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Aileen Bouclé, AICP
Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Executive Director
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Miami, FL 33128

Dear Ms. Bouclé,

I am writing to express the support of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, unanimously adopted by the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The SMART Plan identifies six rapid transit corridors and an express bus network that directly support the mobility of our future population and employment growth.

Our Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce recognizes and commends the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board for their leadership and unity in prioritizing a mass transit plan for the citizens of Miami-Dade County. We believe that this is good for business and for our local economy.

This collaborative plan is a truly remarkable action, where for the first time in decades the Miami-Dade TPO has amended the Long Range Transportation Plan. This action will also endeavor to fully fund all six transit corridors to initiate project development for a comprehensive transit system.

This collegial action by the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board exemplifies a comprehensive approach to transportation and has placed us on a path of success to address congestion and transportation needs.

As a community, and a business community, we stand unified with the Miami-Dade TPO and urge all our transportation partners to continue working collaboratively to identify and prioritize capital improvement funds for the development of the six rapid transit corridors and express bus networks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Connell
Chair of the Board
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce