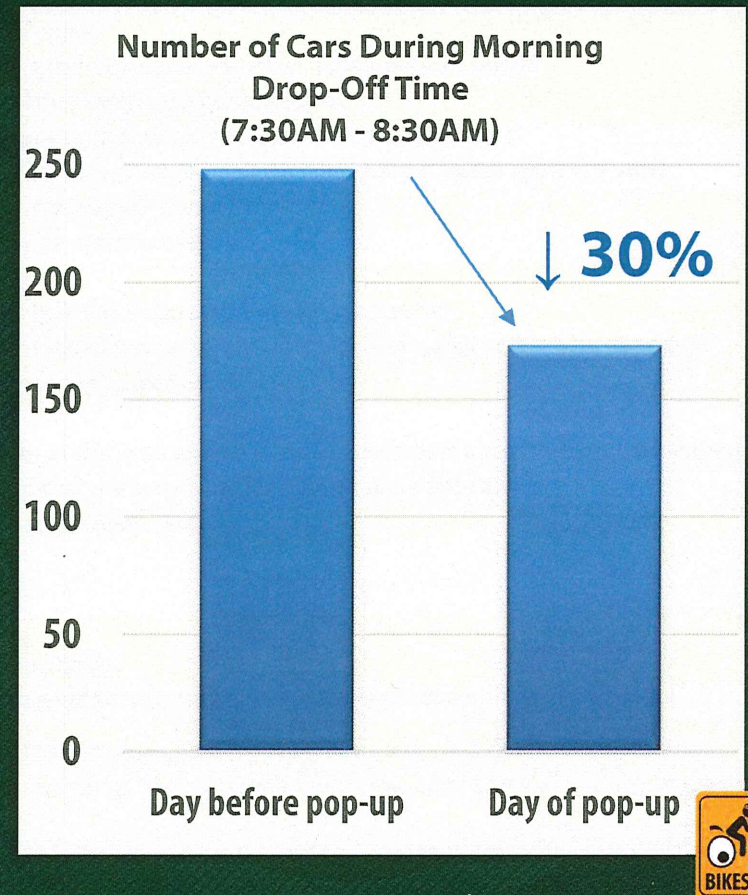
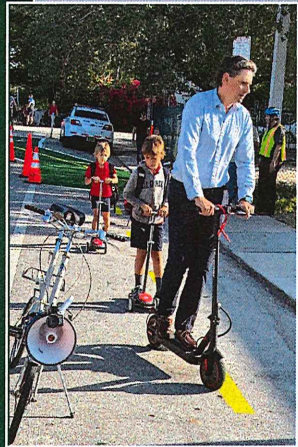


## Matilda Street: Kids painted a pop-up bike lane for Bike to School Day





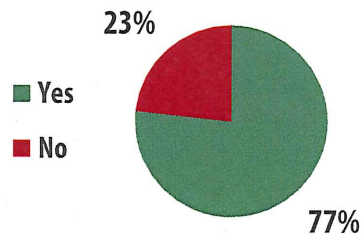
## Pop-up protected bike lane on Matilda St. led to a 30% reduction in cars during morning drop-off.



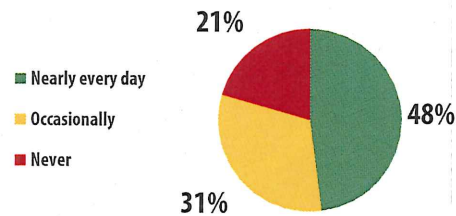


# Parents want protected bike lanes.

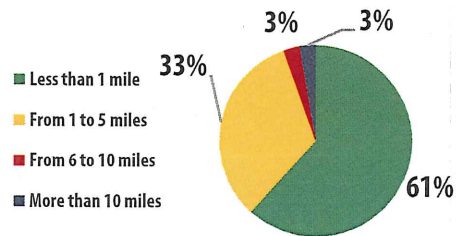
(Q7) Would you like to see a permanent installation of the Matilda Street pop-up protected bike lane with flexposts and parking stoppers (similar to the bike lane shown above of Downtown Miami), instead of the temporary cones used in the pop-up?



(Q2) How often does your child or children walk, ride, or roll to school?



Q9 - How far do you live from Coconut Grove Elementary?



(Optional) Use the space below to suggest ways your community can be made safer for your child/ren to bike to school (for example: better signage, better crosswalks, protected bike lane, etc.)

Actual protected infrastructure: protected/separated bike lanes with connections to where people need to go. We have a few painted bike lanes, but they don't protect anyone.

Better crosswalks, crossing guards, no parking on grass near sidewalk near school

Protected bike infrastructure

Protected bike lanes

Traffic signals

Safe infrastructure

Protected bike lanes and Infrastructure

walking / biking culture where traffic knows how to share the road

On our route in particular we have a huge intersection that is miserable for pedestrians and cyclists.

Protected bike lane and safer crosswalks

Protected bike lanes, elevated crosswalks, bump outs on roads to prevent speeding

Protected bike lanes. One cop a day riding along a set route.

protected bike lanes!!

More signage. Bike lanes. Better roads.

protected bike lanes, crosswalks would be a start

I answered that in a previous questions. More bike lanes & street signs is a must

Paths away from traffic and crs where they never encounter cars

Protected bike lanes and vehicle driver education

Protected bike lanes, flashing pedestrian signs, incentives for biking.

Better protected bike lanes

New laws enabling citizens to report those using cells while on a any moving transportation

Community Rides

Protected lanes

Dedicated bike lanes

Protected bike lanes where cars are unable to cross in to





## Pop-up demonstrations and pilots - relatively inexpensive:

### Cones and temporary paint

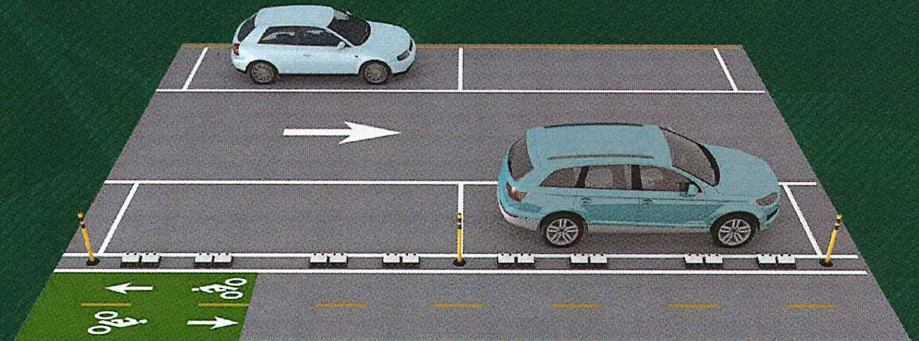


#### Approximate cost of 630' pop-up (Matilda St.) project, cones and temporary paint\*

Items	Unit Cost	Qty	Final cost
60 traffic cones	\$24.10	60	\$1,446.00
Tempera paint - green, yellow, white	\$36.74	10	\$367.40
Paint rollers + sundries (approximated)	\$35.00	10	\$350.00
Stop signs (post, base, sign), approx.	\$248.00	3	\$744.00
Additional signage and posts (cardboard + paint roller sticks)	\$15	3	\$45.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,952.40</b>

\*The cones used for the Matilda Street demonstration were donated to BikeSafe. This chart reflects approximate cost of cones if purchased, minus freight costs.

### Formal pilot project



#### Approximate cost of 630' pop-up (Matilda St.) project, flexposts and Zicla Zippers†

Items	Unit Cost	Qty	Final cost
Zicla Zipper "A" dividers‡	\$94.00	252	\$23,688.00
Flexposts‡	\$40.00	70	\$2,800.00
Paint, signs, engineering (estimated)		1	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$36,488.00</b>

† As envisioned in the 3D rendering shown above. May require alterations for DTPW approval.


‡ Based on quotes from Florida Transcor, May 2023





**Date:** September 21, 2023

**To:** Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board

**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director

**Subject:** **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Northeast Corridor  
SMART Commuter Rail Project**

**Agenda Item 6.A.1**

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*This item was waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the September 28, 2023, Transportation and Mobility meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

On September 18, 2023, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) recommended approval of an amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to modify funding for planning consistency and to move to Priority I of the Plan the Northeast Corridor Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Commuter Rail Project.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2016, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board officially adopted and endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. The SMART Plan is a comprehensive plan which advances six rapid transit corridors and a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit service to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County. In June 2022, the SMART Plan transitioned into the SMART Program implementation phase.

The Northeast Corridor is a regional connection that links Miami-Dade County with neighbors to the north via the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway. This project will construct five new stations and include rail modifications, which allow for a more localized commuter rail service to supplement the existing Brightline service along the corridor. DTPW has been working with the TPO, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and the Florida Department of Transportation to conduct the necessary planning efforts related to this service. These include working with local communities to ensure station locations are integrated with surrounding land use and development.

Attached is correspondence from DTPW providing additional information.



### **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The new total project cost is \$588,663,000. The Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study is underway and DTPW is now seeking funding from the Federal Transit Administration to secure funding of future phases. To be eligible for the federal funds, DTPW must ensure planning consistency throughout its financial plans and federal planning documents.

### **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by DTPW and Lisa Colmenares, AICP, DTPW Chief Planning Officer, is responsible for monitoring this project.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO MODIFY FUNDING FOR PLANNING CONSISTENCY AND ADVANCE TO PRIORITY I THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established as the technical advisory council to the TPO Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, 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**, in June 2022, the SMART Plan transitioned into the SMART Program implementation phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Program rapid transit corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Corridor is a regional connection that links Miami-Dade County with neighbors to the north via the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will modify funding for planning consistency and advance the Northeast Corridor SMART Commuter Rail Project to Priority I of the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPC has reviewed the amendment to the 2045 LRTP, made a part hereof, and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area,

**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 the attached amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to modify funding for planning consistency and advance to Priority I the Northeast Corridor Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Commuter Rail Project, is hereby approved.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_



**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
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Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

#### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**






Department of Transportation and Public Works  
Transportation Planning and Policy  
Overtown Transit Village  
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Miami, Florida 33136

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**Date:** September 12, 2023

**To:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director  
Transportation Planning Organization

**From:** Eulois Cleckley, Director and CEO   
Department of Transportation and Public Works

**Subject:** 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment  
For The Northeast Corridor SMART Commuter Rail Project

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The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) proposes to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in accordance with the attached form.

On April 21, 2016, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board officially adopted and endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. The SMART plan is a comprehensive plan which advances six rapid transit corridors and a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit service in order to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County. The Northeast Corridor is a regional connection that links Miami-Dade County with neighbors to the north via the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway.

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The County has been working with TPO, SFRTA, and the FDOT to conduct the necessary planning efforts related to this service. These include working with local communities to ensure station locations are integrated with surrounding land use and development.

The PD&E study is already underway and DTPW is now seeking funding from FTA in order to secure fund of future phases. To be eligible for the federal funds, DTPW must ensure planning consistency throughout its financial plans and federal planning documents. Because of this, the County is seeking to modify the LRTP to align with the current cost estimates and funding.

Please take the necessary action to schedule this request on the next available Transportation Planning Council and Transportation Planning Organization Governing Board meeting agendas.

Attachments:





## LRTP AMENDMENT FORM

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

**Date Submitted:** 9/12/2023      **Submitted by:** Miami-Dade County  
Department of Transportation  
and Public Works (DTPW)

**Project Current LRTP Priority:** N/A      **Origin of Request:** DTPW

**Project Title/Name:** Northeast Corridor SMART Commuter Rail Project

**Amendment Proposed:** Modify funding for planning consistency and move to Priority I

**Change to Existing LRTP Project:** ☒

**Addition of New LRTP Project:** ☐

### PROJECT AMENDMENT

<b>Type of Amendment (check applicable):</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Time Schedule</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Funding Level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Amendment Description (brief):**

The County is seeking to modify both the LRTP to align with the current cost estimates.  
The new total project cost is \$588,663,000. This project should also be moved to Priority I.  
This includes: \$288,445,000 Federal; \$103,500,000 State and \$196,718,000 Local Funds.

**Justification for the Amendment:**

To be eligible for the federal funds, DTPW must ensure planning consistency throughout its financial plans and federal planning documents.

<b>Does the amendment affect other projects?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If yes:</b>	<b>Local</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>State</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Please indicate the affected projects:</b>		<b>1</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>2</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	<b>3</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.





<b>Has the project been previously amended?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If yes:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>MPO Res. #</b>	<u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>

<b>Contact Person:</b>	Lisa Colmenares	<b>Title:</b>	Chief Planning Officer
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<b>Fax #:</b>	<u>N/A</u>		



LEGEND:



Metrolink



Metrorail



Metromover



Terminal Stations



Proposed Stations



Northeast Corridor



NORTH

AVENTURA

West Aventura

NORTH  
MIAMI  
BEACH

FIU/Biscayne

NORTH  
MIAMI

North Miami

MIAMI  
SHORES

EL PORTAL

NORTH BAY  
VILLAGE

Little Haiti

Design District

Wynwood


DOWNTOWN  
MIAMI

MiamiCentral

Miami  
Intermodal  
Center (MIC)





**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Request by TPO Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr.

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**Agenda Item 6.B.1**

*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of TPO Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr., and is scheduled on the September 28, 2023, Executive Policy Committee meeting agenda.*

**BACKGROUND**

This item adopts a process for the appointment of two (2) members to the governing body of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) and directs the Executive Director or Executive Director's designee to issue a public advertisement requesting resumes of interested and qualified individuals for potential appointment to the governing body of the GMX. Additionally, the Executive Policy Committee is directed to review the resumes received and bring recommendations to the TPO Governing Board for the meeting currently scheduled for December 7, 2023, or next available meeting thereafter.

On May 11, 2023, the Governor signed into law House Bill (HB) 1305 which, among other provisions, reestablished GMX and recognized that the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) was dissolved by chapter 2019-169, Laws of Florida. HB 1305 provides that two of the nine members of the governing body of the GMX shall be appointed by the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for a county served by GMX. The TPO is the only MPO for a county served by GMX.

The two TPO appointees to the GMX must be:

1. permanent residents of a county served by GMX;
2. residents of an incorporated municipality within a county served by GMX;  
and
3. may not hold, or have held in the previous two years, elected or appointed office in the county of the prospective member's permanent residency.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.



## **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



**TPO RESOLUTION #****RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2023, the Governor signed into law House Bill (HB) 1305 which, among other provisions, reestablished the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) and recognized that the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) was dissolved by chapter 2019-169, Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 1305 provides that two of the nine members of the governing body of the GMX shall be appointed by the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for a county served by GMX; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO is the only MPO for a county served by GMX; and

**WHEREAS**, the two TPO appointees to the GMX must be:

1. permanent residents of a county served by GMX;
2. residents of an incorporated municipality within a county served by GMX; and
3. may not hold, or have held in the previous two years, elected or appointed office in the county of the prospective member's permanent residency; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maximize transparency, ensure a broad reach of potential applicants, and institute a comprehensive review process, the Governing Board of the TPO wishes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board hereby:

**Section 1.** Directs the Executive Director or Executive Director's designee to issue a public advertisement requesting resumes of interested and qualified individuals for potential appointment to the governing body of the GMX.

**Section 2.** Directs the Executive Policy Committee to review the resumes received and bring recommendations to the TPO Governing Board for the meeting currently scheduled for December 7, 2023, or next available meeting thereafter.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and moved by Board Member . The motion was seconded by Board Member , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			




The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Tawana Parker, Clerk  
Miami-Dade TPO



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Request by TPO Board Member Alix Desulme

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**Agenda Item 6.B.2**

*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of TPO Board Member Alix Desulme and was waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the September 28, 2023, Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.*

**BACKGROUND**

This item authorizes the TPO Executive Director or designee to develop a scope of services and budget to study the feasibility of implementing a waterborne transportation network in Miami-Dade County.

Traffic congestion continues to be a significant problem in Miami-Dade County. A waterborne transportation network throughout the waterways of Miami-Dade County may enhance mobility and provide a viable travel option for commuters thereby alleviating traffic congestion. This study will build upon previous efforts, which evaluated and identified the type of characteristics necessary for the implementation of a waterborne transportation network in Miami-Dade County. Since the completion of these studies, Miami-Dade County has experienced increased growth, especially in terms of residents, tourists, and other visitors.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.

**TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR  
DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BUDGET TO  
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A WATERBORNE  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO Governing Board is charged with making transportation planning decisions in the Miami Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic congestion continues to be a significant problem throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, a waterborne transportation network throughout the waterways of Miami-Dade County may enhance mobility and provide a viable travel option for commuters thereby alleviating traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, this study will build upon previous efforts, which evaluated and identified the type of characteristics necessary for the implementation of a waterborne transportation network in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, since the completion of these studies, Miami-Dade County has experienced increased growth, especially in terms of residents, tourists, and other visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, this updated evaluation would provide the necessary information to study the feasibility of developing a waterborne transportation network for implementation throughout Miami-Dade County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE  
MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board hereby authorizes the TPO Executive Director or designee to develop a scope of services and budget to study the feasibility of implementing a waterborne transportation network in Miami-Dade County.

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

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris	-		




The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Request by TPO Board Member Roberto J. Alonso

**Agenda Item 6.B.3**

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*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of TPO Board Member Roberto J. Alonso and was waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the September 28, 2023, Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.*

**BACKGROUND**

This item directs the TPO Executive Director or designee to coordinate with appropriate agencies to identify public elementary, K-8, and middle school facilities throughout Miami-Dade County for the implementation of a protected bicycle lane pilot program under the Miami-Dade TPO SMART Street Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP), and to develop a framework for the implementation of said program.

STEP was created to facilitate interagency coordination, innovation, and accelerated implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements projects that increase connectivity and enhance safety in Miami-Dade County.

According to countywide statistics published by the Florida Traffic Safety Dashboard, in 2022, there were 281 serious injuries and 106 fatalities resulting from bicycle and pedestrian crashes in Miami-Dade County, with 14 serious injuries (or approximately 5%) and 1 fatality (or approximately 1%) involving children under the age of 15.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) advises the most fatal and serious bicyclist crashes occur at non-intersection locations, with nearly one-third of these crashes involving motorists passing other vehicles that can lead to severe injury. The agency further informs that providing dedicated facilities for the use of bicyclists can mitigate or prevent interactions, conflicts, and crashes between bicyclists and motor vehicles, and create a network of safer roadways for bicycling. Moreover, FHWA recommends that state and local agencies consider implementing protected bicycle lanes to make bicycling safer.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.



## **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR  
DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO  
IDENTIFY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, K-8, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FACILITIES THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROTECTED BICYCLE LANE PILOT  
PROGRAM AND TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID PROGRAM**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO Governing Board is charged with making transportation planning decisions in the Miami Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO SMART Street Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) was created to facilitate interagency coordination, innovation, and accelerated implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements projects that increase connectivity and enhance safety in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Public School System is the third largest in the nation with over 300 elementary, K-8, and middle school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to countywide statistics published by the Florida Traffic Safety Dashboard, in 2022, there were 281 serious injuries and 106 fatalities resulting from bicycle and pedestrian crashes in Miami-Dade County, with 14 serious injuries (or approximately 5%) and 1 fatality (or approximately 1%) involving children under the age of 15; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) the most fatal and serious bicyclist crashes occur at non-intersection locations, with nearly one-third of these crashes involving overtaking motorists that can lead to severe injury; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA advises that providing dedicated facilities for the use of bicyclists can mitigate or prevent interactions, conflicts, and crashes between bicyclists and motor vehicles, and create a network of safer roadways for bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, protected bicycle lanes align with the Safe System Approach principle of recognizing human vulnerability, where separating users in space can enhance safety for all road users; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA recommends that state and local agencies consider implementing protected bicycle lanes to make bicycling safer; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort will help increase student bicycle safety by identifying public elementary, K-8, and middle school facilities in Miami-Dade County for the implementation of a protected bicycle lanes pilot program in the County,



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board hereby directs the TPO Executive Director or designee to coordinate with the appropriate transportation partner agencies to:

- Identify potential public elementary, K-8, and middle school facilities throughout Miami-Dade County for the implementation of a protected bicycle lane pilot under the SMART Street Transportation Enhancement program (STEP);
- Develop a framework for the creation of the bicycle lane pilot program at the identified public school facilities; and
- Identify available funding sources for implementation of the bicycle pilot program.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Roberto J. Alonso and moved by Board Member . The motion was seconded by Board Member , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -


Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

#### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Request by TPO Board Member Roberto J. Alonso

**Agenda Item 6.B.4**

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*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of TPO Board Member Roberto J. Alonso and was waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the September 28, 2023, Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting.*

**BACKGROUND**

This item endorses the 27th Annual International “Walk to School Day” scheduled for October 4, 2023.

The International “Walk to School Day” events are designed to promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents, and schools. The Program reinforces safe routes to schools and safe walking skills, as well as an exercise to help combat childhood obesity. In October 2022, 151 schools implemented the “WalkSafe” pedestrian safety program curriculum to coincide with the “Walk to School Day” event. On September 12, 2023, the TPO’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorsed supporting participation in this initiative.

Data provided by Nicklaus Children’s Hospital reveals that six (6) children under the age of 15 were injured in traffic crashes in Miami-Dade County during 2022. Between January and July of 2023, Ryder Trauma Center of Jackson Memorial Hospital recorded that there were two (2) injuries reported for children under the age of 15 related to traffic crashes. Such injuries or fatalities could be significantly reduced if every community takes steps to make pedestrian safety a priority by involving parents and schools in examining the routes traveled by students.

Safety initiatives can be implemented through student pedestrian/bicycle education, identifying dangers on present routes that can be corrected through local agency action, and devising safer alternate routes where possible.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.



## **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



## TPO RESOLUTION #

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL  
“WALK TO SCHOOL DAY” SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2023**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the International “Walk to School Day” events are designed to promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents, and schools. The Program reinforces safe routes to schools and safe walking skills, as well as an exercise to help combat childhood obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2022, 151 schools implemented the “WalkSafe” pedestrian safety program curriculum to coincide with the “Walk to School Day” event; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2023, the TPO’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorsed supporting participation in the International “Walk to School Day” events for 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, data provided by Nicklaus Children’s Hospital reveals that six (6) children under the age of 15 were injured in traffic crashes in Miami-Dade County during 2022. Between January and July of 2023, Ryder Trauma Center of Jackson Memorial Hospital recorded that there were two (2) injuries reported for children under the age of 15 related to traffic crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, such injuries or fatalities could be significantly reduced if every community takes steps to make pedestrian safety a priority by involving parents and schools in examining the routes traveled by students; and

**WHEREAS**, safety initiatives can be implemented through student pedestrian/bicycle education, identifying dangers on present routes that can be corrected through local agency action, and devising safer alternate routes where possible; and

**WHEREAS**, children, parents, and community leaders, in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will be actively involved in safety festivities throughout the month of October 2023 to help promote safe walking skills,

**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 endorses the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual International “Walk to School Day” scheduled for October 4, 2023.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Roberto J. Alonso and moved by \_\_\_\_\_ . The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:



**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -


Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

#### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Request by TPO Executive Policy Committee

**Agenda Item 6.B.5**

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*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of TPO Executive Policy Committee (EPC) and is scheduled on the September 28, 2023, EPC meeting agenda.*

**BACKGROUND**

This resolution adopts the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Legislative Priorities for the 2024 Federal and State Legislative sessions.

