

TPO RESOLUTION #23-17

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT (BERT) NETWORK CORRIDOR IDENTIFIED AS FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE EXPRESS (NORTH) AND URGING FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BERT NETWORK

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

WHEREAS, under Resolution #06-16, the TPO Governing Board established a policy to set as highest priority the advancement of rapid transit corridor projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution #26-16, the TPO Governing Board endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which includes six (6) rapid transit corridors and a network of bus express rapid transit (BERT) corridors throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the current SMART Plan limits for the BERT Florida's Turnpike Express network extends from SW 344 Street Transitway Station to the Dolphin Station (NW 12 Street); and

WHEREAS, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is in the process of widening the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike (HEFT) to create managed lanes; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion in the northwest quadrant of Miami-Dade County has rapidly risen and will continue to increase as significant commercial, industrial, and residential projects are under various stages of development; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the BERT Florida's Turnpike Express network to the northwestern portions of Miami-Dade County at or near Interstate 75 and NW 186 Street (Miami Gardens Drive) coupled with the HEFT managed lane concept will provide transit connectivity and enhanced mobility options for motorists traveling in the northwest quadrant of the 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 amends the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan to extend the limits of the bus express rapid transit (BERT) network corridor identified as the Florida's Turnpike Express (North), in substantially the form attached, and urges Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to support funding for the operation and maintenance of the BERT network.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. - Aye
Vice Chairman Francis Suarez-Aye

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	- Aye	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	- Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	- Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	- Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	- Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	- Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	- Absent	Board Member Jean Monestime	- Absent
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman	- Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	- Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	- Absent	Board Member Jeff Porter	- Aye

Board Member Sally A. Heyman	- Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	- Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	- Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	- Aye
Board Member Smith Joseph	- Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	- Aye
Board Member Philip Levine	- Absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 22nd day of June, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO



Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan

