

**TPO RESOLUTION #40-2020**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A SCOPE OF SERVICE AND BUDGET TO CONDUCT A PLANNING LEVEL ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT CROSS INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County. Subsequently, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (“SMART”) Plan in order 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**, the South Dade Transitway is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2018, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #31-18, which selected Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) as the locally preferred alternative for the South Dade Transitway Corridor of the SMART Plan and further directed the TPO Executive Director to take any and all necessary steps and actions in order to accomplish the conversion of the South Dade Transitway from BRT to at-grade Metrorail upon reaching an average weekday ridership of 35,000 daily trips on the South Dade Transitway; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2020, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) released its Annual Report on Funding Recommendations, wherein the South Corridor BRT Small Starts project received a rating of “High”; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, the United States Department of Transportation announced that the South Corridor BRT Small Starts project was selected to receive \$99,999,999.00 for a construction grant agreement with the FTA; and

**WHEREAS**, conducting an assessment of current roadway infrastructure and right-of-way ownership at intersections along the South Dade Transitway will document existing conditions prior to the implementation of the South Corridor BRT project; and

**WHEREAS**, such inventory of existing conditions provides a baseline for the County’s future traffic improvement needs related to the safety and operation of the cross intersections along the South Dade Transitway; and

**WHEREAS**, this inventory would be in the best interest of the community and would promote the long-term effectiveness of the South Dade BRT project,

**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 authorizes the TPO Executive Director or designee to prepare a scope of service and budget to conduct a planning level assessment of existing infrastructure and right-of-way at cross intersections along the South Dade Transitway of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Raquel A. Regalado and moved by Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Juan Carlos Bermudez, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -Aye  
**Vice Chairman** Juan Carlos Bermudez -Aye

Board Member Bien-Aime	-Absent	Board Member Lago	-Absent
Board Member Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Losner	-Absent
Board Member De La Rosa	-Aye	Board Member Martell	-Aye
Board Member Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Garcia	-Absent	Board Member McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Hardemon	-Aye	Board Member Regalado	-Aye
Board Member Harris	-Aye	Board Member Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Souto	-Aye
Board Member Higgins	-Nay	Board Member Steinberg	-Absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By Zainab Salim  
Zainab Salim, Clerk  
Miami-Dade TPO