The proposed 2024 Legislative Priorities are a compilation of Board adopted resolutions and related initiatives. The document represents the Board's legislative policy interests and will assist in the development of strategies for advancing actions at the state and federal levels that are beneficial to the TPO and its programs, particularly the implementation of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program. The SMART Program was unanimously adopted by the Governing Board (TPO Resolution #26-16), to implement mass transit projects throughout Miami-Dade County.

The 2024 Legislative Priorities will also provide the guiding principles for the TPO legislative advocacy services that are currently in place. Attached are the TPO Legislative priorities for the 2024 Federal and State Legislative sessions.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact on the TPO Program.

**TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director, is responsible for monitoring this item.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2024  
FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) was established to provide policy direction, including legislative matters that impact the TPO program priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the voluntary participatory contributions allow the TPO to participate in federal and state advocacy activities, which are critical to advance TPO priorities, particularly the implementation of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPC reviewed the attached Legislative Priorities for the 2024 Federal and State Legislative sessions and recommended favorably the adoption of same; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the TPO Legislative Priorities will provide the guiding principles for the TPO legislative advocacy services and strengthen efforts to advance the TPO program priorities,

**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 the attached Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Legislative Priorities for the 2024 Federal and State Legislative sessions, is hereby adopted.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by the Executive Policy Committee and moved by . The motion was seconded by , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



# **TPO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2024 FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

### **FEDERAL**

- **ADVOCATE** FOR INCREASED FLEXIBILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING PROGRAM, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PLANNING FUNDING AND THE STATE PLANNING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM
- **ADVOCATE** FOR INCLUSION OF THE TPO’S REQUESTED “LAND USE” AND “WORKFORCE HOUSING” LANGUAGE IN THE RATING OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS (CIG) PROJECTS IN THE FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

### **SMART PROGRAM FUNDING**

- **ADVOCATE** INCREASED FUNDING FOR TRANSIT, INCLUDING BUS AND BUS FACILITIES, LOW AND NO EMISSION BUSES, AND ALL OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING THE SMART PROGRAM
- **ADVOCATE** STREAMLINED FEDERAL AND STATE APPROVAL AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT OF PROJECTS ENCOMPASSING SMART PROGRAM CORRIDOR PROJECTS
- **ADVOCATE** FEDERAL PARTICIPATION TO THE MAXIMUM FUNDING LEVEL, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION UNDER WARRANT PROCESS FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR AND ANY OTHER SMART PROGRAM CORRIDORS THAT QUALIFY
- **ADVOCATE** FOR INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHARED-USE-NON-MOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL NETWORK AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE SMART TRAILS PROGRAM



## **STATE**

- **ADVOCATE** AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 338.231(3)(A):  
“SOUTH FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY ALLOCATION....AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY ALLOCATION SHALL BE PROGRAMMED FROM THE TURNPIKE GENERAL RESERVE FUND IN THE APPLICABLE TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM TO BE APPLIED TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, BROWARD COUNTY, AND PALM BEACH COUNTY WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY.....”
- **ADVOCATE** TO HOLD HARMLESS STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUNDS, SPECIFICALLY FROM ANY FUTURE GAS TAX REDUCTIONS/HOLIDAYS AND PROTECTING ALL ALLOCATIONS FOR TRANSIT AND NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAMS
- **SUPPORT** FULL FUNDING OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) WORK PROGRAM AND ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FLEXIBILITY OF FUNDING WITHIN DIFFERENT MODES OF TRANSPORTATION
- **ENSURE** NO CHANGES, DELETIONS, OR MODIFICATIONS IN S. 338.166 (3) F.S. DETRIMENTAL TO THE PRIORITIES OF THE MIAMI-DADE TPO
- **ADVOCATE** FOR INCREASE OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR YEARS
- **OPPOSE** ANY STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## **TPO GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

- **TPO RESOLUTION #26-2023:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION LIST OF PROGRAM PRIORITIES

**BELOW ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SMART PROGRAM FUNDING REQUESTS:**



**North Corridor (Priority #1/TPO Resolution #47-17)**

Match Share Proposal: Federal 50%, or maximum federal participation rate allowable, with corresponding State and Local funding equivalent to one-half the non-federal share

\$1.9 Billion- Present Day Cost (PDC)

Subject to Finance Plan

Range includes DTPW and FDOT cost estimates

**Beach Corridor Trunk Line**

Match Share Proposal: 25% State – 75% Local of the below Capital amount:

\$1 Billion -Present Day Cost (PDC)

Subject to Finance Plan

**Northeast Corridor**

Match Share Proposal: 50% Federal - 25% State - 25% Local

\$960 Million Subject to Finance Plan (includes future needs for the corridor)

**Flagler Corridor**

100% State Funded (Capital)

BRT Pilot Program – “Reinstate PD&E Study” (TPO Resolution #19-2023)

**South Corridor**

Park N Ride at Transitway and Marlin Road (100 space park and ride)

FY 2028 \$1,518,880 SU

FY 2028 \$1,518,880 Local

**Route F1- Beach Express North (Julia Tuttle)**

FY 2026 \$3,254,000 State / \$3,245,000 Local


TRIP Application – Capital

- **TPO RESOLUTION #54-2022** RESOLUTION AMENDING TPO RESOLUTION #55-19 TO MODIFY THE ADOPTED FUNDING AND FINANCE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE NORTH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PROGRAM
- **TPO RESOLUTION #55-2022** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (H.R.) 3339 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO CREATE A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
- **TPO RESOLUTION #10-17:** URGING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AS A PROGRAM OF INTERRELATED PROJECTS



- **TPO RESOLUTION 19-2020:** SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE COMMODORE TRAIL, RICKENBACKER TRAIL AND OLD CUTLER TRAIL CORRIDORS AS LAND TRAIL PRIORITIES IN THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM TO ENHANCE THEIR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY UNDER STATE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S SUN TRAIL PROGRAM
- **TPO RESOLUTION #32-2021:** FURTHER URGING FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE TO REINVEST TOLL REVENUES FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PROGRAM BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT (BERT) CORRIDORS ON THE TURNPIKE SYSTEM EXPRESS LANES TO HELP RELIEVE CONGESTION
- **TPO RESOLUTION #49-19:** URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO INCLUDE THE NORTH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AS PART OF THE STATE STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM
- **TPO RESOLUTION #48-17:** URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO REVISE FLORIDA STATUTES AND UPDATE POLICIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF FIXED PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS AS A COMPONENT OF THE STATE STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES RIDERSHIP OVER 20,000 PER DAY IN A COUNTY THAT THE FIXED PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM CONNECTS MULTIPLE EXISTING OR PLANNED HUBS AND HELPS RELIEVE CONGESTION FACILITATING THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS ON EXISTING STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEMS
- **TPO RESOLUTION #30-16:** URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO INCLUDE THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AS PART OF THE STATE STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Redesignation**

**Agenda Item 6.B.6**

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*This item is scheduled on the September 28, 2023, Executive Policy Committee meeting agenda.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the TPO Governing Board support the redesignation of the existing TPO in Miami-Dade County and reaffirm regional transportation planning coordination through the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC).

**BACKGROUND**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) were created by Congress for the intention of providing a forum for consideration and decision making for transportation matters at the local level close to those affected by the decisions and providing accountability to the affected parties through the appointment of local elected officials of general purpose local governments. Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code requires the designation of MPOs in urban areas, as defined by the United States Census Bureau, and sets forth membership requirements for MPOs designated for transportation management areas with a population of 200,000 or more. The Miami-Dade TPO has been designated as the MPO for Miami-Dade County since 1977 following the initial creation of MPOs and redesignated following each decennial census by the Governor. The Miami-Dade TPO has carried out the federal and state requirements for transportation planning as evidenced by satisfactory findings during periodic reviews by federal and state transportation agencies, including the most recent successful federal recertification in 2023.

Miami-Dade County is the most populous and demographically diverse county in Florida with over 2.7 million residents. The Miami-Dade TPO operates within one of the most complex and multi-jurisdictional structures for the planning and implementation of transportation projects in the State of Florida. The Miami Urbanized Area encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Due to the complexity and the unique characteristics of each area the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) and Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (PBTPA), have consistently affirmed their respective desires to remain as separate MPOs within an urbanized area.



The Miami-Dade TPO has successfully coordinated transportation planning activities with BMPO and PBTPA for those plans and programs with regional implications. In 2005, the three designated MPOs created the SEFTC to facilitate and improve performance of regional transportation planning among the MPOs, transportation agencies, transit operators and regional planning councils in Southeast Florida. SEFTC has prepared a regional transportation improvement program, developed, and approved regional priorities used in the Transportation Regional Incentives Program, identified regional measures of effectiveness, prioritized regional transportation projects, and facilitated coordination of commuter rail studies to provide additional passenger rail services in Southeast Florida. Additionally, SEFTC has completed Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) for the years 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 and is currently developing a 2050 RTP under the leadership of the Miami-Dade TPO.

Based on a triparty Memorandum of Understanding, the Miami-Dade TPO is currently leading the administrative and technical staff functions of SEFTC as part of a national best practice to collaborate and rotate responsibilities among the three MPOs in the Miami Urbanized Area, from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2028. Responsibilities include the development of the 2050 RTP, as well as supporting SERPM 9.0 travel demand model update for the Southeast Florida region. SEFTC has also accomplished regional efforts in the areas of freight, non-motorized planning, modeling, public involvement, as well as other regional initiatives. SEFTC has successfully been recognized and highlighted nationally by the United States Department of Transportation as a national model of regional cooperation.

The Miami-Dade TPO finds it appropriate to perform the transportation planning at the local level in response to concerns and needs of residents and businesses in Miami-Dade County and participate in regional transportation planning activities through SEFTC, including TPO's current leadership role administering SEFTC on behalf of the region.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.

#### **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) SUPPORTING REDESIGNATION OF THE EXISTING TPO IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND REAFFIRMING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

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

**WHEREAS**, MPOs were created by Congress for the intention of providing a forum for consideration and decision making for transportation matters at the local level close to those affected by the decisions and providing accountability to the affected parties through the appointment of local elected officials of general purpose local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code requires the designation of MPOs in urban areas, as defined by the United States Census Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code sets forth membership requirements for MPOs designated for transportation management areas with a population of 200,000 or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO has been designated as the MPO for Miami-Dade County since 1977 following the initial creation of MPOs and redesignated following each decennial census by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO has carried out the federal and state requirements for transportation planning as evidenced by satisfactory findings during periodic reviews by federal and state transportation agencies, including the most recent successful federal recertification in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade is the most populous and demographically diverse county in Florida with over 2.7 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO operates within one of the most complex and multi-jurisdictional structures for the planning and implementation of transportation projects in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Urbanized Area encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the complexity and the unique characteristics of each area the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) and Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (PBTPA), have consistently affirmed their respective desires to remain as separate MPOs within an urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO has successfully coordinated transportation planning activities with BMPO and PBTPA for those plans and programs with regional implications; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the three designated MPOs created the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) to facilitate and improve performance of regional transportation planning among the MPOs, transportation agencies, transit operators and regional planning councils in Southeast Florida; and



**WHEREAS**, the SEFTC facilitates regional transportation planning by engaging the public and fostering a strong partnership between the three MPOs with other agencies, local governments, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SEFTC has prepared a regional transportation improvement program, developed, and approved regional priorities used in the Transportation Regional Incentives Program, identified regional measures of effectiveness, prioritized regional transportation projects, and facilitated coordination of commuter rail studies to provide additional passenger rail services in Southeast Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, SEFTC has completed Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) for the years 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 and is currently developing a 2050 RTP under the leadership of the Miami-Dade TPO; and

**WHEREAS**, based on a triparty Memorandum of Understanding, the Miami-Dade TPO is currently leading the administrative and technical staff functions of SEFTC as part of a national best practice to collaborate and rotate responsibilities among the three MPOs in the Miami Urbanized Area, from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, responsibilities include the development of the 2050 RTP, as well as supporting SERPM 9.0 travel demand model update for the Southeast Florida region; and

**WHEREAS**, SEFTC has also accomplished regional efforts in the areas of freight, non-motorized planning, modeling, public involvement, as well as other regional initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, SEFTC has successfully been recognized and highlighted nationally by the United States Department of Transportation as a national model of regional cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO finds it appropriate to perform the transportation planning at the local level in response to concerns and needs of residents and businesses in Miami-Dade County and participate in regional transportation planning activities through SEFTC, including TPO's current leadership role administering SEFTC on behalf of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board unequivocally supports redesignation of the existing TPO in Miami-Dade County and reaffirms regional transportation planning coordination through the SEFTC,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board hereby supports redesignation of the existing TPO in Miami-Dade County and reaffirms regional transportation planning coordination through the Southeast Florida Transportation Council.

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

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Carbera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
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Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris	-		



The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.


**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Date:** September 21, 2023

**To:** Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board

**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director

**Subject:** **Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Membership Plan and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map**

**Agenda Item 6.B.7**

*This item is scheduled on the September 28, 2023, Executive Policy Committee meeting agenda.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that this Governing Board endorse and reaffirm its current membership plan and voting membership comprised of all thirteen Miami-Dade County Commissioners and the representatives appointed pursuant to sections 339.175(3)(d) and 339.176, Florida Statutes, along with the attached metropolitan planning area boundary map.

**BACKGROUND**

Miami-Dade County is a charter county and is the most populous and demographically diverse county in Florida with over 2.7 million residents. This Governing Board operates within one of the most complex and multi-jurisdictional structures for the planning and implementation of transportation projects in the State of Florida.

Section 339.175(4)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the Governing Board to review the composition of its membership in conjunction with the decennial census, as prepared by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and with the agreement of the Governor and the affected general purpose local government units that constitute the existing TPO. The Census Bureau published that Miami-Dade population grew by 205,332 between April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2020.

In accordance with Section 6(e), Article VIII of the Florida State Constitution, any county chartered may elect to have its county commission serve as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) if the MPO's jurisdiction is wholly contained within the county. In addition to the entire county commission, pursuant to section 339.175(3)(d), Florida Statutes, the Governor must appoint four additional voting members to the TPO, one elected official representing a municipality within the county; one expressway authority member, one nonelected individual residing in the unincorporated portion of the county, and one school board member. Under section 339.176, Florida Statutes, the voting membership of any MPO whose geographical boundaries include any county as defined in section 125.011(1), Florida



Statutes, must include an additional voting member appointed by the governing body for each city with a population of 50,000 or more residents.

In coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami-Dade County, the Governing Board's metropolitan planning area boundary within the Miami Urbanized Area has been established to be coterminous with the Miami-Dade County map.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.

#### **TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CURRENT MIAMI-DADE  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP PLAN AND  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY MAP WITHIN THE MIAMI  
URBANIZED AREA**

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

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade is a charter county and is the most populous and demographically diverse county in Florida with over 2.7 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Board operates within one of the most complex and multi-jurisdictional structures for the planning and implementation of transportation projects in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.175(4)(a), Florida Statutes, requires this Governing Board to review the composition of its membership in conjunction with the decennial census, as prepared by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and with the agreement of the Governor and the affected general purpose local government units that constitute the existing Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 6(e), Article VIII of the Florida State Constitution, any county chartered may elect to have its county commission serve as the MPO if the MPO's jurisdiction is wholly contained within the county; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the entire county commission, pursuant to section 339.175(3)(d), Florida Statutes, the Governor must appoint four additional voting members to this Governing Board, one elected official representing a municipality within the county; one expressway authority member, one nonelected individual residing in the unincorporated portion of the county, and one school board member; and

**WHEREAS**, under section 339.176, Florida Statutes, the voting membership of any MPO whose geographical boundaries include any county as defined in section 125.011(1), Florida Statutes, must include an additional voting member appointed by the governing body for each city with a population of 50,000 or more residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Board's metropolitan planning area boundary within the Miami Urbanized Area has been established to be coterminous with the Miami-Dade County map; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Board's current membership is comprised of all thirteen Miami-Dade County Commissioners and the representatives appointed pursuant to sections 339.175(3)(d) and 339.176, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Board endorses and reaffirms the current membership plan and metropolitan area planning boundary map,



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that:**

**SECTION 1.** This Governing Board determines that the membership plan should remain composed of twenty-four (24) members representing the thirteen (13) elected County officials (County Commission), one (1) elected official representing a municipality within the county, one (1) expressway authority member, one (1) nonelected individual residing in the unincorporated portion of the county and one (1) school board member, and a representative from each city in accordance with section 339.176, Florida Statutes, which currently includes: one (1) representative from City of Miami, one (1) representative from City of Hialeah, one (1) representative from City of Miami Beach, one (1) representative from City of North Miami, one (1) representative from City of Miami Gardens, one (1) representative from the City of Homestead, and one (1) representative from the City of Doral.

**SECTION 2.** This Governing Board's current membership plan and its voting membership, along with the attached metropolitan planning area boundary map is hereby endorsed and reaffirmed by this Governing Board.

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

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Carbera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
Board Member Alix Desulme	-	Board Member Rodolfo Pages	-
Board Member Eric Diaz-Padron	-	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-
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Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

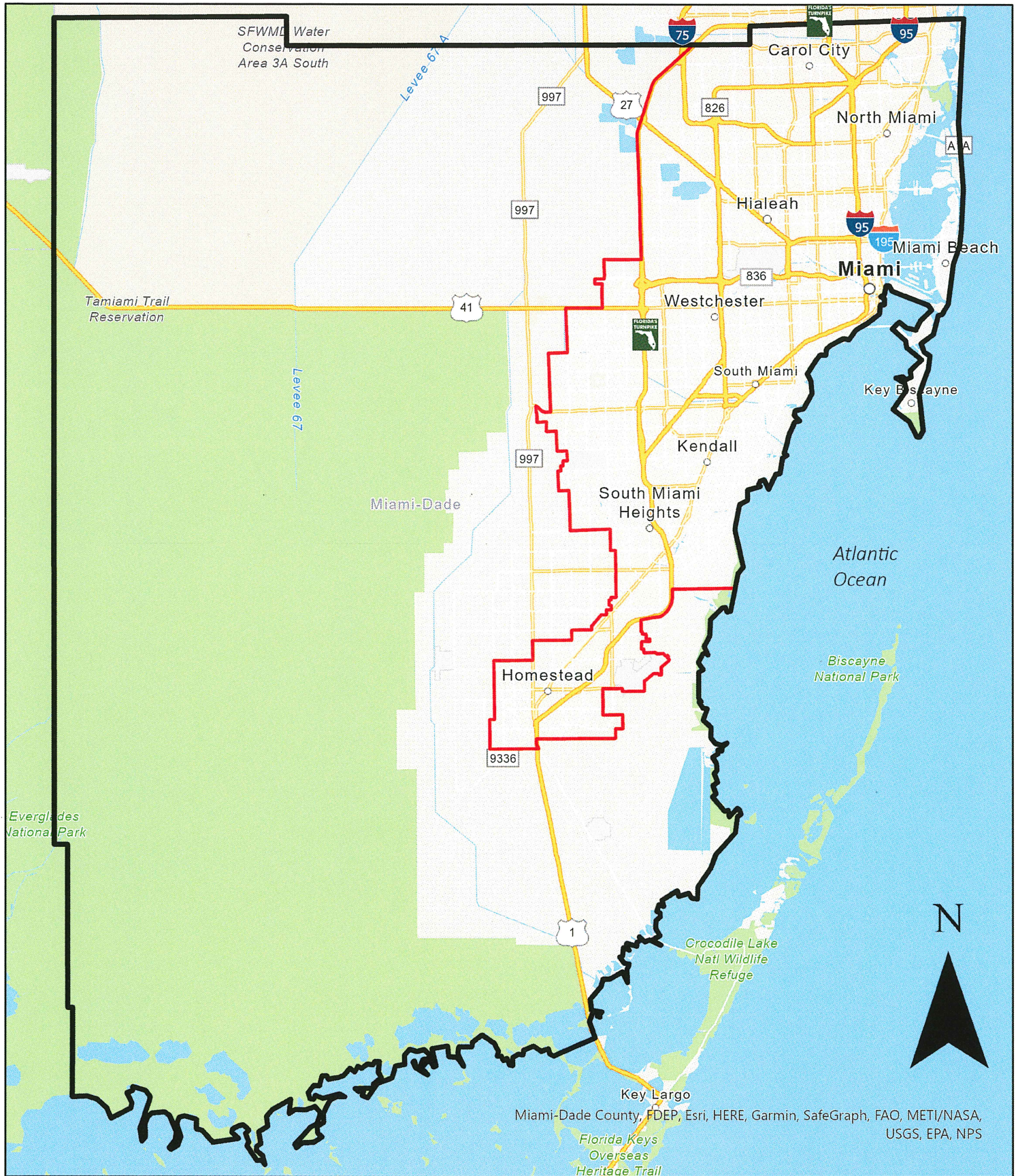
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

#### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



# Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map




## Legend

- Miami-Dade TPO Planning Area Boundary
- Urban Development Boundary

0 5 10 20 Miles

Date: September 2023



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Safe Routes to School Program

**Agenda Item 6.B.8**

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*This item was waived onto the TPO Board agenda due to lack of quorum for the September 28, 2023, Transportation and Mobility meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the TPO Governing Board urge the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to reinstate the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program as soon as possible with adequate funding levels to support the non-motorized infrastructure needs of Miami-Dade County.

**BACKGROUND**

The SRTS program promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, safety education, and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling to school. The program also strives to make walking and bicycling to school safer and facilitates the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and improve air quality in the vicinity of schools. In addition to encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school, the program also seeks to address the safety needs of children already walking or cycling in less-than-ideal conditions.

Federal funding for the SRTS Program is allocated to every Department of Transportation across the nation and are given the flexibility to develop individual application guidelines and distribute SRTS funding at the local level. Accordingly, FDOT created a statewide SRTS competitive grant application process. Since the inception of the SRTS program, approximately 157 Miami-Dade County schools have been awarded funding for infrastructure improvements, totaling approximately \$28.3 million.

In July 2023 FDOT suspended the SRTS program indicating no new or existing grant applications will be funded pending revamping of the program. However, FDOT District 6 has expressed an interest to coordinate with TPO and the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to fund pending SRTS applications.



**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the TPO Program.

**TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and monitored by Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director.



