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Aileen Bouclé, AICP  
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Dear Ms. Bouclé:

On behalf of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, please find enclosed Resolution supporting the Miami-Dade MPO's Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

This resolution supports the future of our transportation system, as the SMART Plan intends to advance six of the rapid transit corridors, along with a network system of bus enhanced rapid transit service, in order to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce supports and appreciates the Miami-Dade MPO's dedication in pursuing a better transportation system for the citizens of Miami-Dade County. We look forward to being part of the MPO's transportation planning process by moving the SMART Plan forward.

Sincerely,

Barry E. Johnson  
President & CEO  
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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July 21, 2016

Ms. Aileen Bouclé, AICP  
MPO Executive Director  
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RE: Support of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan

Dear Ms. Bouclé:

I am writing to express the support of Greater Miami Chamber for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, recently endorsed 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.

We recognize and commend the Miami-Dade MPO Board for their leadership and unity in prioritizing a mass transit plan for the citizens of Miami-Dade County and the South Florida region. This a truly remarkable action where for the first time in decades the MPO has amended the Long Range Transportation Plan to fully fund all six transit corridors to initiate project development for a comprehensive transit system.

We appreciate your commitment and meeting with our members to present the SMART plan to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, as well as actively maintaining communication with chamber members to ensure active participation from the private sector, businesses and community leaders.

This collaborative action by the MPO Board exemplifies a comprehensive regional approach to transportation and has placed us on a path of success to address congestion and transportation needs. As a community, we stand unified with the MPO and urge 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.

Sincerely,

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Barry E. Johnson  
President/Chief Executive Officer



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AND URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIX RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS AND A ROBUST BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) is South Florida's largest business organization, reaching more than 400,000 employees through its member companies in what is the eighth largest marketplace in America and the Chamber's agenda is to support economic and business issues related to community and industry growth, international business, leadership programs and governmental affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is suffering from severe traffic congestion involving an increasing amount of its roadways and for an increasing amount of time; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the electors of Miami-Dade County approved 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**, on February 16, 2016, the 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**, the MPO Transit Solutions Committee has, over the past several months, received and considered input from transportation agencies, elected officials, business community, and the public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO has endorsed the strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the GMCC's Board of Governors and Transportation & Infrastructure Committee have hosted presentations from the MPO about the SMART Program and has recommended them for GMCC support; and

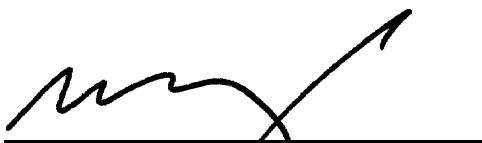
**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is committed to leading the business community in the building of Miami's Transportation future through the SMART Plan, a multi-modal implementation strategy necessary to secure funding and bring projects to Miami; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT:**

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce hereby:

1. Supports the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and
2. Urges the Florida Department of Transportation, Miami-Dade County, Metropolitan Planning Organization and Miami-Dade Expressway Authority as well as all other agencies and public and private sector stakeholders to work collaboratively to identify and prioritize capital improvement funds for the development of six Rapid Transit Corridors and a Bus Express Rapid Transit System; and
3. Urges our elected and appointed officials to present a united front in soliciting federal and state support for SMART Plan projects with the greatest and most immediate impact; and
4. Encourages Miami-Dade County to incentivize the development of mixed use transit hubs throughout Miami-Dade County through its land development regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

  
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Mark B. Rosenberg, Chairman

  
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Barry E. Johnson, President/CEO