



**JEAN MONESTIME**  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2016

Secretary Anthony Foxx  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to express the support of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, unanimously adopted by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The SMART Plan identifies six rapid transit corridors and an express bus network that directly support the mobility of our future population and employment growth.

The Miami-Dade BCC commends the Miami-Dade MPO Governing Board for their leadership and unity in prioritizing a mass transit plan for the citizens of Miami-Dade County. For the first time in decades, Miami-Dade MPO has amended the Long Range Transportation Plan to fully fund all six transit corridors to initiate project development for a comprehensive transit system. This comprehensive approach to our transportation system has placed us on a path of success to address congestion and transportation needs.

On behalf of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, we stand unified with the Miami-Dade MPO to support and encourage all our transportation partners to continue working collaboratively, to identify and prioritize capital improvement funds for the development of the six rapid transit corridors and express bus networks.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jean Monestime", is written over the typed name and title.

Chairman Jean Monestime  
Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(30)  
6-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-523-16

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA  
RAPID TRANSIT PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE MIAMI-  
DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the People's Transportation Plan includes rapid transit corridors to be developed throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Organization 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 Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #06-16 and approved a policy to set as highest priority for the community the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2016, the Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed and unanimously endorsed the attached Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2016, the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust expressed its support for the SMART Plan and for the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax funds for the necessary project development and environment studies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners supports the development of these vital rapid transit corridors to provide a much needed transportation alternative and to provide relief from traffic congestion for Miami-Dade County's residents and visitors,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board endorses the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan as attached and as approved by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. Vice Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Daniella Levine Cava	<b>aye</b>
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>
Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>	Xavier L. Suarez	<b>aye</b>
Juan C. Zapata	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber