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On behalf of President Francis X. Suarez, the Executive Board, Board of Directors and myself, enclosed is the MDCLC Resolution 2016-4 endorsing and supporting the MPO's SMART Plan program.

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Sincerely

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN 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 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), 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 MPO 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, on April 21, 2016, the Miami-Dade MPO 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 further approves the advancement of all six corridors to the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase, which will finalize the technology and cost estimate for each corridor and enable each project 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2016.

GEORGE VALLEJO

SECRETARY

FRANCIS X. SUAREZ PRESIDENT