

TPO RESOLUTION #26-19

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), TO CONNECT TO THE NORTH CORRIDOR, AND URGING FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE TO ASSUME FULL FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS BERT CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area, now known as the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), requires that the TPO 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 North Corridor is one of the six SMART Plan rapid corridors, which limits are from NW 79th Street to NW 215th Street, along NW 27th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, under TPO Resolution #23-17, the current SMART Plan limits for the BERT Florida's Turnpike Express network extends from SW 344 Street Transitway Station to the Florida's Turnpike Express I-75 Park and Ride; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is in the process of widening the Homestead Extension of the Florida's 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 to connect to the North Corridor, 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), to connect to the North Corridor, in substantially the form attached, and urges Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to assume full funding for the operation and maintenance of this BERT corridor.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Barbara J. Jordan and moved by Board Member Joe A. Martinez. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Smith Joseph	-Absent
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye	Board Member Vince Lago	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Aye
Board Member Shelley Smith Fano	-Absent	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Absent
Board Member Dan Gelber	-Absent	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Stephen R. Shelley	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Absent
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Aye

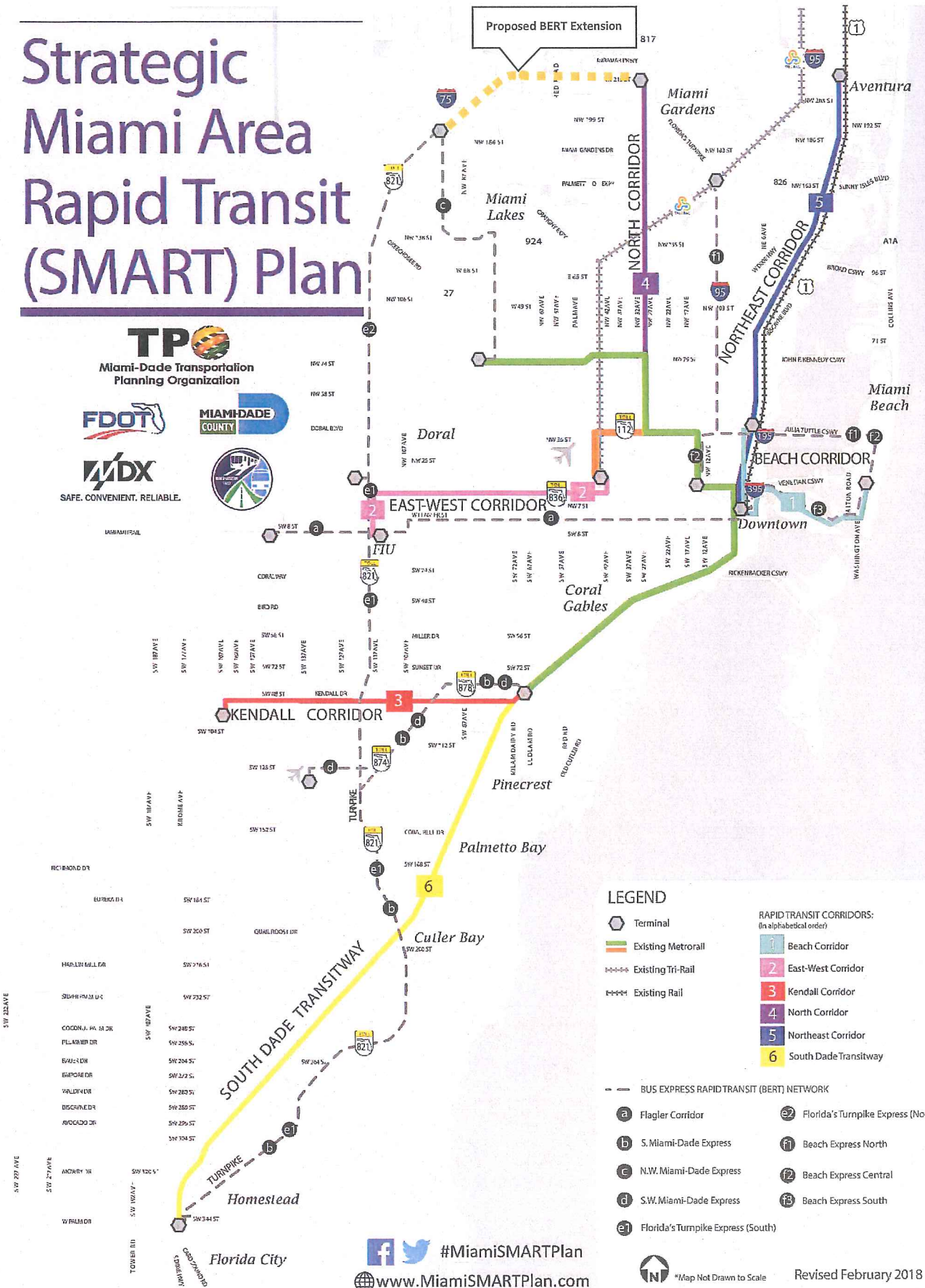
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 21st day of March, 2019.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan



LEGEND

- Terminal
 - Existing Metrorail
 - Existing Tri-Rail
 - Existing Rail
 - BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT (BERT) NETWORK
 - a Flagler Corridor
 - b S. Miami-Dade Express
 - c N.W. Miami-Dade Express
 - d S.W. Miami-Dade Express
 - e1 Florida's Turnpike Express (South)
 - e2 Florida's Turnpike Express (North)
 - f1 Beach Express North
 - f2 Beach Express Central
 - f3 Beach Express South
- RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS:**
(in alphabetical order)
- 1 Beach Corridor
 - 2 East-West Corridor
 - 3 Kendall Corridor
 - 4 North Corridor
 - 5 Northeast Corridor
 - 6 South Dade Transitway