## TPO RESOLUTION #

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO REINSTATE THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING LEVELS  
TO SUPPORT THE NON-MOTORIZED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 Congress created the Federal-Aid Safe Routes to School Program through comprehensive transportation legislation, ultimately resulting in nearly \$1 billion in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 Congress adopted Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) making Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities eligible to compete for funding alongside other programs, including the Transportation Enhancements program and Recreational Trails program, as part of a new program called Transportation Alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRTS program promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, safety education, and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling to school; and

**WHEREAS**, the program strives to make walking and bicycling to school safer and facilitates the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and improve air quality in the vicinity of schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school, the program also seeks to address the safety needs of children already walking or cycling in less-than-ideal conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly to the Federal Highway Administration, nationally, 10%–14% of car trips during morning rush hour are for school travel; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for the SRTS program is allocated to every Department of Transportation across the nation and are given the flexibility to develop individual application guidelines and distribute SRTS funding at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) created a statewide SRTS competitive grant application process; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the SRTS program, approximately 157 Miami-Dade County schools have been awarded funding for infrastructure improvements, totaling approximately \$28.3 million; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2023 FDOT advised it will be suspending the SRTS program and indicated no new or existing grant applications will be funded pending revamping of the program;

**WHEREAS**, FDOT District 6 has expressed an interest to coordinate with TPO and the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to fund pending SRTS applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO has consistently supported the SRTS initiative and urges FDOT to reinstate the SRTS Program as soon as possible with adequate funding levels to support the non-motorized infrastructure needs of Miami-Dade County,



**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 urges the Florida Department of Transportation to reinstate the Safe Routes to School Program as soon as possible with adequate funding levels to support the non-motorized infrastructure needs of Miami-Dade County.

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

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -


Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Carbera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
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Board Member Christi Fraga	-	Board Member David Richardson	-
Board Member René Garcia	-	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	-
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**To:** Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Members  
TPO Governing Board  
**From:** Aileen Bouclé, AICP   
Executive Director  
**Subject:** FYs 2023 and 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

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**Agenda Item 6.B.9**

*This item is scheduled on the September 28, 2023, Executive Policy Committee meeting agenda.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

On September 18, 2023, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) recommend approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Years (FYs) 2023 and 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include additional federal, state, and local funds.

**BACKGROUND**

The UPWP is a federally mandated two-year document that represents the Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) working budget and is currently authorized for State FYs 2023 and 2024. The proposed amendment will preserve the continuity of the TPO work program and the required transportation planning activities to be managed by the TPO.

Attached is the revised UPWP page 8 funding analysis table for FY 2024 including the amended funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The UPWP amendment will include additional funding consisting of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning funds \$110,718.00 (PL), local funds \$ 27,680.00 (SGT), State funds \$3,300 (CTD), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Urban Funds \$952,297.00 (SU) for a total of \$1,093,995.00.

**TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR**

This item is sponsored by the TPO and Chris Rosenberg, Chief - Transportation Planning, is responsible for monitoring this amendment.



**TPO RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEARS  
2023 AND 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE  
ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS**

**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, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established as the technical advisory council to the TPO Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federally mandated two-year document; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment will preserve the continuity of the TPO work program and the required transportation planning activities to be managed by the TPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPC has reviewed the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), made a part hereof, and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area,

**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 the attached amendment to the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Unified Planning Work Program to include additional federal, state, and local funds, is hereby approved.

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

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. -  
**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -

Board Member Roberto J. Alonso	-	Board Member Eileen Higgins	-
Board Member Marleine Bastien	-	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-	Board Member Kevin Marino Cabrera	-
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-
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Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	-	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-
Board Member Keon Hardemon	-	Board Member Francis Suarez	-
Board Member Rodney Harris			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tawana Parker, Clerk**  
**Miami-Dade TPO**



**Table 1. Funding Analysis – Total Funds Available FY 2023 (in 000's)**

Source	Federal	State	Local Funds	Total	Soft Match*
FHWA PL	\$6,084.6	--	\$1,390	<b>\$7,474.6</b>	\$1,341
Deob	\$1,000	--	\$250	<b>\$1,250</b>	--
FHWA SU	\$2,000	--	--	<b>\$2,000</b>	--
FTA 5305(d) Carryover***	\$1,646.9	--	\$183.4	<b>\$1,830.3</b>	--
CTD	--	\$77	--	<b>\$77</b>	--
DS (Carryover)		\$500		<b>\$500</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,731.5</b>	<b>\$577</b>	<b>\$1,823.4</b>	<b>\$13,131.9</b>	<b>\$1,341</b>

\* The "soft match" amount being utilized to match the FHWA PL funding in the UPWP is 18.07% of program funds for a total of \$1,341,982.52. This amount is not included in the total UPWP budget.

\*\*\* Carryover of \$1,830,381 of FTA 5305(d) funds from FY 2021 and 2022 UPWP.

**Table 2. Funding Analysis – Total Funds Available FY 2024 (in 000's)**

Source	Federal	State	Local Funds	Total	Soft Match*
FHWA PL	<del>\$5,515.3</del> \$5,404.6	--	<del>\$1,337.2</del> \$1,309.5	<del>\$6,852.5</del> <b>\$6,624.6</b>	\$1,192
FHWA SU	<del>\$2,952.3</del> \$2,000	--	--	<del>\$2,952.3</del> <b>\$2,000</b>	--
CTD	--	<del>\$80.3</del> \$77	--	<del>\$80.3</del> <b>\$77</b>	--
<b>Total</b>	<del>\$8,467.6</del> <b>\$7,404.6</b>	<del>\$80.3</del> <b>\$77</b>	<del>\$1,337.2</del> <b>\$1,309.5</b>	<del>\$9,885.1</del> <b>\$8,701.6</b>	<b>\$1,192</b>

\*The "soft match" amount being utilized to match the FHWA PL funding in the UPWP is 18.07% of program funds for a total of \$1,192,018.68. This amount is not included in the total UPWP budget.

**Table 3. Funding Analysis – Total Funds Available FYs 2023 & 2024 (in 000's)**

Source	Federal	State	Local Funds	Total	Soft Match***
FHWA PL	<del>\$11,599.9</del> \$11,489.2	--	<del>\$2,727.2</del> \$2,699.5	<del>\$14,327.1</del> <b>\$14,099.2</b>	\$2,533
Deob	\$1,000	--	\$250	<b>\$1,250</b>	--
FHWA SU	<del>\$4,952.3</del> \$4,000	--	--	<del>\$4,952.3</del> <b>\$4,000</b>	--
FTA 5305(d) Carryover***	\$1,646.9	--	\$183.4	<b>\$1,830.3</b>	--
CTD	--	<del>\$157.3</del> \$154	--	<del>\$157.3</del> <b>\$154</b>	--
DS (Carryover)		\$500		<b>\$500</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<del>\$19,199.1</del> <b>\$17,136.1</b>	<del>\$657.3</del> <b>\$654</b>	<del>\$3,160.6</del> <b>\$3,132.9</b>	<del>\$23,017.0</del> <b>\$20,833.5</b>	<b>\$2,533</b>



<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>FTAC VACANCIES</b>	<b>TARC VACANCIES</b>	<b>BPAC VACANCIES</b>	<b>CTAC VACANCIES</b>
Board Member Gilbert District 1	FILLED	VACANCY	FILLED	FILLED
Board Member Bastien District 2	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Hardemon District 3	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Steinberg District 4	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	VACANCY
Board Member Higgins District 5	FILLED	VACANCY	FILLED	FILLED
Board Member Cabrera District 6	VACANCY	FILLED	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Regalado District 7	FILLED	VACANCY	FILLED	VACANCY
Board Member Cohen Higgins District 8	VACANCY	VACANCY	FILLED	VACANCY
Board Member McGhee District 9	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Rodriguez District 10	FILLED	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Gonzalez District 11	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Bermudez District 12	FILLED	VACANCY	VACANCY	FILLED
Board Member Garcia District 13	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	FILLED
Board Member Diaz-Padron A Municipality	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
<i>Vacant</i> Non-Elected Official	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Pages Expressway Authority	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Alonso School Board	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Richardson City of Miami Beach	VACANCY	FILLED	FILLED	VACANCY
Board Member Bovo City of Hialeah	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Desulme City of North Miami	VACANCY	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED
Board Member Suarez City of Miami	VACANCY	VACANCY	FILLED	FILLED
Board Member Harris City of Miami Gardens	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED
Board Member Losner City of Homestead	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY
Board Member Fraga City of Doral	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY	VACANCY

**\*Reappointment Required**

**NOTES:**

- Each TPO Governing Board Member has one appointment, per Committee
- Appointees need not reside within the TPO Governing Board Member's District or municipality





FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD

SUMMARY MINUTES

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bovo called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken by Ms. Tawana Parker, TPO Clerk of the Governing Board and the following members were present for the meeting of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board on June 22, 2023:

Board Member Marleine Bastien  
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez  
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins  
Board Member Alix Desulme  
Board Member Rene Garcia  
Board Member Rodney Harris

Board Member Eileen Higgins  
Board Member Roberto Martell  
Board Member Kionne L. McGhee  
Board Member Raquel A. Regalado  
Board Member David Richardson  
Board Member Anthony Rodriguez

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr.

The following Board members were absent:

Board Member Kevin M. Cabrera  
Board Member Christi Fraga  
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez  
Board Member Keon Hardemon

Board Member Steven D. Losner  
Board Member Micky Steinberg  
Board Member Francis Suarez

**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert, III

Ms. Parker announced quorum was attained.



The following staff members were present: Assistant County Attorneys Bruce Libhaber, Annery Pulgar Alfonso, and Dale Clarke; Aileen Bouclé, AICP, TPO Executive Director; Zainab Salim, TPO Deputy Director-Administration, and Tawana Parker, TPO Clerk of the Governing Board.

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Chairman Bovo opened the meeting for the reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard and the following person appeared:

Mr. Gene Stearns, 150 West Flagler Street Miami, FL appeared before the Board regarding Item 6A1.

There being no other persons appearing to speak, Chairman Bovo closed the floor for the reasonable opportunity to be heard.

## **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber advised the changes to today's (06/22) agenda include the following:

Agenda item 5A2, the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), requested to amend the description of the project listed on page 24, item #110 on the errata sheet from Dolphin Park and Ride TOD/Upland Park to Palmetto Station Transit Oriented Community (TOC).

Item 5B1 Chairman Bovo requested to amend the scope of services to add and additional ten percent to the contingency, bringing the total sum to \$96,000.00.

Chairman Bovo requested to reschedule the October 19 and November 16, 2023, TPO Board meetings and consolidate into one meeting to be held on November 2, 2023.

It was moved by Board Member Harris that today's (6/22) agenda be approved with the noted changes. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado, and upon being to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.



## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)

**1. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR STATE ROAD 90/SW 8 STREET/SW 7 STREET AND I-95 INTERCHANGE, FM #432639-7**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO UPDATE THE STATUS OF THE STATE ROAD 90/SW 8 STREET/SW 7 STREET AND I-95 INTERCHANGE PROJECT TO MOVE IT FROM PRIORITY 2 TO THE UNFUNDED SECTION OF THE PLAN AND TO DELETE THE PROJECT FROM THE PROGRAM, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT #432639-7*

Assistant County Attorney Annery Pulgar-Alfonso read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comment and seeing no persons appear, he closed the public hearing.

Hearing no questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Bastien	-Aye	Board Member Higgins	-Aye
Board Member Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Losner	-Absent
Board Member Cabrera	-Absent	Board Member Martell	-Aye
Board Member Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Desulme	-Aye	Board Member Regalado	-Aye
Board Member Fraga	-Absent	Board Member Richardson	-Aye
Board Member Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Rodriguez	-Aye
Board Member Gonzalez	-Absent	Board Member Steinberg	-Absent
Board Member Hardemon	-Absent	Board Member Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Harris	-Aye		

**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III – Absent

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. – Aye

**2. FISCAL YEARS 2024-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT FISCAL YEARS 2024-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM*

Assistant County Attorney Annery Pulgar-Alfonso read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.



Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comment and seeing no persons appear, he closed the public hearing.

In response to Board Member Higgins’ inquiry, Mr. Daniel Iglesias, Florida Department of Transportation, clarified the fifth-year project included the fully protected bicycle lanes.

Board Member Desulme inquired whether the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was a living document.

Ms. Bouclé advised the TIP document was required to be adopted once a year by the TPO Governing Board and could be amended at any time.

Hearing no further questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved as amended. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado and, upon being put to a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Bastien	-Aye	Board Member Higgins	-Aye
Board Member Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Losner	-Absent
Board Member Cabrera	-Absent	Board Member Martell	-Aye
Board Member Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Desulme	-Aye	Board Member Regalado	-Aye
Board Member Fraga	-Absent	Board Member Richardson	-Aye
Board Member Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Rodriguez	-Aye
Board Member Gonzalez	-Absent	Board Member Steinberg	-Absent
Board Member Hardemon	-Absent	Board Member Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Harris	-Aye		

**Vice Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III – Absent

**Chairman** Esteban Bovo, Jr. – Aye

## **B. NON- PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)**

### **1. REQUEST BY TPO CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BUDGET FOR A RAILROAD CORRIDORS ASSESSMENT TO EVALUATE CURRENT CONDITIONS AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPLEMENT PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES TO ADVANCE THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record as amended during the setting of the agenda.

Board Member Regalado mentioned the importance of adding freight to the discussion and she also noted updating the existing infrastructure and adding double tracks should be included in the analysis.

Chairman Bovo noted the objectives within the work order mentioned maximizing passenger rail opportunities while preserving the ability to maintain



freight rail operations. He added within the service plan validation, consultants would update and identify freight activity along the corridor.

Board Member Regalado requested to amend the sequence of the analysis to begin the process with freight, followed by passenger, and double tracking. The motion was seconded by Board Member Higgins.

Board Member McGhee indicated the sequencing mentioned by Board Member Regalado did not drive the analysis and stated they could happen simultaneously. He suggested the Board allow the report to speak for itself and make a determination at a later time on how to proceed.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board Members, and it was noted that passenger rail was the main priority for acceleration of this project.

Ms. Bouclé reported the directive from the Board was to maximize passenger rail operations while preserving freight. She stated she was unable to respond to how sequencing would affect this analysis without having discussion with CSX regarding their future freight plans.

After further discussion between the Board Members, Board Member Regalado withdrew her motion.

Hearing no further questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved as amended. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado and, upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. REQUEST BY TPO BOARD CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.**

*RESOLUTION URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ACCELERATE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEACH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE SELECTED BY THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION UNDER RESOLUTION #03-2020*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.



**3. REQUEST BY TPO BOARD MEMBER EILEEN HIGGINS**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BUDGET FOR A RE-EVALUATION OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN TO ADDRESS CURRENT AND FUTURE MOBILITY NEEDS*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. ANNUAL TPO LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029*

Assistant County Attorney Bruce Libhaber read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Higgins that the foregoing proposed resolution be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Regalado, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**C. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Vacancy Report**

Board Member Desulme appointed Sarah McDevitt to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), Mark Bobb to the Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC), and Samantha Henry to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

It was moved by Board Member Desulme that the above-listed appointments made be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Martell, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Meeting of April 20, 2023**

Hearing no questions or comments, it was moved by Board Member Harris that the minutes of April 20, 2023, be approved. This motion was seconded by Board Member Bermudez and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.



## 6. REPORTS

### A. BOARD MEMBERS

1. Legislation regarding the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) and the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX)

Chairman Bovo provided a brief overview of the discussion held at the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) meeting regarding House Bill 1305. He advised the consensus of the Committee was to stand still until litigation has been finalized.

2. In reference to Board Member Regalado's inquiry regarding the Flagler Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Demonstration Project, Ms. Bouclé announced that FDOT in coordination with the TPO and DTPW has placed the Kendall Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study in abeyance until data becomes available for the agency to reassess.

Mr. Iglesias confirmed the statement made by Ms. Bouclé and reported the Flagler BRT Demonstration Project was scheduled for 90-120 days of construction in 2024, followed by a year of analysis. Mr. Iglesias announced once the data has been obtained from the analysis then a determination will be made on the Kendall PD&E study.

Board Member Regalado mentioned her upcoming legislation with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) which deals with easements for the BRT. She stated she would like to bring that information to the Board once introduced to the BCC.

Ms. Bouclé stated she will work with the FDOT and the County to ensure any available easement right-of-ways will be considered in the future.

3. Board Member Regalado introduced Mr. David Dech, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) /Tri-Rail.

Mr. Dech stated a great deal of work has been accomplished since he began. He reported 500 windows have been replaced, 450 tons of debris has been removed from the right of way, and they have been working with the homeless coalition to be good neighbors. Mr. Dech also noted that Tri-Rail encourage investment, transit oriented development and increased connectivity to the stations. He announced SFRTA was one of six recipients to be awarded \$73 million from the FTA to make a rolling stock purchase. Mr. Dech informed the Board that a substantial investment of \$180 million will be made to meet the minimum standards and he thanked the Board for their participation.

4. Board Member Harris informed the Board that he was unable to serve as a member on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory



Council (MPOAC). Chairman Bovo subsequently appointed Board Member Martell to the MPOAC.

5. Chairman Bovo recognized TPO staff member Wilson Fernandez on his 35 years of service to Miami-Dade County and the TPO.

Chairman Bovo encouraged the Board members to attend the Industry Forum Breakfast scheduled for Monday July 17, 2023, from 8am - 11:45 am and he noted the FDOT District Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. will be one of the keynote speakers.

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. April Governing Board Meeting Follow-up Report
2. TPO Industry Forum Breakfast, Miami-Dade TPO Federal Certification Review, Sponsored and Special Events
3. TPO Participatory Contribution FY 2023 Quarter 2 Report
4. SMART M.A.P. 2050 – Long Range Transportation Plan – Goals and Objectives

**C. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**D. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)**

**7. COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. CITIZENS' COMMITTEES**

1. *FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)*
2. *TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)*
3. *BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)*
4. *CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)*

**B. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.



# **TPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

## **REPORTS**

### **7.B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. SMART M.A.P. 2050 - Long Range Transportation Plan Update
2. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update
3. Report - Welcoming New TPO Governing Board Members, Sponsored and Special Events



## **Welcome New Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board Members**



On July 7, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed three new Board Members to the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board. Pictured above are the new Board Members being sworn-in from left to right: Roberto J. Alonso, Miami-Dade County School Board Representative; Rodolfo Pages, Greater Miami Expressway Agency Representative; and Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron, City of West Miami Mayor, Municipal Representative.

## **Regional Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) Meeting**

Miami -Dade TPO leads the administration, on behalf of the region, for SEFTC and held the July 24, 2023 meeting in Palm Beach County, hosted by Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA). SEFTC is a formal partnership of the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) to coordinate regional transportation planning for all travel modes throughout the region. Pictured left to right: Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO Director of Transportation & Human Resources; Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director; Honorable Christi Fraga, SEFTC Member & Miami-Dade TPO Board Member; Honorable Beam Furr, SEFTC Chair & Broward MPO Board Member; Honorable Chelsea Reed, SEFTC Vice Chair & Palm Beach TPA Chair; and Valerie Neilson, AICP, Palm Beach TPA Executive Director.



## **Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director Continuing Service on NARC Leadership Team**



Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, begins her second year of service on the Leadership Team of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Executive Directors Council. NARC serves as the national voice for regions by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. NARC members include regional councils, councils of governments (COGs), regional planning and development agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other regional organizations. Members work collaboratively with their communities – large and small, urban, and rural – to address their citizens’ needs and promote a regional approach to planning for the future.



## **MPOAC Noteworthy Practices Working Group Recognizes TPO Efforts**



Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, received recognition for two TPO Statewide Noteworthy Practices from MPOAC Governing Board Chair and Sarasota/Manatee MPO Chair, Honorable Vanessa Baugh: 2022 Noteworthy Practice for Community Action Committees Outreach Efforts & 2023 Noteworthy Practice for Taste of Transportation. Noteworthy Practices for the twenty-seven MPOs throughout the State of Florida are selected by the MPOAC Noteworthy Practices Working Group.

## **Miami-Dade TPO Supporting SFRTA's \$71.7 Million Federal Grant Replacing Aging Transit Rail Vehicles**

Honorable Raquel A. Regalado, Miami-Dade TPO Board Member and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Governing Board Chair, and TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, attended a press conference at the West Palm Beach Tri-Rail Station to celebrate the award of a \$71.7M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant for upgrading Tri-Rail's rail fleet. SFRTA will replace 24 rail vehicles that have exceeded or are near the end of their useful life. The project will provide rail cars that will be safer, more efficient and have improved reliability, minimizing disruptions to rail service. Miami-Dade TPO is proud to have supported this project that is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the TPO and is identified in the adopted Miami-Dade 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Furthermore, this project has been identified as a regional priority by the SEFTC, which is comprised of the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, and Palm Beach TPA.



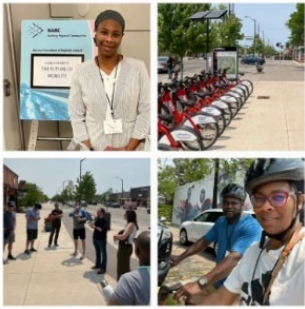
## **Participation in WTS South Florida's Annual Scholarship & Awards Event**



Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director, Aileen Bouclé, AICP, presented at the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) South Florida's Annual Scholarship & Awards Event where she shared her experiences about her professional journey as well as insights regarding the TPO's SMART Demonstration & STEP programs. The WTS Foundation awards scholarships to students pursuing careers in transportation through undergraduate and graduate programs. The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record and transportation-related activities or job skills.



## NARC 2023 Annual Conference and Exhibition



Miami-Dade TPO Deputy Director-Administration, Zainab Salim, attended the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit, Michigan and participated in a mobile bike tour. The conference focused on promoting effective regional cooperation and solutions through interaction and education. Representatives from leadership, professional staff, board members, local elected officials, technical, and program staff came together to share best practices and attend informative sessions on program, legislative, and regulatory issues.

## Florida Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Coalition Meeting

Miami-Dade TPO Transportation Planner, Kevin Walford, pictured left with St. Lucie TPO Executive Director, Peter Buchwald, participated in the quarterly FDOT Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition, held in Lakeland, FL. The Coalition is a diverse group of federal, state, local, public partners, and stakeholders who are charged across seven emphasis areas with implementing goals, objectives, and strategies within Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan (PBSSP). Mr. Walford serves in the Driver Education & Licensing and Legislation, Regulation & Policy emphasis area. The goal of this emphasis area is to strengthen legislation, regulations, policies, and programs to support the overall goal of eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes involving people walking and biking.



