

**TPO RESOLUTION #60-17****RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE A FIFTY PERCENT (50%) FUNDING MATCH FOR EACH PHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH DADE TRANSITWAY CORRIDORS OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (“SMART”) PLAN AND TO INCLUDE SUCH FUNDING IN THE APPROPRIATE CURRENT AND FUTURE FDOT FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, section 341.051, Florida Statutes, allows the state to fund up to fifty percent (50%) of the nonfederal share of the costs, not to exceed the local share, of any eligible public transit capital project or commuter assistance project that is local in scope; and

**WHEREAS**, however, section 341.051, Florida Statutes, provides that the state participation in the final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases of an individual fixed-guideway project which is not approved for federal funding shall not exceed an amount equal to 12.5 percent of the total cost of each phase; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, fixed-guideway transit projects that are mostly funded at the local level and do not receive federal funding are disadvantaged as it relates to acquiring state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with section 339.135, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) is responsible for the development of a State Transportation Five-Year Work Program which meets the mission, goals and objectives of FDOT and the Florida Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDOT Five-Year Work Program is a statewide project-specific list of transportation activities and projects scheduled for implementation during the ensuing five-year period and is developed through extensive coordination with local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning groups and Florida citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.135, requires that FDOT’s tentative and adopted work programs be based on a complete, balanced financial plan for the State Transportation Trust Fund and the other funds managed by FDOT and shall set forth FDOT’s proposed commitments and planned expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.135, Florida Statutes states that projects may not be undertaken unless they are listed in FDOT’s Five-Year Work Program; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.175, Florida Statutes, requires that each metropolitan planning organization, in cooperation with FDOT, develop a long-range transportation plan and an annually updated transportation improvement program; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-range transportation plan must, among other things, address at least a 20-year transportation planning horizon and provide a financial plan that demonstrates how the projects can be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation improvement program is a five-year plan that identifies, prioritizes and allocates funding for transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”), now known as the 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 rapid transit corridors as a high priority; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2016, the TPO adopted Resolution #06-16 establishing 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**, rapid transit is a form of high-speed urban passenger transportation such as heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail, or bus rapid transit on a dedicated lane; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2016, the TPO adopted Resolution #26-16 endorsing the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (“SMART”) Plan, an initiative to advance six rapid transit corridors in order to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the six SMART Plan rapid transit corridors are the: Beach Corridor, East-West Corridor, Kendall Corridor, North Corridor, Northeast Corridor, and South Dade Transitway Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO also directed its Executive Director to work with the TPO Fiscal Priorities Committee to determine the costs and potential funding sources for project development and environment studies for the projects, and to take all necessary steps to implement the 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**, on June 7, 2016, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-523-16 endorsing the SMART Plan as approved by the TPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the six rapid transit corridors will likely need the infusion of various funding sources, including federal, state, County, and municipal participation; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation and mobility issues are of utmost concern for the residents of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan is advancing as a comprehensive program of projects and is prioritized in Miami-Dade County’s Long Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”) and Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”), as a Priority I for the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the PD&E studies for all six SMART Plan rapid transit corridors projects are fully funded and are ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2017, the TPO adopted Resolution #27-17, which allocated federal Surface Transportation Urban (“SU”) Funds to assist with the development of the SMART Plan rapid transit corridor projects: \$75 million between fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2022 and \$30 million a year for 30 years from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2053; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned allocation by the TPO of said federal funds allows for local funds to be freed up to be used for the SMART Plan rapid transit corridor projects; and

**WHEREAS**, to date the proposed SMART Plan funding framework based on Miami-Dade County’s July 2017 40-Year People’s Transportation Plan (“PTP”) Pro-Forma shows a total of \$5,076,196,000 in forecasted local funding between fiscal years 2018 to 2057:

- Dedication of approximately \$4,101,196,000 of PTP – Charter County Transportation System Surtax Funds;
- Dedication of approximately \$975,000,000 of TPO SU Funds which frees up an equivalent amount in PTP funds to be dedicated to the SMART Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County remains vigorously committed to identifying additional local funding sources for the SMART Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2017, the TPO adopted Resolution #47-17, which directed the TPO Executive Director to take the necessary steps to advance the North and South Dade Transitway Corridors of the SMART Plan to Priority I in the LRTP and the TIP for the development of said corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, other transportation partners are working with Miami-Dade County to move forward with the Beach, East-West, Kendall, and Northeast Corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County's current estimates in future dollars of the costs for the development, construction, and operation of both the North and South Dade Transitway Corridors are as follows:

- Capital costs: \$1.5 billion;
- Annual operating and maintenance costs: \$38.9 million (starting in fiscal year 2023, net of bus savings and incremental ridership revenues);
- Future renewal/replacement costs: \$341 million (vehicle replacement at 20 years after start of operation); and

**WHEREAS**, receiving a 50 percent state funding match for the development and construction of the North and South Dade Transitway Corridors of the SMART Plan would help realize significant transit solutions for the residents and visitors of South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Board urges the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to partner with Miami-Dade County in realizing the North and South Dade Transitway Corridors by providing fifty percent (50%) funding match for each phase of the development of said corridors as part of the current and future FDOT Five-Year Work Program,

**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:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to provide a fifty percent (50%) funding match for each phase of the development and construction of the North and South Dade Transitway Corridors of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan and to include such funding in the appropriate current and future FDOT Five-Year Work Programs.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Dennis C. Moss and moved by Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis C. Moss, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.-Aye  
**Vice Chairman** Francis Suarez-Absent

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim  
Zainab Salim, Clerk  
Miami-Dade TPO

