

TPO RESOLUTION #49-2020

RESOLUTION MODIFYING TPO RESOLUTION #31-18 BY ELIMINATING THE 35,000 DAILY RIDERSHIP REQUIREMENT AND DIRECTING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY STEPS AND ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE CONVERSION OF THE SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN TO METRORAIL

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade 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, implementation of the vital rapid transit corridors, in whole or in part, will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the South Dade Transitway Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors, which stretches approximately 20 miles from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City; and

WHEREAS, the South Corridor (formally known as South Miami-Dade Transit Corridor) includes a long history of transportation planning. In 2006 a locally preferred alternative was selected by the Governing Board (formally the MPO/Resolution #30-06), as a modified enhanced bus rapid transit (BRT) that included a Metrorail extension to SW 104th Street, and a long-range provision of further extending Metrorail south, as ridership demand warrants; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2018, the Governing Board under Resolution #31-18 selected Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the South Dade Transitway Corridor of the SMART Plan and further directs 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, this Board believes it is in the community’s best interest to remove the ridership requirement of 35,000 daily trips in order to increase the level of responsiveness for the growing needs and development along this corridor, while also providing increased flexibility for the conversion of this corridor,

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 modifies TPO Resolution #31-18 by eliminating the 35,000 daily ridership requirement and directs the TPO Executive Director or designee to take any and all necessary steps and actions to accomplish the conversion of the South Dade Transitway of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan to Metrorail.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Kionne L. McGhee 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 day of 17th day of December 2020.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO

