TPO RESOLUTION #03-2021

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE RELEVANT COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS TO PREPARE A POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN BY ADDING TO THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT PLAN (SMART PLAN) THE NORTHWEST 7TH AVENUE CORRIDOR

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, the TPO Governing Board is charged with making transportation planning decisions in the Miami Urbanized Area; 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, traffic congestion in the northeast quadrant of Miami-Dade County continues to be a challenge to the residents and visitors to the County; and

WHEREAS, the potential establishment of a new rapid transit or BERT network corridor along Northwest 7th Avenue, to commence at or near the intersection of Northwest 7th Avenue and Northwest 5th Street and to conclude at or near the Miami-Dade-Broward County line (the "Northwest 7th Avenue Corridor") could facilitate more sustainable development along the said corridor and provide transit connectivity and enhanced mobility options for motorists traveling in the northeast quadrant of 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 directs the TPO Executive Director or Executive Director's designee to coordinate with the relevant County and State officials and to take all steps necessary to prepare a potential Amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan by adding to the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan the Northwest 7th Avenue Corridor.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Jean Monestime. The motion was seconded by Board Member Eileen Higgins, 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 Philippe Bien-Aime	-Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-Aye
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Oscar De La Rosa	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Rene Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-Aye

Board Member Keon Hardemon	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Rodney Harris	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-Aye
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Vince Lago	-Aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28th day of January 2021.

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By Zainab Salim

Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO

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