

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S ("TPO") TRANSIT EXPANSION THROUGH THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT ("SMART") PLAN, PRIORITIZING THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR AND URGING THE TPO AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PURSUE CREATIVE FUNDING SOLUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE SMART PLAN, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, benefits of public transportation include reduced travel time, reduced traffic congestion, enhanced safety, improved access for workers and commuters, and the promotion of economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, public transportation provides significant environmental benefits and has been cited as the best way to lower a household's carbon footprint; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical need to expand existing transit service to enhance mobility and economic needs of the Village of Biscayne Park ("Village"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO"), through its Transit Solutions Committee, received and considered input from transportation partner agencies, elected officials, and the public at large in order to designate six (6) rapid transit corridors as high priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2016, the TPO's Governing Board unanimously approved a policy to set as the "highest priority" for Miami-Dade County ("County"), the advancement of six (6) Rapid Transit Corridors and transit supportive projects throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2016, the TPO's Governing Board reviewed and unanimously endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan intends to advance six (6) of the rapid transit corridors, along with a network system of bus enhanced rapid transit service, and further approves the advancement of all six (6) corridors to the Project Development and Environment phase, which will finalize the technology and cost estimates for each corridor and enable each project to move to final design and construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Corridor, connecting Aventura to Downtown Miami, has been calculated to be the least expensive rapid transit corridor to implement; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities located in Northeast Miami-Dade County do not have

mass transit alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park support the Northeast Corridor as a priority to provide alternatives to their residents, businesses and commuters to link up to the various stops along the way; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida:

**Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are true and correct.

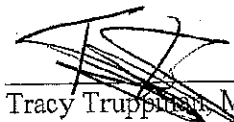
**Section 2.** That the Village of Biscayne Park supports proceeding with the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's ("TPO") transit expansion through the Strategic Miami area Rapid Transit ("SMART") plan, prioritizing the Northeast corridor and urging the TPO and Miami-Dade County to pursue creative funding solutions to implement the smart plan.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**The foregoing resolution upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

Mayor Truppman: Yes  
Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella: Yes  
Commissioner Bilt: Yes  
Commissioner Ross: Yes  
Commissioner Tudor: Yes

  
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Tracy Truppman, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Marlen D. Martell, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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John J. Hearn, Village Attorney