

**RESOLUTION NO. ~~2017-097~~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the electors of Miami-Dade County approved the imposition of a one-half percent surtax with the purpose of improving, among other things, mass transit within the County through the People's Transportation Plan (PTP); and

**WHEREAS**, the PTP includes rapid transit corridors to be developed throughout Miami-Dade County; 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 rapid transit corridors as a high priority; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2016, the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board unanimously approved a policy to set as "highest priority" for this community the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan is a bold infrastructure investment program of projects that will significantly improve transportation mobility, provide a world-class transit system that will support economic growth and competitiveness in the global arena; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is the most populous county in Florida, representing 2.7 million residents, and the Miami Urbanized Area is the 4<sup>th</sup> most populous in the U.S. with over 5.5 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan represents a vision for the region that is both strategic and far-reaching, creating a system of multiple transportation options by leveraging existing infrastructure, and integrating technology at the highest levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan is comprehensive proactive, and supports the future population and employment growth anticipated in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2016, the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board reviewed and unanimously endorsed the SMART Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan intends to advance six of the rapid transit corridors, along with a network system of bus enhanced rapid transit service, and to advance six corridors as shown in Exhibit "1"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase, which will develop and finalize the technology and cost estimate for each corridor will enable each corridor to move to final design and construction; and

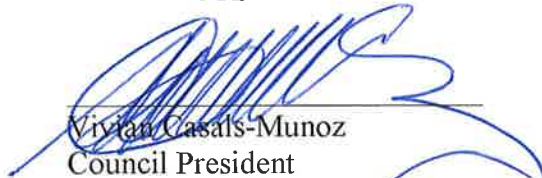
**WHEREAS**, these projects are of tremendous importance and benefit to the community and will be transformative in its impact on public transportation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, hereby support the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's strategic Miami area rapid transit (SMART) plan.

**Section 2:** This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28 day of November, 2017.

  
Vivian Casals-Munoz  
Council President

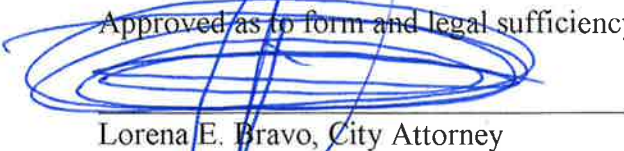
Attest:

Approved on this 7 day of December, 2017.

  
Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

  
Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a (5-0-2) vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Zogby, Cue-Fuente and Casáls-Muñoz voting "Yes". Councilmember Hernandez and Garcia-Martinez absent.