## Miami-Dade TPO Staff Attends 2023 Transportation Summer Camp



Miami-Dade TPO Chief of Transportation Planning, Christopher Rosenberg, and Program Development Manager, Franchesca Taylor, AICP, attended the 2023 Transportation Summer Camp hosted by Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT) in St. Petersburg, Florida. Transportation Summer Camp is the place where professionals gather to learn new transportation-related concepts and be motivated by different perspectives. FBT was originally founded in 1988 as a private sector advocacy group to support public efforts to secure adequate funding to meet the ever-expanding transportation needs of the state of Florida. Over the course of the past three decades, FBT has established itself as a consistent and steadfast voice advocating for transportation issues at the

state and federal levels. Members have stood united for sufficient and sustainable transportation funding, efficient mobility for residents, visitors, and commerce, and for safe and reliable infrastructure to support a dynamic economy.



## 2023 Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership Statewide Collaboration Meeting



Miami-Dade TPO Deputy Director–Administration, Zainab Salim, and Miami-Dade TPO Budget Coordinator, Jessica Lopez, participated in Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) Statewide Collaboration meeting in Orlando, FL. Participants actively engaged with federal, state, and MPO partners to discuss policies, strategies, Complete Streets projects, and Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Assessments.

### Miami-Dade TPO Connected Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Strategic Plan

Connected and automated vehicles (CAV) are emerging technologies that can reshape the transportation system and urban landscape of Miami-Dade County. They will likely improve safety, increase network efficiency, and reduce congestion but also pose potential risks and challenges. The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and Miami-Dade County are planning for and investing in building a more multimodal transportation system. The TPO is addressing the incorporation of CAV technologies into its short-, mid-, and long-term planning processes by developing this CAV Strategic Plan. The study process involved partner agencies via a Study Advisory Group (SAG) and the public via a Vision Workshop. The SAG included staff from the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), educational institutions, private sector industry members, and other local agencies. This study uses connected and autonomous vehicles (CAV) as an all-encompassing term for technologies related to vehicle communication and automation. Other related technologies, such as vehicle electrification, e-commerce, delivery vehicles, and telework, are also emerging or are in the preliminary stages of development and may significantly impact the transportation system. CAV safety and mobility applications overcome the physical limitations and distraction errors of humans behind the wheel and have the potential to dramatically reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by accidents on our roads and highways.





## 2050 LRTP SMART M.A.P. Activities



The 2050 LRTP SMART M.A.P. website can be viewed at <https://miamidadetpolrtp2050.com>

Miami-Dade TPO continues the process of developing the Miami-Dade County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) “SMART M.A.P. – Mobility. Accessibility. Prosperity.” The 2050 LRTP is a core federal requirement that establishes the 25-year vision for Miami-Dade County.

### SMART M.A.P. 2050 LRTP Video Release



Watch the video at <http://tiny.cc/2050LRTPVideo>

### Virtual Room's Updated PEOPLE Section



Begin your VR experience at <https://tinyurl.com/TPO2050LRTPVMR>



# **TPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

## **REPORTS**

### **7.C. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

1. Department of Transportation and Public Works -Midyear State of the System Report





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August 24, 2023

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Dear Honorable Esteban Bovo Jr., Vice Chairman and Members TPO Governing Board

I would like to thank the DTPW family and our mobility partners for their steadfast commitment to our community as our transportation services and infrastructure are more critical than ever. As the Director and CEO, I commit to creating a strong foundation that positions our department for success.

Earlier this year, we launched SHIFT305, a strategic roadmap for DTPW, which aims to propel Miami-Dade forward to a cleaner, greener, more efficient and connected future by delivering on the priorities and actions of Thrive305 – the Mayor's bottom-up, community-driven framework with a focus on the policies, initiatives, and strategies that center on an equitable recovery and thriving community for Miami-Dade residents, visitors and industry.

The first half of 2023 has flown by and I'm proud of the fact that we've continued making great progress to advance so many critical transit and public works programs that will greatly benefit our community and quality of life for many years to come.

As such, I'd like to share with you a copy of DTPW's Midyear State of the System Snapshot highlighting some of our progress. Ridership is rebounding as of June 2023. Miami-Dade Transit ridership reached 245,700 average weekday riders which is a 101% recovery on all four modes combined from June 2019 (Pre-Covid); Metrobus on-time-performance (OTP) improved from 66.7% to 70% between January and June 2023, and at the same time, STS improved OTP from 83.3% in January to 91.2% in June. Most importantly, there has been a 14% reduction in the number of fatal crashes from January 2023 to June 2023 when compared to the same period in 2022, which reflects our commitment to the implementation of our Vision Zero initiative. The report is also available at [miamidade.gov/transportation](https://miamidade.gov/transportation).

Our performance metrics for Metrobus, Metrorail, Metromover, paratransit services and Vision Zero are encouraging and establish accountability. The data we are gathering is also helping to understand the progress we have made as a department and community. With strong elected leaders, partners and an engaged citizenry, we have the support to get closer each day to our lofty vision of being the world's best provider of transportation options.

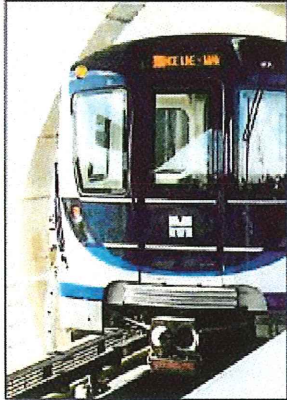
In closing, I'd like to express my gratitude to you and thank Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, the Chairman and Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), our state and federal partners, and community stakeholders for the support to reimagine mobility success; accelerate solutions; value a culture of care; fuel innovation; and secure our future.

My pledge to you as the Director and CEO of DTPW is that our family of almost 4,000 strong will continue investing in our people, operating with discipline, achieving excellence, and, most important, delivering results for our residents, visitors and businesses.

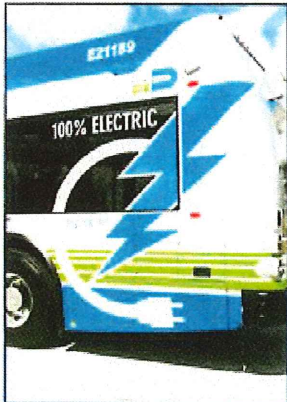
With admiration and appreciation,

Eulois Cledkley  
Director and CEO  
Department of Transportation and Public Works

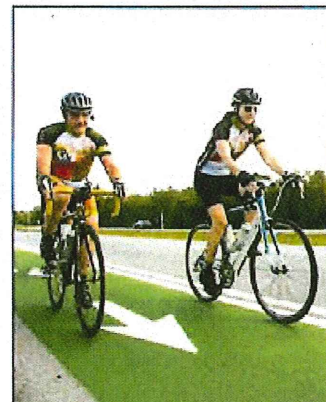
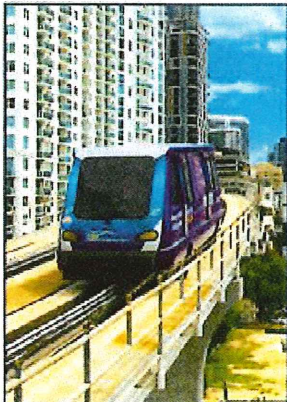




DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS



# MIDYEAR STATE OF THE SYSTEM SNAPSHOT 2023





## ON OUR WAY TO FINISHING STRONG!



Strong and successful public transit systems do much more than connect us to our destination – they connect us to good-paying jobs, our natural and built environment, and our community, while also minimizing pollution. That's why working with our Department of Transportation and Public Works to strengthen our public transit system and expand mobility options has been a key priority for my administration, and I am pleased to report that we're making significant progress at the midpoint of 2023.

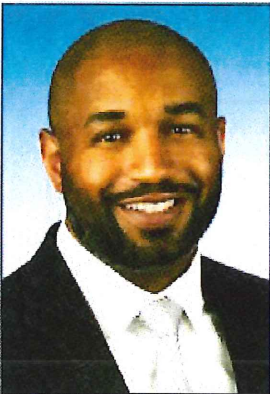
With the recent implementation of the long-awaited Better Bus Network, a return to pre-pandemic service levels in many modes, and much more, there are many things to celebrate in this report. We're strengthening our rails and buses and doubling down on bicycle and pedestrian safety. We continue advocating our Vision Zero goal to significantly reduce traffic fatalities and injuries, increasing safety in every corner of our county. Additionally, we are safeguarding our environment by getting electric buses on the road. With these developments, we're making improvements to both service and quality of life. We're on our way!

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniella Levine Cava".

**Daniella Levine Cava**  
Mayor of Miami-Dade County

## MAKING PROGRESS, MOVING GOALS



There are many great things happening in the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), from implementing the Better Bus Network to being 60% complete on our South Dade TransitWay to electrifying our bus fleet and so much more. This year alone, DTPW has been recognized locally and nationally for its excellence in leadership, safety, and financial reporting. The following is a midyear snapshot of the state of the system with comparisons to the same point last year and also to national standards and similar agencies. Midyear performance creates the momentum to finish the year strong.

Our performance metrics in Metrobus, Metrorail, Metromover, paratransit services and VisionZero encourage improvement and establish accountability. The following information will also be helpful in understanding the progress we have made as a department and community. With strong elected leaders and an engaged citizenry, we have the support to get closer each day to our lofty vision of being the world's best provider of transportation options.

With gratitude and admiration,

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**Eulois Cleckley**  
DTPW Director and CEO



# SHIFT 305

THE WAY WE APPROACH  
MOBILITY IS CHANGING

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE MIAMI-DADE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BY 2025  
WHICH ENCOMPASSES FOUR GOALS: SAFE, CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND CONNECTED.



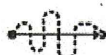
SAFER

DTPW is committed to promoting a culture of safety and security by making Miami-Dade streets, paths and transportation services accessible to all and driven by data to ensure the highest quality of service.



CLEANER

DTPW is committed to providing transportation in Miami-Dade County that is resilient to climate impacts now and sustainable for future generations.



EFFICIENT

DTPW is committed to utilize Miami-Dade County's street space, data and operations to minimize travel time and cost, and to maximize quality of life.



CONNECTED

DTPW is committed to providing Miami-Dade residents, workers and visitors a transportation network that allows them to readily get to the places they choose to work, play and learn.

## MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DAILY RIDERSHIP

Miami-Dade Transit ridership reached **245,700 average weekday riders\***

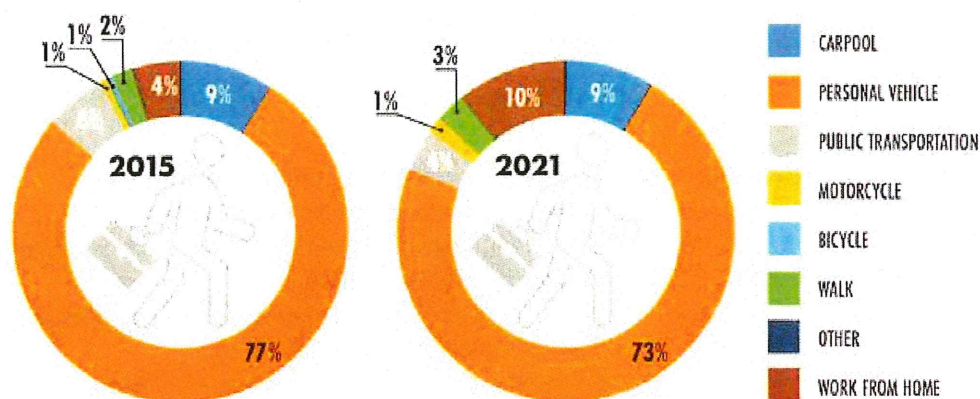
– a **101% recovery** on all four modes combined from June 2019 (Pre-Covid) with June 2023.

### MIAMI-DADE PREVALENCE TRANSPORTATION MODALITIES

AVERAGE WEEKDAY	JUNE 2019	JUNE 2020	JUNE 2023*	23 VS 20	RECOVERED FROM 2019
BUS	152,277	81,597	174,000	113%	114%
RAIL	58,178	22,889	43,325	89%	74%
MOVER	28,061	7,300	23,645	224%	84%
STS	5,935	2,248	4,730	110%	80%
ALL MODES	244,451	114,034	245,700	115%	101%

\* June 2023 bus ridership estimated.

## MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK



Miami-Dade County:  
Persons Per Household .... **2.95**  
Vehicles Per Household ... **3.13**  
Poverty Rate ..... **15%**

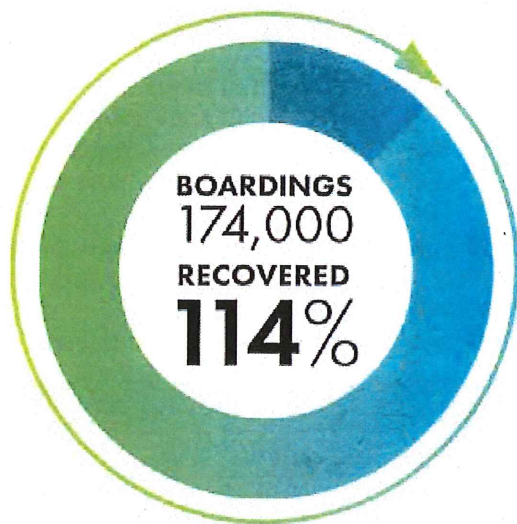
**Note:**  
Means of Transportation Data and  
Vehicles per Household Data Source:  
2015 American Community Survey  
Persons Per Household and Poverty  
Rate Source: 2020 Census.



# METROBUS

## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

### DAILY BOARDINGS from June 2019 to June 2023\*

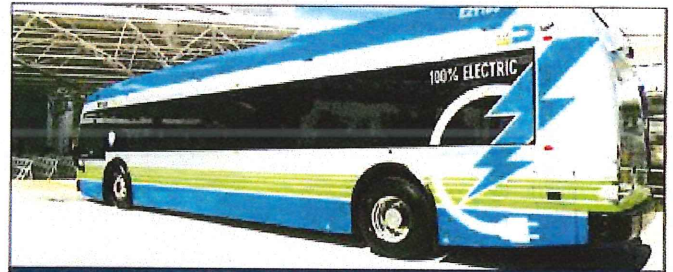


## SYSTEM SUMMARY

- 101 bus routes.
- Over 830 buses.
  - 635 peak vehicles operated by DTPW.
  - 66 on contracted services.
  - 69 emission-free electric buses currently in operation.
- 32.6 million traveled miles annually.
- Seven express routes.
- Over 2,900 park and ride parking spaces.
- A two-lane, 22-mile-long exclusive bus TransitWay.

## CURRENT AND PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

- Better Bus SHIFTS into Gear: bus network redesign based on community input and a data-driven process.
  - Phase 1 implemented July 2023.
  - Phase 2 completing the redesign, to be implemented November 2023.



Miami-Dade County will soon operate the largest Zero-Emissions electric bus fleet among public transportation agencies in the country.



## ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

JANUARY 2023

JUNE 2023

66.7%

70%

## VS COMPARABLE SYSTEMS IN JUNE 2023

Miami-Dade Transit: 70%

New York City MTA: 72%

Los Angeles County MTA: 73%

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## THE BUS PASSENGER SHELTER PROGRAM

- Completed installation of 323 new bus shelters and 676 bicycle racks.
- Renovation of the existing 1,031 passenger shelters. Approx. 20% completed as of June 2023.

- South Dade TransitWay in continuous progress:
  - Construction more than 60% complete.
  - The BRT stations and SW 168th Street Park and Ride Garage have gone vertical.
  - First pilot electric bus expected onsite December 2023
  - Final completion anticipated for 2024.
- Leveraged technologies to improve estimated time of arrivals (ETAs).

\* June 2023 bus ridership estimated.



# METRORAIL

## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

### DAILY BOARDINGS

from June 2019 to June 2023



## SYSTEM SUMMARY

- 24.8 miles of dual track.
- 23 Metrorail stations.
- 136 Metrorail cars; fleet replaced starting 2017.
- 9,581 Park and Ride spaces.

## CURRENT AND PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

- North Corridor: Expediting design and coordination with FDOT.
- Working overnight hours and weekends installing new rail fasteners to improve safety – 5,500 fasteners installed thus far.
- Ongoing inspections at all stations to innovate vital improvements for enhanced user experience.
- Working closely with contractor on escalators and elevators major repairs and daily operations.
- Sustained an average repair time of 110 mins for elevators and escalators, excluding units requiring major refurbishment.



## ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

JANUARY 2023

80.2%

MAY 2023

81.3%

## VS COMPARABLE SYSTEMS IN MAY 2023

Miami-Dade Transit: 81.3%

New York City MTA: 84.3%

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## NEW PLATFORM SCREENS



- In 2022, a total of 90 new, state-of-the-art platform screens displays were installed at all 22 Metrorail stations from Palmetto to Dadeland South.
- The new, easy-to-read screens use bright colors to highlight important information such as next train arrival times, transit alerts, and more.

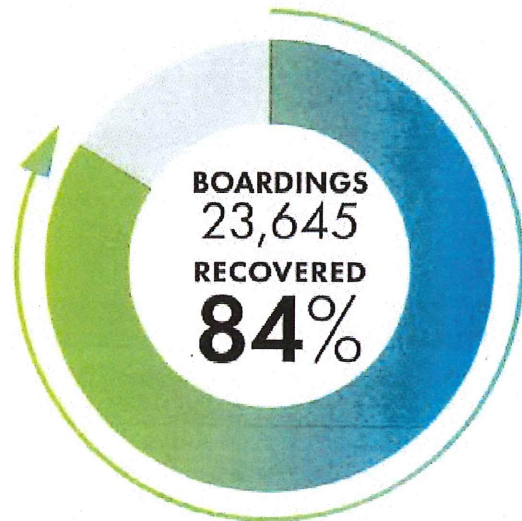


# METROMOVER

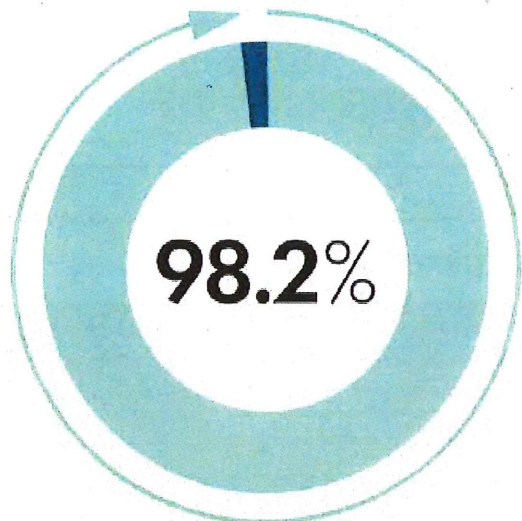
## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

### DAILY BOARDINGS

from June 2019 to June 2023



### SERVICE DELIVERED IN JUNE 2023



## SYSTEM SUMMARY

- 4.4 miles of track.
- 21 Metromover stations.
- 29 Metromover cars; Fleet replaced 2008.



Miami-Dade County is investing \$150 million from The People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to upgrade Metromover and improve system reliability, reduce wait times, get riders to their destination quicker, and increase route flexibility to provide greater service.



## CURRENT AND PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

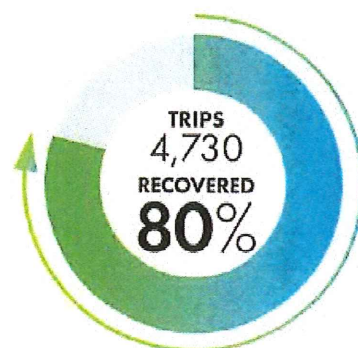
- Metromover Upgrade Project:
  - Design work began May 2021.
  - Construction began July 2022.
  - Project slated to be completed by 2025.
  - Project is 40% complete as of June 2023.
  - 25 switches being refurbished.
  - New control and data system being installed to improve safety, reliability and flexibility.



# PARATRANSIT

## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

DAILY BOARDINGS  
from June 2019 to June 2023



## SYSTEM SUMMARY

- Service 24 hrs a day 7 days a week including holidays.
- 40,573 registered certified clients.
- Door-to-door service throughout Miami-Dade County.
- Free fares for STS EASY Card holders on fixed route service (Metrobus and Metrorail).
- Average of 5,000 weekday trips and 1,900 weekend trips.

## ENHANCEMENTS LAUNCHED ON APRIL 2023

- Extended service hours for trip reservations: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Stand-by vehicles added to minimize service delays during peak times.
- Personnel added to monitor service and minimize delays.
- Negotiated pickup times: the ADA allows scheduling flexibility up to one hour before or after the requested time to improve operational efficiencies.

## ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

JANUARY 2023

JUNE 2023

83.3%

91.2%

## VS COMPARABLE SYSTEMS IN MAY 2023

Miami-Dade Transit: \*90.1%

Dallas DART: 85.6%

New York City MTA: \*\*77%

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\* As per contract, minimum required OTP is 87%.

\*\* Primary provider pick-ups within 15 mins. of schedule.

# VISION ZERO

## STATISTICS AND METRICS

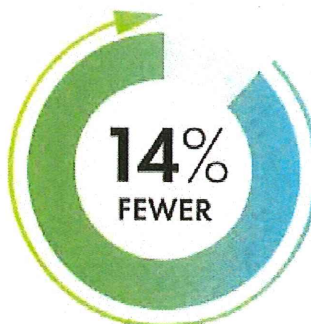


- Bike lanes constructed in 2023: 7.4 miles. Current total: 19.4 miles.
- Framework Plan being updated with crash data from 2018-2022.
  - County-wide, 7,314 fatal and serious during this 5-year period
  - 2,505 (34%) of these crashes on County/Municipal roads.
- The 2023 Vision Zero Action Plan further refines the High Injury Network (HIN) to 40 priority corridors that account for approximately 31% of the 2,505 crashes in 1.2% of the total County/Municipal road centerline miles.
  - 77.5% of these HIN corridors are in equity areas.

## SUMMARY

- Miami-Dade County's commitment to reducing all traffic fatalities and severe injuries to zero while increasing safe, equitable, and healthy mobility for all.
- A systematic approach to implementing safety countermeasures and policies to reduce – with the goal of ultimately eliminating – fatalities and serious injuries related to mobility in Miami-Dade County by 2040.

## CRASHES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY



JAN – MAY 2022  
177 FATALITIES

JAN – MAY 2023  
153 FATALITIES

## CURRENT AND PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

- Top 100 Safety Priority Locations:
  - In 2022, a report was provided to FDOT analyzing 45 locations on State roads.
- DTPW is focused on funding and advancing the design of safety countermeasures on 55 locations in County/Municipal roads.





