

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, 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.

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 City of North Miami Beach ("City"); 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 City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach 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 City of North Miami Beach, Florida:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City of North Miami Beach 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.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this **21st day of March, 2017.**

ATTEST:



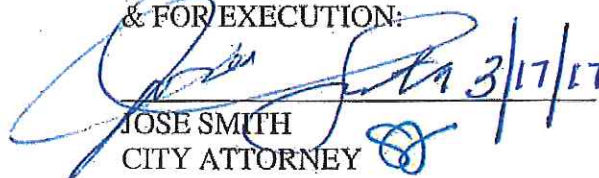
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MAYOR

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