

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30179

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GENERALLY SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S ("TPO'S") TRANSIT EXPANSION THROUGH THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT ("SMART") PLANS; SUPPORTING A TRANSIT PLAN AND EXPANSION OF SMART TRANSIT BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; AND URGING THE TPO AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PURSUE CREATIVE FUNDING SOLUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT RAPID TRANSIT EFFORTS.

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 supports a community's sustainability efforts as it may 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 Miami-Dade County ("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 (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 the 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 Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach are generally supportive of a strategic City of Miami, City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County transportation plan, and are particularly supporting of a transit plan that would connect the City of Miami Beach to Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission provide support to the TPO in its connectivity efforts.

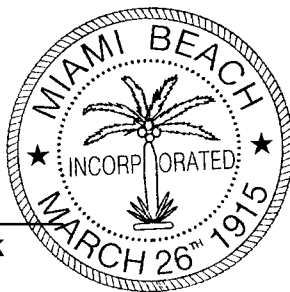
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, to generally supporting the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's ("TPO'S") transit expansion through the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") plans; supporting a transit plan and expansion of SMART transit between Downtown Miami and the City Of Miami Beach; and urging the TPO and Miami-Dade County to pursue creative funding solutions to implement transit expansion through rapid transit efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:



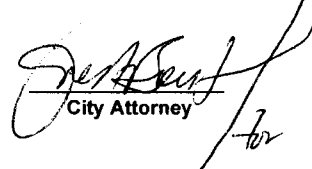
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk





Dan Gelber, Mayor

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& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

2/23/18

Date

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Dan Gelber, Mayor
DATE: February 14, 2018

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RECOMMENDATION

Please see the attached Memorandum.

Legislative Tracking

Office of the Mayor and Commission/Office of the City Attorney

Sponsor

Mayor Dan Gelber

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Memorandum
- Resolution

MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the City Commission
Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

FROM: Mayor Dan Gelber

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The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach are generally supportive of a strategic City of Miami, City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County transportation plan, and are particularly supporting of a transit plan that would connect the City of Miami Beach to Downtown Miami. Based upon the foregoing, the Mayor and City Commission support to the TPO in its connectivity efforts.