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## **TPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

### **TPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **8.A. CITIZENS' COMMITTEES**

##### **1. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)**

- Attendance Report
- June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

##### **2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

- Attendance Report
- May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- July 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

##### **3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

- Attendance Report

##### **4. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

- Attendance Report
- July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes





## Miami-Dade TPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Attendance Report (as of 9.13.2023)

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TPO Seat	FTAC Member	Date Appointed	Jan-11	Feb-8	Mar-8	Apr-12	May-10	Jun-14	Jul-12	Aug	Sep-13	Oct-11	Nov-8	Dec-10	P	E	U
District 1	Reggie Leon	8-Dec-22	X	P	X	P	E	E	E	X	E	-	-	-	2	4	0
District 2	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 3	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 4	Juan Flores	26-Jan-23	X	P	X	U	E	E	E	X	U	-	-	-	1	3	2
District 5	Stanley Rigaud	19-Dec-19	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	E	-	-	-	5	1	0
District 6	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 7	Bill Arata	26-Jan-23	X	E	X	P	P	P	E	X	P	-	-	-	4	2	0
District 8	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 9	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 10	John Dohm	23-Feb-23	X	-	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	-	-	-	5	0	0
District 11	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 12	Alejandro Puga	17-Dec-20	X	E	X	E	U	U	E	X	E	-	-	-	0	4	2
District 13	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

As per TPO Governing Board Resolution #1-13, a member shall be automatically removed if, in a given calendar year: (i) he or she is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse; or (ii) if he or she is absent from three (3) of the committee's meetings without an acceptable excuse. A member shall be deemed absent from a meeting when he or she is not present at the meeting at least seventy-five (75) percent of the time. An "acceptable excuse" is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the TPO Governing Board, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, deems appropriate. An excused absence shall be granted to members by notifying the FTAC Coordinator, and failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence being recorded. Member attendance shall be reviewed annually after the calendar year, additionally, a committee member shall be automatically removed if he or she is absent (excused and/or unexcused) for fifty percent of the total number of meetings held within a fiscal year. The Fiscal Year for the FTAC is considered the Calendar Year.

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Non-Elected Official	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expressway Authority	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Board	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miami Beach	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hialeah	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Miami	-Vacant-		X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miami	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miami Gardens	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homestead	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doral	-Vacant-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## **MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DORAL GOVERNMENT CENTER  
FIRST FLOOR MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
DORAL, FL 33166**

**- FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES -**

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

#### **FTAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Stanley Rigaud (Chairperson); John Dohm (Vice-Chair)

#### **FTAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bill Arata (Excused); Juan Flores (Excused); Reggie Leon (Excused); Alejandro Puga (Excused)

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin C. Walford, Miami-Dade TPO  
Jesús Fuentes, EXP  
Leny Huaman, EXP  
Edna Sibila, City of Doral

Marco Incer, EXP-FDOT D6  
Adrian Rodriguez, Truckbays, LLC  
Shirley Forero, City of Doral  
Daniel Lameck, FDOT D6

### **I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Walford called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM with a quorum and he thanked the City of Doral for hosting the meeting. Introductions around the room followed.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of the July 12, 2023 agenda made by Mr. Dohm, seconded by Mr. Rigaud, and approved unanimously.



### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the June 14, 2023 minutes made by Mr. Dohm, seconded by Mr. Rigaud, and approved unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-None-

### V. TRUCKBAYS TRUCK PARKING

*Adrian Rodriguez of TruckBays conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:*

- The Problem
- The Negatives
- The Challenge
- The Solution – TruckBays
  - Usual Workflow
  - TruckBays Workflow
- Hands Off Reservation Management
- Complete Business Management
- Run Your Business Your Way
- Modern Access Control
  - How does it work?
  - What is needed?
- Our Roadmap
  - Advanced Reporting
  - Automated Waitlist
  - Hosta Dashboard Redesign
  - Whitelabel
  - Communications
  - Tickets
  - Changelog
  - Subleasing
- Payments & Pricing

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Rodriguez addressed.



## **VI. FDOT DISTRICT SIX TRUCK PARKING FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE WEDGE PARCEL**

*Jesús Fuentes of EXP conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:*

- Project Location
- History and Literature Review
- Study Objective
  - Tier 1 Preliminary Screening
  - Tier 2 Potential Site Evaluation and Screening
  - Tier 3 Potential Site Conceptualization
- Site Characteristics
  - Urban Development Boundary
  - Zoning: IU-C (Industrial District, Conditional – County)
  - Existing Land Use: Road Maintenance and Storage Yards, Motor Pools
  - CDMP Future Land Use: Industrial and Office
- Site Driving Distances from Points of Interest
- Demand
- Property Costs
- What's Next?
  - Tier 1 Complete
  - Tier 2 On-going
  - Tier 3 Late Summer

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Fuentes addressed.

## **VII. FDOT DISTRICT SIX NW 67 AVENUE FREIGHT INTERMODAL CONNECTOR ANALYSIS**

*Jesús Fuentes of EXP conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:*

- Project Overview
  - Project Location Map
  - History of the Corridor
  - Purpose and Need
- Performance Measures
  - NW 67 Avenue Study Corridor Goals
  - Alternative Analysis Process
  - Selection of Alternatives
- Existing Conditions
  - Study Area



- Traffic Conditions
- Crash Analysis
- Vision Zero
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Bicycle Facilities
- Transit Facilities
- Freight Facilities
- Turning Radii Analysis
- Public Involvement
  - Public Outreach
  - What's Next?
    - Kick-off
    - Development of Alternatives
    - Alternatives
    - Final Alternatives

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Fuentes addressed.

#### **VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Discussion on PortMiami's request for a letter of support for its Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant opportunity. Mr. Walford stated that this would have to be done in the form of a resolution, as that is the manner that the TPO Advisory Committees take actions on an item.

*Motion by John Dohm that the FTAC recommends that the TPO Governing Board support the PortMiami Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant opportunity for the PortMiami Cargo Optimization, Electrification and Inland Port Project; seconded by Stanley Rigaud and passed unanimously, 2-0  
[FTAC Resolution 1-2023]*

#### **IX. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

-None-

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM. The next meeting will be on September 13, 2023 at PortMiami.

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***

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## **MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MIAMI-DADE TPO BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM  
150 WEST FLAGLER STREET, SUITE 1900  
MIAMI, FL 33130**

#### **- FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES -**

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

#### **FTAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Stanley Rigaud (Chairperson); John Dohm (Vice-Chair); Bill Arata; Mary Cardenas-Aldir

#### **FTAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Basil Cole (Excused); Juan Flores (Excused); Reggie Leon (Excused); Alejandro Puga (Unexcused)

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin C. Walford, Miami-Dade TPO  
Jack Schnettler, Atkins North America  
Marco Incer, EXP-FDOT D6  
James Brown, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Javier Heredia, DTPW  
Edna Sibila, City of Doral  
Julio Guzman, City of Homestead

#### **I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Walford called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM with a quorum. Introductions around the room followed.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion for approval of the June 14, 2023 agenda made by Mr. Dohm, seconded by Mr. Arata, and approved unanimously.



### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the May 10, 2023 minutes made by Mr. Dohm, seconded by Mr. Arata, and approved unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-None-

### V. FDOT HOMESTEAD FREIGHT IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FM #437999-1-22-01)

*Jack Schnettler of Atkins North America conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:*

- Study Recap
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - Study Area
  - Growth Forecasts
  - Population Growth
  - Employment Growth
  - Daily Traffic Volumes
  - Daily Truck Volumes
  - Percentage Truck Volumes
  - Growth Trends
  - South County O/D Patterns – 2045
  - 2018 Daily Truck Trips to/from Florida Keys
  - Truck Trip Density
- Study Findings
  - Truck Parking
    - County Commercial Vehicle Storage Areas
    - Priority Truck Parking Sites
    - Truck Parking Recommendations
  - Network Analysis
    - Freight Planning Scenarios
      - Adopted Trend Scenario
      - Trend Needs Plan Scenario
      - Moderate Growth Scenario
      - High Growth Scenario
  - Additional Recommendations
    - Monitor the status of the CSX Spur
    - Monitor ongoing Miami-Dade County Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)
    - Coordination with Miami-Dade County Vision Zero Plan
    - Monitor going Turnpike TSM&O Study at the south end of the Turnpike



- Coordinate with DTPW on the ongoing development of the County Transportation Plan
- Coordinate with TPO on the development of the 2050 LRTP

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Schnettler addressed.

## **VI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Rigaud commented on last month's meeting at JanSteel USA and the need for FTAC to visit other locations, such as TSS (County Traffic Signals and Signs)

## **VII. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Guzman – The role of the Homestead General Aviation Airport for the County and the upgrading for other uses

Marco Incer - FDOT's Regional Outreach Event, the 2024 Freight Mobility and Trade Plan (FMTP) Update. South Florida events are June 29 (Miami-Dade Public Library - Aventura Branch), and June 30 (FDOT District 4 offices in Fort Lauderdale)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM. The next meeting will be on July 12, 2023 tentatively set for the City of Doral.

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# TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE 2023

TPO Board Appointed Committee

KEY: A- Absent P-Present E-Excused

TPO Board Appointed Committee

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TARC MEMBER NAME			Date of Meetings											
	Appointed by TPO Member	Date Appointed	1/18/2023 Cancelled*	2/15/2023 Cancelled*	3/15/2023 Cancelled*	4/19/2023 Cancelled*	5/17/2023	6/21/2023 Cancelled	7/19/2023	August Recess	9/20/2023	10/18/2023	11/15/2023	12/20/2023
VACANT	Gilbert 1													
VACANT	Bastien 2													
VACANT	Hardemon 3													
Alex A. David	Steinberg 4	Jan. 26, 2023					P		P		P			
VACANT	Higgins 5													
Juan A. Crespi	Cabrera 6	Apr. 20, 2023					P		P		E			
VACANT	Regalado 7													
VACANT	Cohen Higgins 8													
VACANT	McGhee 9													
VACANT	Rodriguez 10													
VACANT	Gonzalez 11													
VACANT	Bermudez 12													
VACANT	Garcia 13													
Mark W. Bobb	Desulme North Miami	June 22, 2023							E		E			
Gale Cunningham	Harris Miami Gardens	Jan. 26, 2023					P		P		P			
VACANT	Rodolfo Pages Expressway Authority													
VACANT	Suarez, F. Miami													
VACANT	Alonso School Board													
Debbie Swain	Richardson Miami Beach	Apr. 20, 2023					P		P		P			

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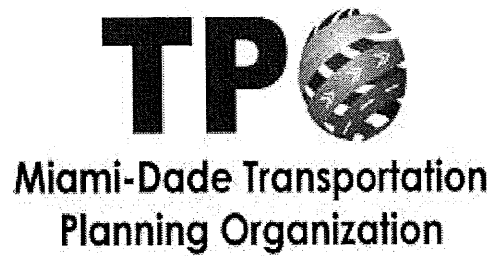
\* Only two members appointed.



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VACANT	Bovo Hialeah													
VACANT	Vacant Non-elected													
VACANT	Fraga Doral													
VACANT	Diaz-Padron Medley													
VACANT	Losner Homestead													

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**MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)**

**TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW (TARC) COMMITTEE**

**150 WEST FLAGLER STREET, SUITE 1900  
MIAMI, FL 33130**

**FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

**TARC MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:**

Alex A. David (Chairperson)  
Deborah Swain (Vice-Chairperson)  
Juan Crespi  
Gale Cunningham  
Charmaine Parchment

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Oscar Camejo, TARC Coordinator, Miami-Dade TPO  
Dave Dixon, CGA Solutions, Inc.  
Irene Hegedus, Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works  
Bradley Woodson, Miami-Dade TPO



## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

Chairperson Alex A. David introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. Chairperson Alex A. David, asked for the Committee Members and audience to introduce themselves and advised that there was a quorum present.

### **I. A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Debbie Swain made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Juan Crespi. The motion passed unanimously.

### **I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Debbie Swain made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Juan Crespi. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. The Underline – Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)**

Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) representative Irene Hegedus began the presentation by stating that safety is the number one concern for DTPW. Ms. Hegedus elaborated on the slides in the presentation with emphasis on the three phases of the 10-mile project, to include the paths with improved twenty-five intersections. She stated that this project is a multi-modal corridor, not a park. Phase 1 is called the Brickell Backyard, which consists of a River Room, Outdoor Gym, Promenade Motion and the Oolite Room all having unique amenities representing the named themes. Phase 2 is called the “Hammock Trail which is scheduled to be open in December 2023. The Hammock Trail consists of the Hammock Playground, Vizcaya Station Plaza and The Rain Gardens. Phase 3 from SW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Dadeland South is expected to be completed in 2025/2026. This leg will consist of a Grove Gallery, Underline Plaza, Bark Park, Fitness Room, Water Balcony/Kayak Launch, Rain Gardens, Stormwater Ponds, Pineland Courts, Rock Ridge Plaza, The U Skate Park, Play Forest, and Butterfly Gardens. TARC members asked questions about aesthetics, lighting, signage, cycling and connectivity, which Ms. Hegedus responded to the satisfaction of the TARC members. TARC members praised the project and requested that the item return for their review during Phase 3. Vice-Chairperson Debbie Swain supported the plan, which was seconded by Juan Crespi. The motion passed unanimously.



### **III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

N/A

### **IV. REPORTS**

#### **A. MEMBER REPORTS**

TARC members requested that the TPO Bike/Pedestrian staff be present at meetings involving bicycle and/or pedestrian issues.

#### **B. STAFF REPORTS**

TARC Coordinator, Mr. Oscar Camejo, shared the TARC Resolution passed at the previous meeting for the South Dade Electric Bus Facility.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on new members appointed and future meeting dates were mentioned.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments made.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

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**TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW (TARC) COMMITTEE**

**150 WEST FLAGLER STREET, SUITE 1900  
MIAMI, FL 33130**

**FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

**TARC ATTENDANCE:**

Alex A. David (Chairperson)  
Deborah Swain (Vice-Chairperson)  
Juan Crespi  
Gale Cunningham  
Charmaine Parchment

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Oscar Camejo, TARC Coordinator, Miami-Dade TPO  
Angel Chavarria, WSP Inc., Consultant  
Ralph Ferrere, Curtis and Rodgers, Consultant  
Luis Ferreras, WSP Inc., Consultant  
Ben Melendez, Perez and Perez, Consultant  
Isabel Padron, Department of Transportation and Public Works  
Daniel Perez, Perez and Perez, Consultant  
Bradley Woodson, Miami-Dade TPO



## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

Chairperson Alex A. David introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Chairperson Alex A. David, asked for the Committee Members and audience to introduce themselves and advised that there was a quorum present.

### **I. A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Debbie Swain made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Juan Crespi. The motion passed unanimously.

### **I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alex A. David made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Juan Crespi. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Election of TARC Officer**

Juan Crespi nominated Debbie Swain, which was seconded by Charmaine Parchment. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. South Dade Electric Bus Facility – Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)**

Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) representative Isabel Padron introduced the consultant project manager Mr. Angel Chavarria to begin the presentation. Mr. Chavarria of WSP, Inc. elaborated on the project purpose and schedule. Consultant Ben Melendez went over the site plan. Consultant Mr. Daniel Perez of Perez and Perez Architects Planners spoke on the architecture slides of the presentation. Consultant Mr. Ralph Ferrer finalized the presentation with the landscape component. TARC members took turns in asking questions of the consultant team and commended them for a job well done. TARC member Juan Crespi made a motion to approve the project as accepted and requested that DTPW return if major changes are made. Motion was seconded by Debbie Swain. The motion to create resolution adopting presentation passed unanimously.



#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **A. MEMBER REPORTS**

Chairperson Debbie Swain inquired about the regulations on membership appointee requirements as they pertain to the TARC Bi-Laws. Mr. Oscar Camejo stated that the TARC Bi-Laws were changed to be consistent with the TPO Prospectus, which applies to all Citizen Advisory Committees.

##### **B. STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Oscar Camejo relayed the MDX response on the SR 826/836 lighting issues, which were defective due to vandalism and warranty issues.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on new members appointed and future meeting dates were mentioned.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments made

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

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## Miami-Dade TPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Report (as of 9.12.2023)

P=Present, E=Excused Absence, U=Unexcused Absence, X=No Meeting

TPO Seat	BPAC Member	Date Appointed	Jan-10	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-11	May-9	Jun 13 (Wkshp)	Jul-11	Aug	Sep 12 (Wkshp)	Oct-10	Nov-7	Dec-5	P	E	U
District 1	Webber Charles	28-Jan-21	P	P	P	E	X	E	P	X	P	-	-	-	4	1	0
District 2	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 3	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 4	Matthew Gultanoff	26-Jan-23	-	P	P	E	X	P	P	X	E	-	-	-	3	1	0
District 5	Charles Fischer	18-Apr-19	P	P	E	P	X	E	E	X	E	-	-	-	3	2	0
District 6	Dariel Fernandez	20-Apr-23	-	-	-	-	X	P	P	X	E	-	-	-	1	0	0
District 7	Hank Sanchez-Resnik	22-Jun-17	E	P	E	P	X	P	E	X	P	-	-	-	2	3	0
District 8	Melissa Hege	5-May-22	P	E	P	E	X	P	E	X	P	-	-	-	2	3	0
District 9	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 10	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 11	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 12	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District 13	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Municipal	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Elected Official	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expressway Authority	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Board	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miami Beach	Ginger Phillips	3-Nov-22	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	E	-	-	-	5	0	0
Hialeah	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Miami	Samantha Henry	23-Jun-23	-	-	-	-	X	-	U	X	E	-	-	-	0	0	1
Miami	Eric Tullberg	21-Apr-05	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	P	-	-	-	5	0	0
Miami Gardens	Dr. Mickey Witte	17-Jun-21	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	X	P	-	-	-	4	1	0
Homestead	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doral	-Vacant-		-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## **MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**TPO OFFICES  
150 WEST FLAGLER STREET  
SUITE 1900 – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM  
MIAMI, FL 33130**

#### **- FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES -**

**MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

#### **BPAC MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Charles Fischer (Chair); Ginger Phillips; Hank Sanchez-Resnik; Eric Tullberg; Dr. Mickey Witte

#### **BPAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Webber Charles (Excused); Matthew Gultanoff (Excused); Melissa Hege (Excused)

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin C. Walford, Miami-Dade TPO  
Gaby Serrado, DTPW  
Ivan Jimenez, DTPW  
Eli Perez, Kimley-Horn

Grant Wetzel, UM WalkSafe/BikeSafe  
Megan Echols, FDOT D6  
Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn

#### **I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Walford called the meeting to order with a quorum at 5:36 PM.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Fischer requested that Item V (UM KiDZ Neuroscience Center) be heard after Items VI (FDOT Monthly Report) and VII (DTPW Monthly Report) on the agenda. Motion for approval of the April 11, 2023 agenda as amended made by Mr. Tullberg, seconded by Ms. Phillips, and approved unanimously.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion for approval of the March 14, 2023 minutes as amended made by Mr. Tullberg, seconded by Dr. Witte, and approved unanimously.



#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

-None-

Mr. Walford proceeded with the introductions of BPAC members and meeting participants.

#### **VI. FDOT DISTRICT 6: PROJECT UPDATE REPORT (APRIL)**

Eli Perez of Kimley-Horn conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:

- 250650-5-32-01 Pedestrian Safety Study along Brickell Avenue between SE 5 Street and SE 8 Street
- 445804-1-52-01 SR 994/SW 200 Street/Quail Roost Drive from W of SW 137 Ave to E of SE 127 Ave
- 445955-1-52-01 SR 913/SW/SE 26 Rd from SW 1 Ave to Rickenbacker Causeway
- 449947-1-52-01 SR 916/NW 135 Street from NW 47 Ave to NW 30 Ave

*BPAC member Hank Sanchez-Resnik arrived to the meeting at 5:52p*

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Ms. Perez addressed.

#### **VII. DTPW PROJECT UPDATE (APRIL)**

Ivan Jimenez and Gabriella Serrado of DTPW conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:

- Vision Zero Goal and Mission
  - Top 100 Analysis
  - Funding
  - Inclusive Community Outreach
  - Social PinPoint
- Safe Streets and Roads 4 All (SS4A)
- Venetian Causeway Update
  - Hybrid Public Meeting Announcement – April 18<sup>th</sup> 7p-9p
  - Trail Overview

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Jimenez and Ms. Serrado addressed.

#### **V. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI KIDZ NEUROSCIENCE CENTER UPDATES**

Grant Wentzel of UM WalkSafe/Bike Safe conducted a brief presentation highlighted by the following:

- Pedestrian & Bicycle Educational Safety Programs for Youths
  - Program Mission



- Active Educational Programs
- Injury Control Research Centers (ICRC) Grant
- WalkSafe & BikeSafe Programs
  - Overview
  - WalkSafe Art Contest
  - Walk to School Day
  - Bike to School Day
- BikeSafe Bike Club Program
  - Middle School Program
  - Materials and Resources
  - Curriculum
  - Program Evaluation
- Elementary BikeSafe Program
  - Elementary School Curriculum
  - Family Safety Education

After the presentation, the Chair opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Wentzel addressed.

#### **VIII. BPAC MEMBER DISCUSSION**

It was determined that the BPAC members each needed more time to bring forth their missing gaps to bring forward to the TPO Executive Director. Mr. Walford suggested that they use Member Tullberg's list as a template. Chair Fischer requested that the BPAC members each send their 5 gap project thoughts and ideas to Mr. Walford by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Chair Fischer will also reach out to the TPO Executive Director and meet with her after the May BPAC meeting.

#### **IX. MEMBER COMMENTS**

-None-

#### **X. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

-None-

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM. The next meeting will be on May 9, 2023.

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TOTALS:																
TPO Board Member	Appointee	Date Appointed	1/11 (No Meeting)	2/8	3/15	4/4	5/10	5/31	7/12	9/13	10/11	11/29	N/A	P	E	A
Commission District 1	Jasmine Johnson	12/08/22	N/M	P	N/M	P	E	P	P	P						
Commission District 2	Sara McDevitt	6/20/23							P	E						
Commission District 3	VACANT															
Commission District 4	VACANT															
Commission District 5	VACANT															
Commission District 6	VACANT															
Commission District 7	VACANT															
Commission District 8	Joseph A. Ruiz	10/21/21	N/M	P	N/M	P	P	P	P	P						
Commission District 9	VACANT															
Commission District 10	VACANT															
Commission District 11	VACANT															
Commission District 12	Christian Contreras	01/26/23		E	N/M	P	E	E	E	E						
Commission District 13	Andrew Velo-Arias	05/20/21	N/M	P	N/M	P	P	E	P	E						



TOTALS:																
TPO Board Member	Appointee	Date Appointed	1/11 (No Meeting)	2/8	3/16	4/4	5/10	5/31	7/12	9/13	10/11	11/29	N/A	P	E	A
Municipal Representative	VACANT															
Vacant Non-Elec. Off	VACANT															
Expressway Authority	VACANT															
School Board	VACANT															
City of Miami Beach	VACANT															
City of Hialeah	VACANT															
City of North Miami	VACANT															
City of Miami	Benjamin O. Hedrick	1/24/19	N/M	E	N/M	P	P	P	E	E						
City of Miami Gardens	Robert Stephens	1/24/23		N/A	N/M	E	P	A	E	E						
City of Homestead	VACANT															
City of Doral	VACANT															

As per TPO Governing Board Resolution #1-13, a member shall be automatically removed if, in a given calendar year: (i) he or she is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse; or (ii) if he or she is absent from three (3) of the committee's meetings without an acceptable excuse. A member shall be deemed absent from a meeting when he or she is not present at the meeting at least seventy-five (75) percent of the time. An "acceptable excuse" is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the TPO Governing Board, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, deems appropriate. An excused absence shall be granted to members by notifying the CTAC Coordinator, and failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence being recorded. Member attendance shall be reviewed annually after the calendar year, additionally, a committee member shall be automatically removed if he or she is absent (excused and/or unexcused) for fifty percent of the total number of meetings held within a fiscal year. The Fiscal Year for the CTAC is considered the Calendar Year.





