

TPO RESOLUTION #31-18

RESOLUTION SELECTING THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Miami Urbanized Area, now known as the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), requires that the TPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County. Subsequently, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan in order to implement mass transit projects throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan includes six (6) rapid transit corridors along with a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) services; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the vital rapid transit corridors, in whole or in part, will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the South Dade Transitway Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors, which stretches approximately 20 miles from the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to SW 344th Street in Florida City; and

WHEREAS, under TPO Resolution #47-17, the Governing Board prioritized and advanced the development of the South Dade Transitway Corridor (along with the North Corridor) to Priority I in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); and

WHEREAS, the South Corridor (formally known as South Miami-Dade Transit Corridor) includes a long history of transportation planning. In 2006 a locally preferred alternative was selected by the Governing Board (formally the MPO/Resolution #30-06), as a modified enhanced bus rapid transit (BRT) that included a Metrorail extension to SW 104th Street, and a long-range provision of further extending Metrorail south, as ridership demand warrants; and

WHEREAS, the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies for the six SMART Plan corridors have been approved and are presently in progress, with the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works serving as the lead agency for the South Dade Transitway Corridor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that this Board hereby selects bus rapid transit (BRT) as the locally preferred alternative for the South Dade Transitway Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan and further directs the TPO Executive Director to take any and all necessary steps and actions in order to accomplish the conversion of the South Dade Transitway from BRT to at-grade Metrorail upon reaching an average weekday ridership of 35,000 daily trips on the South Dade Transitway.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Jeff Porter. The motion was seconded by Board Member Smith Joseph, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.-Aye

Vice Chairman Francis Suarez-Nay

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Vince Lago	-Nay
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Nay
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Nay	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Aye
Board Member Dan Gelber	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Absent	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Nay
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Aye	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Shelly Smith Fano	-Aye
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Nay	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Smith Joseph	-Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Nay

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 30th day of August, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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