**Miami-Dade Transportation  
Planning Organization**

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)**

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**MIAMI-DADE TPO CHAMBERS  
150 WEST FLAGLER STREET, SUITE 1924  
MIAMI, FL 33130**

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023**

**CTAC ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph A. Ruiz, Chairperson  
Jasmine Johnson, Vice-Chairperson  
Sara McDevitt  
Andrew Velo-Arias

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Paul Chance, CTAC Coordinator  
Regina Serrano, Miami-Dade TPO  
Maria Perdomo, P.E., DTPW  
Jose Enrique Cuelo, DTPW

Javier Heredia, P.E., DTPW  
Jorge Caballero, DTPW  
Chun Xu, DTPW  
Thomas Rodrigues, WSP



## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Paul Chance, CTAC Coordinator, advised Chairperson, Joseph Ruiz, there was a quorum present. The Chairperson then recognized quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sara McDevitt made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Andrew Velo-Arias. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Andrew Velo-Arias made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 31, 2023, which was seconded by Sara McDevitt. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **V. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- **Sara McDevitt** – *Appointed by Miami-Dade TPO Board Member Alix Desulme*

## **VI. SMART PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

Maria Perdomo, P.E., Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation & Public Works (DTPW), provided a brief overview of the SMART Program Implementation update that consisted of the following key points:

- SMART Program
- South Dade TransitWay Project Scope
  - 20-Miles Corridor
  - Bus Rapid Transit
  - 14 Stations, 2 Park and Rides
  - Connection to Metrorail
  - 65% Construction Complete
  - Q2 2024 Construction Complete
- Parking Garage at SW 168 Street
  - Five level Park and Ride Facility
  - Approximately 645 parking spaces
  - Public Restrooms
  - Bicycle Storage
  - Kiss-And-Ride Area
  - Electric Vehicle Charging
- North Corridor Project Scope
  - Heavy Rail - 9 Miles of Track
  - 8 Stations & 5 Park and Rides



- Northeast Corridor Project Scope
  - 13.5 Miles Corridor
  - Commuter Service on the Florida East Coast Industries (FECI) Right-of-Way (ROW)
  - 5 Stations
  - Connection to Metrorail at Miami Central
- East-West Corridor Project Scope
  - 13.5 Miles Corridor
  - Bus Rapid Transit – 836 Bus Lanes
  - 3 Stations
  - Connection to Airport & Downtown Miami
- Beach Corridor Project Scope “Baylink”
  - 3.5 Mile - 2 Stations in Miami Beach
  - Beach Corridor includes future extension to Design District
  - Connection to existing Metromover System
- Kendall Corridor - This project is currently on hold

After the presentation, Chairperson Ruiz opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Ms. Perdomo addressed. Per the committee’s request, Ms. Perdomo will provide CTAC Coordinator video of the East-West Corridor to share with the CTAC members.

## **VII. 2024-2033 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Javier Heredia, P.E., Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation & Public Works (DTPW) Work Program Manager, introduced the consultant Thomas Rodrigues who presented the 2024-2033 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Progress Report. Here are the following key points:

- Introduction to the TDP
- Civic Engagement
- Performance Assessment
- Implementation Plan
- Ten Year Implementation Plan
- Vision Plan and Beyond
- Financial Plan – Revenues & Expenses
- Financial Plan – Revenue Sources FY 22-23
- Next Steps

After the presentation, Chairperson Ruiz opened the floor to questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Heredia addressed.

## **VIII. CHAIR’S REPORT**

- Transportation Alternatives 2023 Cycle Update: CTAC Coordinator, provided a brief update regarding the Transportation Alternative (TA) Program Results update that consisted of the following key points:
  - TPO Committee Rankings



- TAP Award Letter
- Not Awarded by TAP but identified for funding by TPO
  - Overtown Micromobility Network - \$363,519 FY 2029 Planning
  - UN WalkSafe/BikeSafe - \$975,106 FY 2029 Planning
- Timeline
  - TAP Award Letter
  - TPO Adopts LOPP
  - FDOT Procedures Tentative Work Program
  - TPO Endorses Tentative Work Program
  - FDOT Work Program
- Summary
  - 9 projects applications submitted by local agencies.
  - 6 projects funded by TAP
  - 2 projects identified for funding by TPO
- Members requested a follow-up by TPO staff based on the following:
  - An explanation of “Not awarded by TAP but Identified for Funding by TPO”
  - The Overtown Micromobility Network was the #1 choice. Why wasn't it funded?

Chairperson Ruiz informed CTAC members of the following:

- Reminded new members to register online for the mandatory sunshine/ethics training. Encouraged members that have not taken the training course in over 5 years to consider retaking it to remain up to date with the Sunshine Law. Contact CTAC Coordinator for further details. CTAC Coordinator recommended having a representative attend the CTAC meeting to provide a presentation on the sunshine/ethics training. But after further discussion, the Chair decided not to place it on a future agenda.
- Recommended CTAC members attend the Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST) on a yearly basis to provide an update on CTAC instead of attending monthly. The CTAC Coordinator will contact CTST as to the best date for CTAC's representation. Jasmine Johnson volunteered to attend the September meeting.
- The next CTAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the TPO Governing Board Chambers.

#### **TPO Governing Board update**

- The next TPO Governing Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 20th in the TPO Governing Board Chambers.
- Recap of TPO Board June meeting:
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was adopted
  - List of Priority Projects (LOPP) was adopted
  - Approval to conduct a Scope for Railroad Corridors Assessment for passage rail
- Governor Ron DeSantis has appointed the following three new TPO Governing Board members:



- **Honorable Roberto J. Alonso**, School Board Member, representing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- **Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron** an elected official representing the City of West Miami
- **Rodolfo Pages**, representing an expressway authority, Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX)
- Mayor Roberto Martell was not reappointed by the Governor. Therefore, CTAC member Camilo Martin was removed from committee according to the CTAC Bylaws.
- Reminded members of the Miami-Dade TPO's Industry Forum Breakfast featuring prestigious keynote speakers, being held on July 17, 2023 at InterContinental Miami. Jared Perdue, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), will be the Keynote Speaker.

#### **IX. NEW TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS**

Discussion was raised regarding using the TPO Board Conference room in lieu of the TPO Board Chamber for future CTAC meetings.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***  
 FOR AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING,  
 PLEASE CONTACT THE MIAMI-DADE TPO AT (305) 375-4507.



## **TPO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following correspondence item is included for your information:**

- A. Letter from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requesting the FDOT Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029 be placed on the November 2, 2023, TPO Governing Board meeting agenda
- B. Letter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly certifying that the transportation process of the Miami Transportation Management Area substantially meets the federal requirements. The certification will remain in effect until August 2027
- C. Letter from the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) regarding TPO Governing Board appointments to the GMX Board
- D. Letter to the FHWA transmitting responses to FHWA recommendations pertaining to the federal certification process
- E. Letter to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation in support of the FDOT application for the TPO priority project US/27/State Road (SR) 25/Okeechobee Road improvements, at SR 826/Palmetto Expressway in Miami
- F. Letter from former TPO Governing Board Member Roberto Martell expressing gratitude during his tenure on the Board and highlighting the commitment and collaboration of the TPO Board Members, staff and the support from the community
- G. Letter to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation in support of the Miami-Dade County applications to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Programs
- H. GMX Active Projects August 2023 Report





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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

September 14, 2023

Ms. Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization  
150 W Flagler St, Miami, Suite 1900  
Miami, FL 33130

Re: Florida Department of Transportation's Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029

Dear Ms. Bouclé:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) I am requesting the FDOT Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029 be placed on the November 2, 2023, TPO Governing Board meeting agenda for review, comment and endorsement by the Board.

The Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties public hearing is scheduled on October 10, 2023, in the District Six Auditorium, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172. The public hearing will also be held virtually via GoToWebinar and begin promptly at 6 p.m.

Any interested member of the public will be able to pre-register for the in-person hearing or GoToWebinar Live broadcast and provide their questions or comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Antonette P. Adams at 305-470-5329.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Daniel Iglesias*

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Daniel Iglesias, P.E.

District Director of Transportation Development

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August 31, 2023

Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.  
Miami-Dade TPO  
150 West Flagler Street  
Suite 1900  
Miami, Florida 33130

**Subject: Federal Certification of the Miami Transportation Management Area (TMA)  
Planning Process – Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)**

Dear Mayor Bovo:

Federal law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly review and certify the metropolitan transportation planning process for each Transportation Management Area (TMA) every four years. A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an urbanized area of 200,000 or more in population is referred to, in federal legislation, as a TMA. We recently conducted a review of the Miami TMA.

As a part of the TMA certification review process, FHWA and FTA utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. The certification review process is one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, as well as the degree of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The review of the Miami-Dade TPO's planning process included a site visit conducted by representatives from the FHWA and the FTA on April 13, 2023. During the site visit, time was spent with the MPO staff, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the transit agencies to discuss the status of the MPO's "3-C" planning process. Throughout the site visit, opportunities were afforded to local elected/appointed officials and the general public to provide their insights on the Miami-Dade TPO's planning process. In addition to assessing the MPO's progress in addressing the findings from the previous certification review, the MPO's current and/or future implementation of the metropolitan transportation planning requirements was also considered.



Enclosed for your consideration is the final *TMA Certification Review Report* for the Miami TMA, which includes documentation of the various components of the FHWA/FTA certification review of the Miami-Dade TPO. The report provides an overview of the TMA certification review process, summarizes the various discussions from the recent site visit, provides a series of review findings, and issues the FHWA/FTA certification action. In general, the review determined the existence of a “3-C” metropolitan transportation planning process that satisfies the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303/5305, and associated Federal requirements. The Federal Review Team identified five (5) noteworthy practices, no corrective actions, and offers three (3) recommendations to improve the current planning process of the Miami-Dade TPO.

Based on the overall findings, the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Miami TMA, which is comprised by the Broward MPO, Miami-Dade TPO, and Palm Beach TPA substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **August 2027**.

If you have any questions regarding the certification review process and/or the *TMA Certification Review Report*, please contact Erika Thompson, FHWA by phone at (850) 553-2223 or by email at [erika.thompson@dot.gov](mailto:erika.thompson@dot.gov) or Aries Little, FTA by phone at (404) 865-5622 or by email at [aries.little@dot.gov](mailto:aries.little@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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Division Administrator  
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Yvette G. Taylor, PhD  
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Enclosure:  
TMA Certification Review Report

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Mr. Ken Jeffries, FDOT, District 6  
Mr. Jerry Jackson, FDOT, District 6  
Ms. Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT  
Mr. Mike Neidhart, FDOT  
Mr. Mark E. Reichert, MPOAC



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# Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

## Section I. Overview of the Certification Process

Under provisions of 23 CFR 450.336(b) and 49 CFR 613.100, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA’s transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities. These activities include: 1) a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA’s planning documents (e.g. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); 2) a “site visit” with staff from the TMA’s various transportation planning partners (e.g. the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), local/regional transit service provider, and other participating State/local agencies), including opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the TMA planning process; 3) a Certification Report, which the Federal Review Team prepares, to document the results of the review process; and, 4) a formal presentation of the review findings at a future Miami-Dade TPO Board Policy meeting.

Certification of the planning process is a prerequisite to the approval of Federal funding for transportation projects in metropolitan areas. The certification review also helps ensure that the major issues facing a metropolitan area are being addressed. The review process is individually tailored to focus on topics of significance in each metropolitan planning area. Since 2018, to initiate the TMA certification review process, the Federal Review Team has utilized a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas required additional evaluation during the certification review. **Appendix A** summarizes the risk evaluation, and the report notes in the relevant sections which topic areas were not selected for review due to existing stewardship and oversight practices after considering the risk factors.

The review for the Miami-Dade TPO was held on April 13, 2023. During this site visit, the Federal Review Team met with the staff of the Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT, SFRTA, DTPW committee representatives, other partnering agencies, and the public. See **Appendix B** for a list of review team members and site visit participants, and **Appendix C** for the TMA Certification Meeting Agenda.



The purpose of the public engagement process is to inform the public of the Federal transportation planning requirements and allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the transportation planning process to the Federal Review Team. A public meeting for this certification review was held on April 13, 2023. Public feedback and engagement on the MPO's planning process was also obtained through the Miami-Dade TPO's website, Facebook, and Weekly Newsletter Twitter. For those that could not attend the public meeting or who did not want to speak or post publicly, contact information for the Federal Review Team was provided. Members of the public were given 30 days from the April 13, 2023, to mail, fax or email their comments and/or request a copy of the certification review report. No additional comments were received by FHWA and FTA during the 30-day comment period.

A copy of the public engagement notices can be found in **Appendix D**. Screenshots of public input, minutes from the public meeting, including a listing of commenters and a summary of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

A summary of the 2019 corrective actions and recommendations and their status can be found in **Appendix F**.

An explanation of planning acronyms can be found in **Appendix G**.

## **Section II. Boundaries and Organization (23CFR 450.310, 312, 314)**

### **A. Description of Planning Area**

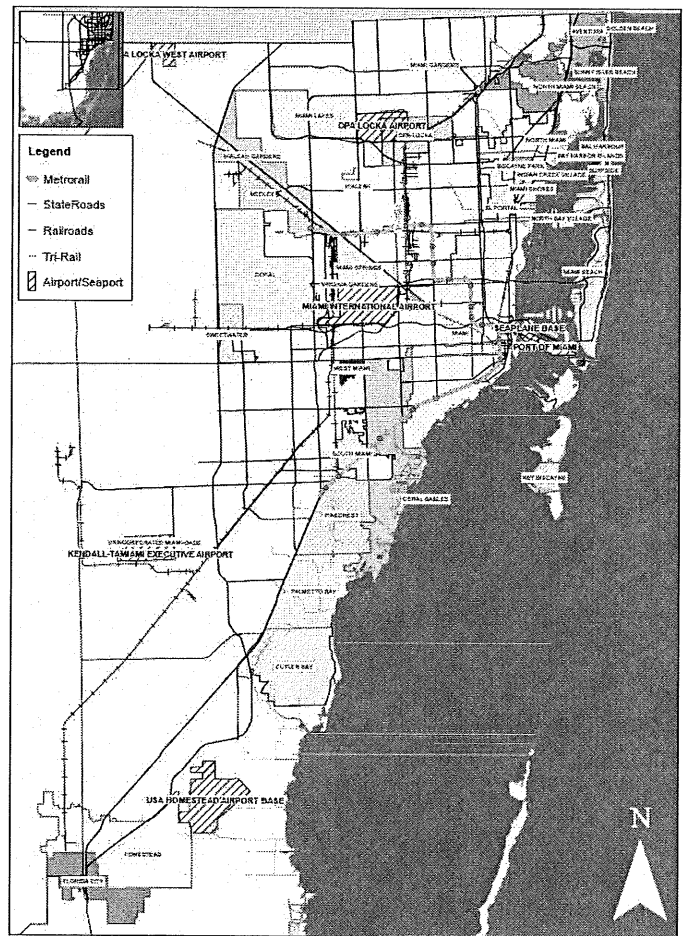
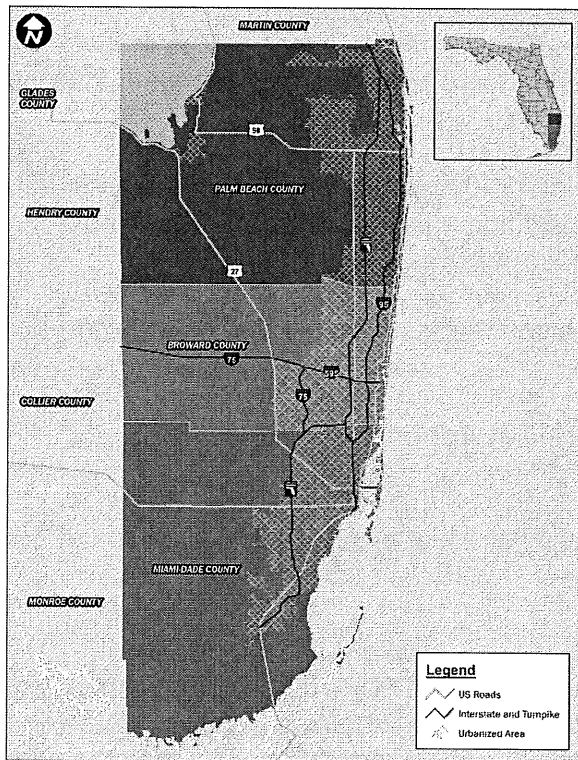
Observations: The Miami Urbanized Area encompasses portions of Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties in the southeastern part of Florida. The planning area boundary includes all of Miami-Dade County's 34 municipalities (19 cities, 6 towns and 9 villages) all of which are within census defined urbanized areas. The Miami-Dade County encompasses more than 2,000 square miles of land, but only 430 square miles of urban development that is situated between two parks: Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park.

Miami-Dade County is the most populous county in the state. In the 2020 census the population in Miami-Dade County was approximately 2.7 million, a population growth of 8.2% from the 2010 census. There are 3.5 million residents forecasted by 2045. The population is primarily minority in composition, with 96.1% Hispanic, 17.3% black and 13.6% non-Hispanic white. Foreign born persons make up 54% of the population.

The 2006 Inter-local Agreement between the Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach MPOs created the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), under Florida Statutes Chapter 339.175, to serve as a formal forum for policy coordination and communication to carry out mutually agreed-upon regional initiatives. The agreement maintains the autonomy of each MPO for decisions that create direct impacts within its geographic area.



The Miami TPO planning boundary is visually depicted in the following maps:



## B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Structure

**Observations:** This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

**Finding:** The MPO's boundaries and organization substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.310 and 312.

## C. Agreements

**Observations:** This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

**Finding:** The MPO's agreements substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.314.



### **Section III. Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 450.306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's transportation performance planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 314, 324, and 326.

### **Section IV. Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306)**

#### **A. Transportation Planning Factors**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's planning process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b).

#### **B. Air Quality**

Finding: The Miami-Dade TPO is currently designated as an attainment area for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

#### **C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities**

Current Document Title: Miami-Dade TPO 2045 Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan

Date Adopted: September 2019

Observations: The bicycle and pedestrian mode is considered throughout the MPO's transportation planning processes. The Miami Dade TPO includes representatives of users of the bicycle and pedestrian users in developing and updating the LRTP, includes bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the LRTP and related improvement projects in the TIP. The 2045 Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan lays out strategies to strengthen bicycle and pedestrian-friendly connections with existing and future transit facilities. This Plan lays out programs and strategies to enhance how people walk and ride bicycles, in many scenarios to get to and from places we live, work, and play.

The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan is a comprehensive plan which advances rapid transit corridors and bus transit corridors. The TPO collaborates with local and regional agencies to implement actions and activities at the cross section of the Bike /Ped Master Plan and the SMART Plan, these include: the SMART Trails, the SMART Plan Economic Mobility & Accessibility Studies, and Transit Hub Studies.

The Miami-Dade TPO has an active Bicycle Pedestrian Action Committee (BPAC) that reports to the TPO Governing Board on bicycle and pedestrian-related issues. The BPAC reviews transportation plans and projects for non-motorized mobility and safety, provides a forum for issues affecting bicyclists and pedestrians, and assists the Miami-



Dade TPO staff in the development of the comprehensive bicycle transport plan. The BPAC also reviews the LRTP and bicycle and pedestrian mobility projects in the TIP.

Finding: The MPO's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306(b), 324(f), and 326.

**Noteworthy Practice:** The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

#### D. Transit

Observations: Transit services are provided by Miami-Dade County and South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA). Table 1 illustrates the operators and the respective transit modes which they operate within the Miami-Dade MPO boundaries.

Agency	NTD Modes	Primary Service Area	Type of Agency	Average Weekday Unlinked Trips (2021 NTD)
County of Miami-Dade dba Transportation & Public Work	Commuter Bus, Demand Response, Heavy Rail, Bus, Monorail/Automated, and Vanpool	Miami-Dade County	County Government	163,225
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority	Commuter Rail and Bus	Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade Counties	Regional Authority	7,414

*Table 1 – National Transit Database in the Miami-Dade TPO Area*

Each agency's coordination with the MPO assists with fostering an effective multimodal approach to the transportation planning process and programs. This includes a multimodal transportation priorities list, as well as complete streets, transit-oriented development, and mobility hub initiatives which seek to improve both transit operations, mobility, and access to transit.

Through the MPO agreements, cooperative development of the planning products, coordination activities, and implementation of transit projects, the County of Miami-Dade and SFRTA are full partners in the MPO's planning process.

Finding: The MPO's transit activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 613.100 as well as the transit supportive elements outlined in 23 CFR 450.



**Recommendations:** The Federal Review Team offers two recommendations regarding Transit. For more details about these recommendations, please see Section XI.

### **E. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's ITS activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 322, and 23 CFR 940.

### **F. Freight Planning**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's freight planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 316, 324, and 326.

### **G. Security Considerations in the Planning Process**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's security planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(f), 324(h), and 326.

### **H. Safety Considerations in the Planning Process**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's safety planning activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.306, 324(h), and 326.

## **Section V. Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)**

Current Document Title: Miami-Dade TPO's Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning Activities

Date Adopted: May 5, 2022

Observations: The Miami-Dade TPO's above noted UPWP covers transportation planning activities/products for two fiscal years and contains sufficient description of the costs and activities the MPO plans to undertake to complete their planning responsibilities.

Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, and Palm Beach TPA worked in close partnership during the development of the regional tasks for the 2023-2024 UPWP. In addition to ensuring consistency in identical budget tables documenting transfer of funds and



outcome initiatives, Miami-Dade TPO agreed to take a leadership role in developing the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. After agreeing to ensuring utilization of identical Federal fund type (PL), a memorandum of understanding was executed between the three parties to finalize and document their coordination and transfers.

Finding: The MPO's UPWP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.308.

## **Section VI. Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316)**

### **A. Outreach and Public Participation**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's outreach and public participation activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316.

**Noteworthy Practice:** The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Outreach and Public Participation. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

### **B. Tribal Coordination**

Observations: The Miami-Dade TPO provides a reasonable opportunity to the Indian Tribes by involving Indian Tribal Government(s) that have tribal lands located within its jurisdiction to participate in transportation planning processes, including the development of the public participation plan, LRTP and the TIP.

Finding: The MPO's tribal coordination activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.316(c).

### **C. Title VI and Related Requirements**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's Title VI and related activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 49 CFR 21, 49 CFR 27, 23 CFR 200, 23 CFR 450.316 and 336(a).

**Noteworthy Practice:** The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Title VI and Related Requirements. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.



## **Section VII. Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's linking planning and NEPA activities substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), and 324(g).

## **Section VIII. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (23 CFR 450.322)**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's congestion management process substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.322.

**Noteworthy Practice:** The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding Congestion Management Process. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

## **Section IX. Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)**

Current Document Title: Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization 2045 LRTP  
Date Adopted: September 26, 2019

### **A. Scope of LRTP**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The general scope of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324.

### **B. Travel Demand Modeling/Data**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's travel demand modeling processes substantially satisfy the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(e).

### **C. Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint**

Observations: Fiscal constraint is demonstrated using tables and narrative. For the adopted LRTP, the FDOT provides an estimate of federal and state revenue available over the life of the plan, as well as an estimate of administrative, operations and



maintenance costs over the life of the plan for the MPO to use. The revenue estimates are included in the plan. The MPO has also developed estimates for local funds. The plan identifies funding revenue sources, project costs and project phases for projects from the effective date of the plan through the plan's horizon year. Year of Expenditure costs are used in the plan. The LRTP is fiscally constrained.

Finding: The financial plan/fiscal constraint of the MPO's LRTP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11).

**Recommendation:** The Federal Review Team offers one recommendation regarding LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint. For more details about this recommendation, please see Section XI.

## **Section X. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)**

Observations: This topic area was not selected for additional review based on the results of the risk assessment process.

Finding: The MPO's TIP substantially satisfies the federal requirements as outlined in 23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, and 334.

**Noteworthy Practice:** The Federal Review Team recognizes one noteworthy practice regarding the TIP. For more details about this noteworthy practice, please see Section XI.

## **Section XI. Findings/Conclusions**

The following items represent a compilation of the findings that are included in this 2023 certification review report. These findings, which are identified as noteworthy practices, corrective actions, and recommendations, are intended to not only ensure continuing regulatory compliance of the Miami-Dade TPO's transportation planning process with federal planning requirements, but to also foster high-quality planning practices and improve the transportation planning program in this TMA. Corrective actions reflect required actions for compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations and must be completed within the timeframes noted. Recommendations reflect national trends or potential risks and are intended to assist the Miami-Dade TPO in improving the planning process. Noteworthy practices highlight efforts that demonstrate innovative ideas or best practices for implementing the planning requirements.

### **A. Noteworthy Practices**

1. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities:** The SMART Street Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) was created to facilitate interagency



coordination, innovation, and accelerated implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements that increase connectivity and enhance safety. The proposed improvements immediately advance low-cost projects which support complete streets concepts and first/last mile connections in Miami-Dade County. Projects range from implementing high emphasis crosswalks to enhance safety at intersections, using green paint to identify conflict points and keyholes along bicycle lanes, to the installation of scramble pedestrian crosswalks. Also, the Miami-Dade TPO has developed an evaluation plan to monitor and measure project success.

**2. Outreach and Public Participation:** The Federal Review Team commends the Miami-Dade TPO for their innovative approaches to engagement with the general public and the transportation industry stakeholders.

- In order to ensure participation in the planning process pre-pandemic, the Miami-Dade County Public Involvement Management Team (PIMT), comprised of all the transportation agencies within Miami-Dade County, collaborated on a regular basis to go out into the community hosting “SMART Transportation Fairs” and interacting with citizens. In lieu of in-person outreach events during the pandemic, the Miami-Dade TPO began hosting a fast-paced, virtual outreach events (VOE) with the PIMT in fall 2020 titled “Taste of Transportation: TPA Lunch Series.” The Taste of Transportation (ToT) series were based on the 2045 LRTP’s Transportation Planning Areas (TPA) and were led by Host Chance, the TPO Master Chef, and the Transportation Chefs from each transportation partner agency where project briefings were shared and citizens provided feedback and asked questions.
- The Miami-Dade TPO has actively participated in sixteen (16) peer exchanges and regularly hosts transportation industry conferences, most recently, the 2022 SMART Trends Transportation Summit and the 2023 TPO Industry Forum. These engagements foster increased dialogue and information exchanges facilitating the continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning process among federal, state, and local stakeholders.

These are examples of how Miami-Dade TPO and transportation agencies throughout Miami-Dade County innovatively works together to provide citizens and stakeholders the opportunity to be actively involved with the transportation planning process.

**3. Title VI and Related Requirements:** The Federal Review Team commends the Miami-Dade TPO for the development and utilization of the Equity Assessment Tool. This tool is a GIS based, user friendly way to display census information which allows the MPO to assess and improve the equity of transportation projects in Miami-Dade County.



4. **Congestion Management Process:** The Miami-Dade Transportation TPO embarked on an effort to understand telecommuting trends and the possibility that telecommuting can be used as a sustained traffic mitigation strategy to “flatten the congestion curve”. The study completed in coordination with FDOT and Florida International University, resulted in several strategies including a Telecommuting Pilot Program being implemented by the South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS) to increase the number of telecommuters in the Southeast Florida region especially in sectors with low telecommuting usage. Along with an outreach campaign, for all industry sectors, this effort highlights the possibility of using telecommuting as another strategy in the MPO’s congestion management toolbox.
5. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The Federal Review Team commends the MPO’s Application Survey for the development of their List of Priority Projects. This survey provides the Miami-Dade TPO with specific information about each project related to project need, location for geographic distribution of projects, agency priorities and planning consistency.

## **B. Corrective Actions**

There were no corrective actions identified.

## **C. Recommendations**

1. **Transit:** As the MPO continues efforts with implementing the three C’s with DTPW and SFRTA to establish transit performance measures in the LRTP through inclusion of the TAM and development of a CMP Strategy Toolbox, the Federal Review Team encourages the MPO to monitor and evaluate the established performance measures using anticipated products identified in Tasks I, II, and/or III of the UPWP.
2. **Transit:** The MPO and transit providers have continued to demonstrate a progressive effort associated with a coordinated interoperability of projects. Although progress has been made, the Federal Review Team recommends the MPO continue coordination to implement this initiative for seamless travel from system to system. While the MPO referenced the PTASP requirements of the transit providers, the Federal Review Team also recommends the MPO coordinate with the transit providers and incorporate the PTASP into the planning process.
3. **LRTP Financial Plan/ Fiscal Constraint:** The current LRTP does a good job of identifying the many different funding sources that are used, as well as those that are available for transportation projects in the Miami-Dade TPO planning area. The LRTP also includes illustrative lists of projects that are currently unfunded. Revenues used for the funded projects are generally reflected by the Table



header for that type of project (e.g., SIS, DPW, etc.) but this does not work well for all project types that could be funded with many of the different revenues available. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO consider, in their next LRTP update that is now underway, a clearer method of identifying the type of funding anticipated for each project, particularly for project categories such as Bicycle/Pedestrian, which could be funded using many of the revenue sources.

#### **D. Training/Technical Assistance**

At the conclusion of the site visit, the Federal Review Team asked the MPO staff if they had any training or technical assistance needs. The Miami-Dade TPO identified technical assistance and/or peer exchange requests for the following topical areas: cool pavement technologies; housing criteria/needs and how to integrate this into the LRTP documents; planning capacity building; and bicycle, pedestrian, and complete streets. FHWA and FTA will work with the MPO to provide resources in these areas.

#### **E. Conclusion**

Based on the overall findings of the certification review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Miami TMA which is comprised in part by the Miami-Dade TPO, substantially meets the federal planning requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until **August 2027**.



## Appendix A. Summary of Risk Assessment

A	B
<b>Florida TMA Certification Review Risk Assessment</b>	
<b>MPO:</b>	<b>Miami-Dade TPO</b>
<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	<b>December 2022</b>
<b>Cert Review Report Date:</b>	<b>August 2023</b>
Topic Area	Selected for additional review?
Organization of MPO/TPO (23 CFR 450.310, 312, 314)	No
Transportation Performance Planning (23 CFR 306(a), 306(d), 314(h), 324(f), 326(c), 326(d))	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transportation Planning Factors	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Air Quality	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Transit	Yes
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Freight Planning	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Security Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Scope of the Planning Process (23 CFR 450.306) - Safety Considerations in the Planning Process	No
Unified Planning Work Program (23 CFR 450.308)	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Outreach and Public Participation	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Tribal Coordination	No
Interested Parties (23 CFR 450.316) - Title VI and Related Requirements	No
Linking Planning and NEPA (23 CFR 450.318, 320, 324(f)(10), 324(g))	No
Congestion Management Process (23 CFR 450.322)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324)	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Travel Demand Modeling/Data	No
Long Range Transportation Plan (23 CFR 450.324) - Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	No
Transportation Improvement Program (23 CFR 450.326, 328, 330, 332, 334)	No
<b>*Note: With the exception of Transit, if all areas are a "No", then the top 3 areas will be reviewed.</b> <b>The additional areas are: Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Activities, UPWP, LRTP Financial Plan / Fiscal Constraint</b>	



## **Appendix B. Site Visit Participants**

### **Miami-Dade MPO**

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Michael Smith

### **Miami-Dade County**

Nathan Kogon



## Appendix C. TMA Certification Site Visit Agenda

### Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

#### TMA Certification Review

April 13, 2023

150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1900

Miami, FL 33130

305-375-4507

#### AGENDA

##### Zoom Meeting Information:

[https://miamidade.zoom.us/join/zoominfo/tZcrdeyrrDktG9QJplH\\_k3tt2TVXmPYU76xs](https://miamidade.zoom.us/join/zoominfo/tZcrdeyrrDktG9QJplH_k3tt2TVXmPYU76xs)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<b>Federal Certification Team Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cathy Kendall, FHWA</li> <li>▪ Carlos A. Gonzalez, FHWA</li> <li>▪ Erika Thompson, FHWA</li> <li>▪ Brittany Lavender, FTA</li> </ul>	
<b>Miami-Dade TPO Leads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aileen Bouclé, AICP, Executive Director</li> </ul>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	I. Welcome/Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roles/Responsibilities/Key Activities of TPO</li> </ul>	Federal Team, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	II. Site Visit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Purpose of the Certification Process</li> <li>▪ Discussion of Risk Assessment</li> <li>▪ Review Schedule and Close-out Process</li> </ul>	Federal Team
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	III. Discussion of Previous Review Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal TMA Certification</li> <li>▪ State/TPO Annual Joint Certification</li> </ul>	Federal Team, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	IV. TPO Overview including changes within TPO since last TMA Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Demographics</li> <li>▪ Boundaries</li> <li>▪ Political</li> <li>▪ Process Changes</li> </ul>	Miami-Dade TPO
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	

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Time	Item	Lead
10:30 a.m.	V. Share Noteworthy Activities/Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taste of Transportation Virtual Outreach Events</li> <li>▪ SMART Demonstration Program</li> <li>▪ Land Use Scenario and Visioning Planning</li> <li>▪ SMART Street Transportation Enhancements Program (STEP)</li> <li>▪ List of Project Priorities Application Survey</li> <li>▪ Equitable Transportation Assessment Tool</li> <li>▪ Industry Forums &amp; Peer Exchanges</li> <li>▪ SERPM 9 Development</li> <li>▪ STOPS – Interim Calibration and On-Board Survey</li> </ul>	Miami-Dade TPO
11:15 a.m.	VI. Technical Topic: UPWP	Federal Team, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	VII. Technical Topic: Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities	Federal Team, DTPW, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
1:45 p.m.	VIII. Technical Topic: Transit	Federal Team, DTPW, SFRTA, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	IX. Technical Topic: LRTP Financial Plan/Fiscal Constraint	Federal Team, DTPW, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
3:30 p.m.	X. Technical Assistance & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Future Needs</li> <li>▪ Additional Questions</li> </ul>	Federal Team, Miami-Dade TPO, FDOT
3:45 p.m.	XI. Federal Team Convenes	Internal Federal Team Discussion
4:45 p.m.	XII. Preliminary Findings Discussion with TPO Staff	All
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn Site Visit	
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Public Meeting</b> TPO Governing Board Chambers 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1924 Miami, Florida 33130	

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## Appendix D. Public Engagement Notice

Weekly Newsletter and Website – April 13, 2023



### **The Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations Conduct Public Review of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization**

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a review of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) transportation planning process as required by law. The Federal Team will conduct this evaluation at the Miami-Dade TPO, 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1900, Miami, Florida 33130 on Wednesday, April 13, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The primary purpose of the certification review is to evaluate the TPO's compliance with Federal regulations.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

A Public Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the TPO Governing Board Chambers, 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1924, Miami, Florida 33130 to provide the general public an opportunity to provide comments about the TPO's transportation planning process, allow the Federal Team to obtain a better understanding of the community's issues, and inform the public about the Federal transportation planning requirements. A Zoom Webinar option is available by registering in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/2023FedCertPublicMeeting>. All interested parties are invited to attend.

For further information contact: Elizabeth Rockwell, TPO Chief Communications Officer, Miami-Dade TPO, 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1900, Miami, Florida 33130; phone: (305) 375-1881; or email: [Elizabeth.Rockwell@mdtpo.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Rockwell@mdtpo.org).

If you would like to provide comments, please submit them no later than May 13, 2023 by:

Mail: Federal Highway Administration  
Attn: Carlos Gonzalez  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, FL 32312  
Phone: (850) 553-2221  
Email: [carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov](mailto:carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov)  
Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ldiv/tma.cfm>

*It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The facility is accessible. For sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in accessible format, please call 305-375-1881 at least five business days in advance.*





Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are assessing the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) as part of the Miami Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review. TMA Certification Reviews are required to be conducted every four years by federal law.

### **Site Review**

**April 13, 2023**

**8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization  
150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1900  
Miami, Florida 33130

Public comments are a vital element of the TMA Certification Review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process.

### **Public Meeting**

**April 13, 2023**

**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

TPO Governing Board Chambers  
150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1924  
Miami, Florida 33130

A Zoom Webinar option for the public meeting is also available by registering in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/2023FedCertPublicMeeting>. All interested parties are invited to attend.




Comments can be submitted during the site visit, at the public meeting, through the FHWA Florida Division website at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm), or by email to FHWA's Carlos Gonzalez at [carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov](mailto:carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov). Comments received by May 13, 2023, will be considered in the writing of the final report.




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# WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER


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
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Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

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You can still provide comments as part of the Miami-Dade TPO Federal Certification Process until May 13th through the FHWA FL Division website at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/tma.cfm) or email FHWA's Carlos A. Gonzalez at [carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov](mailto:carlos.a.gonzalez@dot.gov). #miamidadetpo

Cc: Federal Highway Administration  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

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Comments received until May 13, 2023 will be considered in the writing of the final report





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## **Appendix E. Summary of Public Feedback**

FHWA and FTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed comments for the Miami-Dade TPO Certification Review. Public comments are a vital element of the certification review, as they allow citizens to provide direct input on the transportation planning process for their transportation planning area. Several public officials and members of the public praised the Miami-Dade TPO staff for their professional and competent work. Others asserted the TPO's ability to lead, cooperate, and coordinate effectively throughout the region with scores of local, regional, and state partners. No additional comments were received during the 30-day public comment period following the site visit. We have reviewed all comments and have taken them into consideration throughout the writing of this report. The public meeting minutes and the public comments received begin below.

### In-Person

Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)

Karla Damian (on behalf of Javier Betancourt), Transportation Trust

Stanley Rigaud, Beacon Council

Dat Huynh, FDOT

Michael Bello, Port Miami

Jennifer Lu (FIU)

Jose Ramos, Fly Miami

Darlene Fernandez, (for) Miami Expressway Authority

Jeremy Mullings, South Florida Commuter Services

Michael Smith, Citizen

### Virtual

Juan Toledo, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)

Barbara Handrahan, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/ Tri-Rail

Alton Sears, Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department

Brenda Dome, Florida International University (FIU) Parking & Sustainability Division

Christina Crespi, Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Juan Toledo, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)

Isabel Cosio Carballo, S. Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)

Christina Miskis, S. Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)

James Murley, Miami-Dade County Dep. of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)



Matthey Monica, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Patrice Gillespie Smith, The Underline

Ralph Casals, Town of Cutler Bay

#### Comments received during the Certification Review

**Alton Sears**, Miami-Dade County Comm Action and Human Services Dep. (CAHSD)

Alton Sears commends the TPO, its staff, and federal partners and values relationship and information conveyance on the SMART Plan and all plans. The TPO adds significant value during public engagement and appreciates the staff distributing and explaining information.

**Stanley Rigaud**, Beacon Council

Mr. Rigaud said the TPO provides support on issues such as turning radii for trucks, access to ports, and seaports. Director Boucle's leadership is so critical, he wrote.

**Barbara Handrahan**, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/ Tri-Rail)

Ms. Handrahan expressed appreciation for partnerships. She is a strong supporter of local and regional transit. She is grateful because the TPO is committed to a collaborative approach for regional transit in a fast-growing area.

**Brenda Dome**, Florida International University (FIU) Parking & Sustainability Division

Students are seeking alternate modes for addressing campus transportation. FIU is working with the TPO to successfully provide 1<sup>st</sup> mile/last mile opportunities. She would like to expand bike lanes at campus and bridge gaps and look sforward to continue collaboration with the TPO.

**Christina Crespi**, Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The TPO is an essential partner to create mobility solutions and make the downtown thrive, according to Ms. Crespi. The DDA and the TPO have worked together and she appreciates Ms. Boucle and the Board for their help.

**Patrice Gillespie Smith**, The Underline

I am grateful for Miami-Dade TPO leadership, she said. The TPO demonstrates passion for multi-modal endeavors and TPO initiatives, for example: SMART Trails study, partnering, and collaborating on bicycle studies and projects.

**Ralph Casals**, Town of Cutler Bay

Mr. Casals thanks the TPO and staff. He points out the TPO's amount of outreach and communication. The TPO staff are Boots on the Ground for Cutler Bay. On-demand services is a free service and they have over 5400 residents that use it monthly. The



Town of Cutler Bay fortunate funding through these master plans for these Complete Streets projects. From a municipal standpoint, the TPO is a great partner.

**Matthey Monica**, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to the TPO for being a great partner and advocate. Thanks to Aileen and TPO Staff for helping select priorities.

**Jennifer Fu**, Florida International University

On behalf of GIS FL University –Thank you for Elizabeth’s contributions. Having worked with her and the TPO for 18 years has been a pleasure. The TPO has led many initiatives, including developing the decision-making tools latest ETAP – for equity for transportation planning.

**Michael Bello**, Port Miami

Planning manager port Miami on behalf of Heidi Webb. The TPO is a great partner in seaport growth and brings Port Miami together with the county that optimizes the County’s plans. The LRTP and TIP take into account innovative research. Port industry forums support collaboration with federal and state grant applications. The TPO has exceptional leadership.

**James Murley**, Miami-Dade County Dept. of Regulatory & Economic Resources (RER)

Mr. Murley applauds the coordination the Miami-Dade TPO provides. Specifically, the document that connects major ports for resilience and gave the document to County commissioners. The TPO shows initiative and showcases innovations such as cool pavements. Next plan focuses on resilience and climate issues. Great professionalism!

**Jose A. Ramos**, Fly Miami

aviation Land Use planning and grants on behalf of Ralph Guttiet work with MPO and as part of the aviation council, oversee the DOT and FAA grants -good relationship with the TPO –on development of the TIP -Rosenburg, Urban air mobility study advance air mobility is new technology. Want to protect our legacy airport and working on a master plan for the airport -proper land uses.

**Jeremy Mullings**, South Florida Commuter Services

The TPO helps his team do well and get the cars off the road and helps make other options more attractive and make them aware of those options. Every aspect of outreach has been productive. Working with them is seamless. Marketing transit and planning is productive, accessible, seamless with how the TPO works together making transit, micro mobility more attractive with the public



**Karla Damian**, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

Ms. Damian said the TPO is an excellent partner and provides many opportunities to be involved in planning activities, such as the LRTP and SMART demonstration project.

**Gus Cabrera**, Latin Builders Association

Mr. Cabrera thanked the TPO for their guidance and leadership. Their staff is knowledgeable and professional. He wanted to recognize them and continue to partner with and be learn from them.

**Darlene Fernandez**, Miami Expressway Authority

Mr. Fernandez supports efforts for SMART Plan to promote EW corridor and express bus service. She looks forward to working to provide transit on express busway system.

**Isabel Cosio Carballo**, South Florida Regional Planning Council

The TPO is crucial to regional coordination. Ms. Cosio Carballo appreciates Aileen and her excellent staff. Worked on COVID travel study and modal split study on SMART plan corridors. Excellent coordination at regional level and with counties to the North and South.

**Michael Smith**, Citizen

See below and the next three pages.

As a long-time member of a  
Non-profit group in favor ~~to~~ to  
Fund expansion of passenger  
train to rail-transit travel,  
I am disheartened with  
actions of local government  
here in Southeast Florida.



In the recent past a parksite MELREESE, has been turned over to developers with the intent to build a stadium and shopping complex with little thought that the property borders overly-congested Lejeune Road (SR 953), a main artery for MIA - Miami International Airport.

Further, the project ignores EXISTING RAIL TRACKS from the airport south and southwestward toward the Homestead-Florida City ~~AND~~ ~~AND~~ West Kendall areas which in turn reduces both transport options and economic opportunities for those communities.

TRAVEL options to Miami job centers from southwest communities are now limited to:

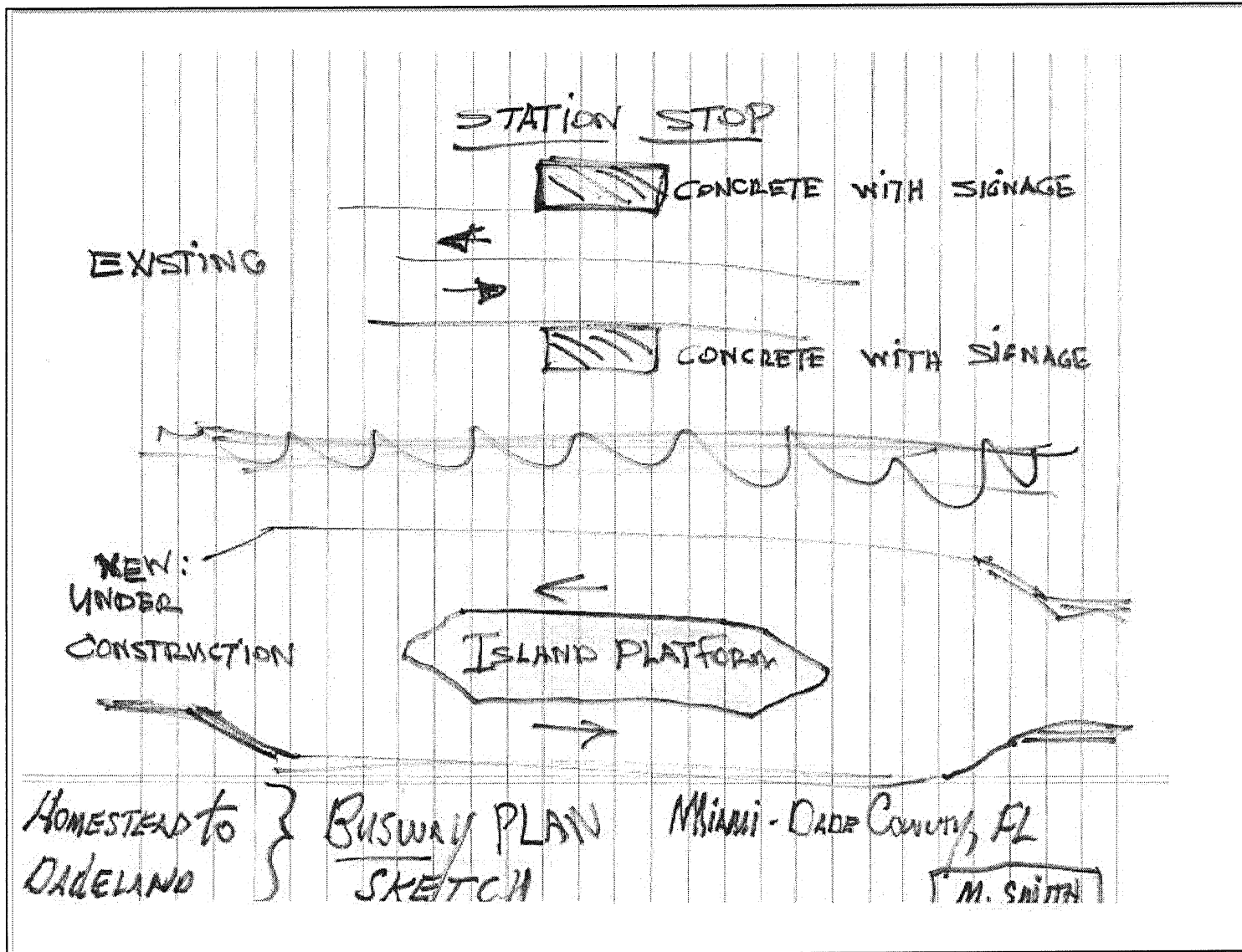
- A tollway, HEFT - FLA. Turnpike
- Highly-congested US-1.
- A busway along US-1, which requires multiple transfers to access.

Note: AGI - Annual Gross Income for residents of SN Miami-Dade County is 11-14% less than others in the county.

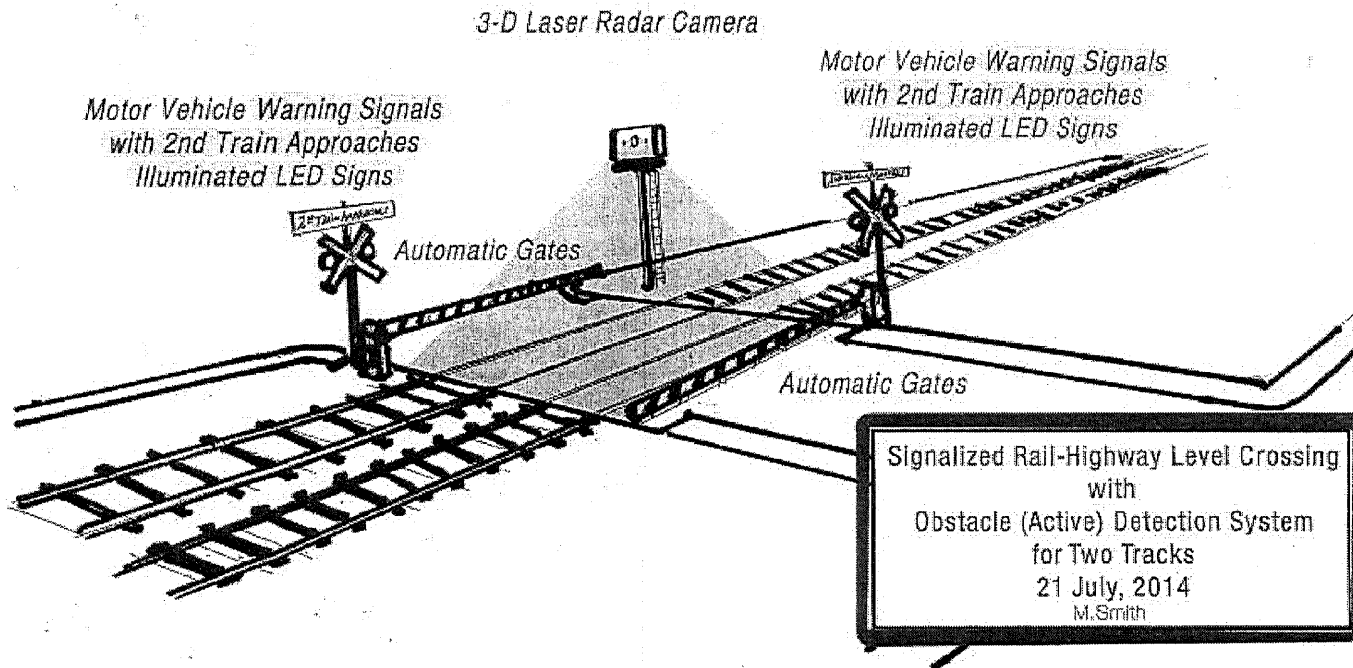
Other areas of this nation and world provide a passenger train option as part of a regional transport plan; such a plan is not an option for many residents here in Florida, 3rd largest state by population.

While financial instruments (bonds) for highways & tollways enjoy tax break, who will initiate a financial program which favors rail?









NOTE: ABOVE-MENTIONED TECHNOLOGY MAY BE OF USE TO PREVENT (DETECT) PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES AT DRAW BRIDGE OPENINGS IN SOUTH FLORIDA



## Appendix F. Status of Previous Certification Findings

The following is a summary of the previous corrective actions and recommendations made by the Federal Review Team to the Miami-Dade TPO. The MPO's last certification review report was published in 2019.

### A. Corrective Actions

There were no corrective actions identified

### B. Recommendations

1. **Transit Interoperability:** The MPO and transit providers are commended for their efforts associated with a coordinated interoperability of projects. While it appears that significant progress has been made, the federal review team encourages all agencies involved, including the MPOs, continue to coordinate the implementation of this initiative.

**Update:** Since the last certification review, significant advancements have been made in Miami-Dade County for transit interoperability payment systems, including touchless, and direct from app options. Additionally, payment from the Miami-Dade Transit app interfaces with other service providers, including rideshare service providers.

2. **Title VI and Related Requirements:** FHWA identified outdated and incorrect language in some of the County documents ancillary to the contract. FHWA and FDOT met with Miami-Dade County to provide training and technical assistance to eliminate or update outdated language in the procurement material for FHWA funds. On August 29, 2019, FDOT approved Miami-Dade County's new RFP template that will be used for all transportation and public works contracts. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO request a quality control review of all MPO contracting documents from the Miami-Dade County Transportation and Public Works, Director of Civil Rights and Labor Relations prior to issuing RFPs.

**Update:** In 2021-2022, the TPO procured a new General Planning Consultant pool (GPCVIII) and all new title VI and related requirements were reviewed and approved. TPO staff worked closely with the County Internal Services Department and procurement teams to ensure all documentation was current and extensive quality control occurred.



## Appendix G. Acronym List

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act	NTI – National Transit Institute
AQ – Air Quality	PEA – Planning Emphasis Area
CAAA – Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	PL – Metropolitan Planning Funds
CFP – Cost Feasible Plan (of the LRTP)	PPP – Public Participation Plan
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	RA – Regional Administrator
CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	RTIP – Regional Transportation Implementation Plan
CMP – Congestion Management Process	RTP – Regional Transportation Plan
DA – Division Administrator	SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DBE – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	RPC – Regional Planning Commission
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services	SFY – State Fiscal Year
EJ – Environmental Justice	SHA – State Highway Administration
ETDM – Efficient Transportation Decision Making	SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	SIP – State Implementation Plan
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation	SOV – Single Occupancy Vehicle
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	SPR – State Planning and Research
FTA – Federal Transit Administration	STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
FY – Federal Fiscal Year	STP – Surface Transportation Program
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	TAM – Transit Asset Management
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program	TAMP – Transportation Asset Management Plan
HPMS Reviews – Highway Performance Monitoring System	TAZ – Transportation Analysis Zone
ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	TCM – Transportation Control Measure
ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems	TDM – Transportation Demand Management
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	TDP – Transit Development Plan
LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan	TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
M&O – Management and Operations	TIP – Transportation Improvement Program
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Title VI – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	TMA – Transportation Management Area
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	TMIP – Travel Model Improvement Program
MPA – Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary	TPA – Transportation Planning Agency
MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization	TPCB – Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
MPOAC – Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council	TPM – Transportation Performance Management
NAAQS-National Ambient Air Quality Standards	TPO – Transportation Planning Organization
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	UAB – Urban Area Boundary
NHI – National Highway Institute	UPWP – Unified Planning Work Plan
NHS – National Highway System	U.S.C. – United States Code
	UZA – Urbanized Areas
	VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled





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**Via Electronic Mail**

The Honorable Esteban Bovo, Jr., Chairman  
Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board  
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Re: GMX Governing Board Appointments

Dear Chairman Bovo,

As you may be aware, during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature clarified the legal status, ownership, and control of the roads that constitute the expressway system in Miami-Dade County and portions of northeast Monroe County. (348.03031(1), Fla. Stat). Furthermore, the Legislature clarified the authority of the Greater Miami Expressway (GMX) Agency and dissolved the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. (Chapter 2019-169, Laws of Florida; 348.03031(4), Fla. Stat., and 2019-169, Laws of Florida).

In July, the GMX Governing Board ratified my appointment as head of this new agency. On behalf of our Board, we look forward to working with you ensuring the safety of our expressways in South Florida.

GMX looks forward to your support as you begin the process of appointing two members to the GMX Governing Board as provided by law. We want to thank the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board for this expeditious action to allow GMX to proceed with our transition in a more effective manner.

I am working closely with our employees and management team to ensure continuity of operations and overall financial resilience. I look forward to providing a comprehensive update in the future to the Board. Going forward, feel free to contact me via email at [talston@gmx-way.com](mailto:talston@gmx-way.com) or my work cell at (305)793-3059.

Sincerely,

Torey Alston  
Interim Executive Director

Cc: Miami Dade TPO Governing Board  
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SUBJECT: Miami-Dade TPO Draft TMA Certification Report

Dear Ms. Thompson:

The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has completed the review of the Draft 2023 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Report and provide the attached minor comments. Also, we are transmitting our responses to the following FHWA recommendations:

1. **Transit:** As the MPO continues efforts with implementing the three C's with DTPW and SFRTA to establish transit performance measures in the LRTP through inclusion of the TAM and development of a CMP Strategy Toolbox, the Federal Review Team encourages the MPO to monitor and evaluate the established performance measures using anticipated products identified in Tasks I, II, and/or III of the UPWP.

**Response: Miami-Dade TPO is including Performance Measure Monitoring and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan that address and will monitor the transit measures, including TAM. TPO will also include a CMP strategy toolbox in the 2050 LRTP.**

2. **Transit:** The MPO and transit providers have continued to demonstrate a progressive effort associated with a coordinated interoperability of projects. Although progress has been made, the Federal Review Team recommends the MPO continue coordination to implement this initiative for seamless travel from system to system. While the MPO referenced the PTASP requirements of the transit providers, the Federal Review Team also recommends the MPO coordinate with the transit providers and incorporate the PTASP into the planning process.

**Response: Miami-Dade TPO intends to continue forward progress on this goal and is including future-ready initiatives for interoperability and innovation in the 2050 LRTP. The PTASP is currently included in the TIP annually, and the TPO will coordinate closely with Miami-Dade DTPW for PTASP in the 2050 LRTP, DTPW TDP and associated plans.**



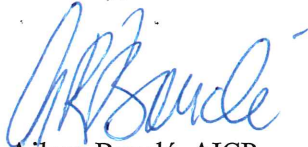
3. **LRTP Financial Plan/ Fiscal Constraint:** The current LRTP does a good job of identifying the many different funding sources that are used, as well as those that are available for transportation projects in the Miami-Dade TPO planning area. The LRTP also includes illustrative lists of projects that are currently unfunded. Revenues used for the funded projects are generally reflected by the Table header for that type of project (e.g., SIS, DPW, etc.,) but this does not work well for all project types that could be funded with many of the different revenues available. The Federal Review Team recommends that the MPO consider, in their next LRTP update that is now underway, a clearer method of identifying the type of funding anticipated for each project, particularly for project categories such as Bicycle/Pedestrian, which could be funded using many of the revenue sources.

**Response: Miami-Dade TPO will ensure the eligibility of alternatives available as funding sources are clearly listed in both the cost feasible plan and as options to advance projects in the unfunded and illustrative sections of the 2050 LRTP.**

In addition, during this reporting period, the Miami-Dade TPO would like to highlight a Best Practice for conducting periodic Transportation Industry conferences, as well as sixteen (16) Peer Exchanges, to facilitate a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. These efforts, including the 2022 SMART Trends Transportation Summit, and the 2023 TPO Industry Forum, provided information exchange and dialogue between federal, state, and local transportation partners, fostering increased interagency cooperation and support to pursue federal and state funding for Miami-Dade County priority projects. As a result, Miami-Dade TPO adopted its highest level of funding for the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-4507.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
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**Subject:** Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity (Fiscal Year 2024 Cycle)  
Florida Department of Transportation Grant Application:  
US 27/State Road 25/Okeechobee Road Interchange with SR 826/Palmetto Expressway (FM# 423251-3-52-01) and Adjacent US 27 Improvements - NW 79<sup>th</sup> Ave. to NW 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. (FM# 423251-3-52-01) Miami, Florida

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), I am pleased to submit this letter providing our support of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity (Fiscal Year 2024 Cycle) for the TPO priority project US 27/State Road 25/Okeechobee Road Improvements, at SR 826/Palmetto Expressway in Miami, Florida. FDOT is submitting this application to support funding for improvement of this interchange and adjacent surface street segment to address chronic traffic congestion that affects not only general traffic movements, but significant heavy truck traffic in the freight-oriented warehousing district surrounding the interchange.

Two segments of SR 826 adjacent to the US 27 interchange have been identified in the top ten freight bottlenecks in the state of Florida. This recurring congestion triggered FDOT's initiative to address these congestion points as well as the general congestion along US 27 west to the Florida Turnpike interchange by devising an improvement program for the 10-mile US 27 corridor in northwest Miami-Dade County experiencing chronic delays – the corridor improvement strategy is anchored by the US 27/SR 826 interchange proposed for this grant application. The subject project will have a significant positive impact on traffic operations in and near the interchange, providing traffic level of service D through the year 2045, a remarkable improvement. Because the interchange lies within the heart of Miami-Dade County's freight and logistics district, the proposed improvements will broadly benefit freight, commuter and general traffic for decades to come.

Both US 27 and SR 826 are designated on the National Highway System, the National Highway Freight Network, and the Florida Strategic Intermodal System. The two candidate US 27 projects are aligned with the current [FDOT Strategic Intermodal System \(SIS\) Plan](#) and the [FDOT Freight Mobility and Trade Plan](#), the adopted [Miami-Dade Transportation Planning](#)



[Organization \(TPO\) 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan](#) under Priority 1 (2020-2025), the current FDOT State, District 6, and TPO 5-Year Transportation Work Programs. In addition, the interchange and other improvements on SR 826 and US 27 were identified as priority projects in the [Southeast Florida Regional Freight Plan \(2014 Update\)](#) and the [Miami-Dade County Freight Plan Update \(2018\)](#). Clearly, the proposed project will positively impact traffic operations and safety and benefit the efficiency and reliability of freight and overall traffic movements.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-4507.

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Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair, and Board Members,

It was an honor to have been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), formerly known as the MPO, in 2016 and humbled to have served alongside such a wonderful team.

Throughout my seven-year tenure with the TPO, I have witnessed the transformation of the county's transportation infrastructure. The board's collaborative efforts and strategic decision-making have been instrumental in shaping the County's transportation landscape for the better.

I am grateful to have been part of crucial decisions that have left a lasting impact on transportation throughout the county. From advocating for the expansion of public transit systems to championing the improvement of road networks, the focus has always been on enhancing accessibility and mobility for residents and visitors alike.

The board's initiatives have not only led to tangible improvements in transportation but also contributed to fostering better connectivity within the community. By carefully considering the needs of different neighborhoods and demographics, the TPO has strived to create a transportation network that serves everyone efficiently and equitably.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment and collaboration of the TPO board members, staff, and the support from the community. Together, we have embraced challenges, sought innovative solutions, and celebrated our successes.

Very Truly Yours,

A blue ink signature of Roberto Martell, written in a cursive style, is placed over the typed name and title.

Roberto Martell  
Mayor, Town of Medley





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**SUBJECT: U.S. Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure  
Grant Program – Miami-Dade County Application**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

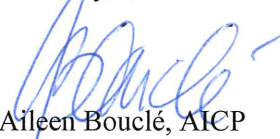
I am writing to express my strong support for the Miami-Dade County applications to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Programs. Florida is second in the Country for electric vehicle sales and Miami-Dade County has the highest rate of electric vehicle adoption in the State. Miami-Dade County is poised for rapid acceleration in electric vehicle adoption in the coming years but lacks the necessary community and corridor charging infrastructure to support it.

Miami-Dade County is requesting funding from the CFI Grant Program to expand community and corridor charging, particularly in disadvantaged communities, and to support electric shared mobility. Countywide deployment of electric car charging stations is currently listed as an unfunded priority in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will work with Miami-Dade County to incorporate the proposed projects into the 2050 LRTP which is anticipated for adoption by the TPO Governing Board in summer 2024. This will allow for inclusion in the local Transportation Improvement Program and State Transportation Improvement Program.

I strongly urge favorable consideration of Miami-Dade County's applications and the immense benefits an award would bring to the South Florida Region.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-4507.

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## Transportation Improvement Program

### GMX Active Projects

### August 2023 TPO Report

GMX Project No: 40045 Project Name: Wrong Way Safety Program	
Project Description:	This project consists of the Installation of Wrong Way Detection Systems and associated Signing and Pavement Markings on 26 exit ramps along the GMX system on SR 112, SR 836, SR 874, SR 878, and SR 924.
Project Status:	Estimated work completed as of July 31, 2023 – 87.50% with 91.51% of allowable contract time elapsed. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 was submitted, extending the Contract time through September 4, 2023, due to delays from AT&T to connect all sites.
Project Progress Summary:	The Contractor completed the installation of all site components, including solar panels, cabinets, cameras, and roadway striping. All field acceptance tests and punch list items have been completed.
GMX Project No: 83634 Project Name: SR 836 New Heft Ramp Connections	
Project Description:	This project consists of new connections from SR 836 to the Florida's Turnpike (HEFT). The project introduces four (4) new ramps providing drivers with direct expressway access and improved connectivity. The new movements include two (2) ramps connecting the eastbound and westbound Dolphin Expressway Extension to the Dolphin Park and Ride Transit Terminal Facility, one (1) ramp connecting southbound Florida's Turnpike to the SR 836 westbound, and one (1) ramp connecting the eastbound SR836 Extension to northbound HEFT. In addition, the project includes preliminary work for a future connection between NW 118 <sup>th</sup> place and the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Transit Facility.
Project Status:	Estimated work completed as of July 31, 2023 – 60.4% with 62% of allowable contract time elapsed.
Project Progress Summary:	Halley Engineering Contractors, Inc (HEC) continues with drainage, bridge structures and embankment work for the on and off ramps from the HEFT to SR836, and the ramps from the Dolphin Park and Ride Transit Terminal to SR836. HEC continues with excavation of the drainage retention pond in the southwest quadrant of the project. Embankment operations as well as drainage installation continues for the ramp from eastbound SR836 to the Dolphin Park and Ride facility, as well as the partial backfill of the pond. HEC is working on the installation of MSE wall panels and end bents adjacent to the second bridge which connects the HEFT southbound ramp to westbound SR836. HEC continues preparation for the construction of the concrete bridge railing for the bridge over Telemundo Way. HEC continues with construction of the shoulder barrier wall, excavation, and grading of the roadway template as well as the installation of light pole bases and conduit for the ramp connecting eastbound SR836 to HEFT northbound general-purpose lanes. Contract completion is scheduled for April 2024.



**GMX Project No: 83611 Project Name: SR 836 / I-95 Interchange Improvements**

Project Description:	The project begins on SR 836 at NW 17th Avenue and continues through the Midtown Interchange (I-95/State Road 836/I-395) along I-395 to the MacArthur Causeway Bridge for approximately 3 miles in the east-west direction. I-395 is an Interstate Principal Arterial and a major east-west connector for the beaches and Port; SR 836 is a Principal Urban Arterial that is also a major east-west connection to the Midtown Interchange. The project limits also include I-95 from NW 8th Street to NW 29th Street. SR 9A/I-95 is an Urban Interstate Principal Arterial and major north-south connector to downtown Miami.
Project Status:	Estimated work completed as of July 31, 2023 – 68% with 84.51% of allowable contract time elapsed.
Project Progress Summary:	<p>This summary only describes activities related to the double deck bridge and areas along SR-836 within the GMX system. One Hundred Percent (100%) of the concrete pier caps have been casted. CJV is working on the construction of the drill shafts for the double decker piers located on the Miami River. Formwork and reinforcing steel are ongoing for the pier caps east of the Miami River. The widening work of existing bridges and roadways on the SR-836 eastbound and westbound directions continue between NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street and I-95 and the southbound I-95 ramp.</p> <p>Work continues on the east and west connector bridges from I-395 to SR-836. The CJV is currently constructing the temporary bypasses around the signature bridge foundations to connect I-395 and SR836 in order to mitigate the delays of the FDOT signature bridge. The anticipated operational date for the westbound bypass has been rescheduled for November 2023. The Eastbound bypass is scheduled to open in January 2024. Continued coordination with the State court system for work around the jury parking lot as pier columns are being placed around the area. Project coordination continues with the City of Miami for right-of-way acquisition, lane closures, and permits.</p> <p>Public Information Officer continues to work with all stakeholders within the project limits. Extensive coordination continues for the relocation of the homeless and operations affecting stakeholders around the Health District. Anticipated completion is scheduled for October 2027.</p>