

TPO RESOLUTION #22-18**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
ALONG THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI
AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,570.00**

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 February 2016, the TPO adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the "highest priority" for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Governing Board unanimously approved Resolution #26-16 endorsing the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which includes six (6) rapid transit corridors: the Beach, East-West, Kendall, North, Northeast and South Dade Transitway, that will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Corridor, is a regional connection that will link major downtown areas between Miami and Orlando via the "Brightline" service on the Florida East Coast Railway (FECR), privately owned by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI); and

WHEREAS, the safety of pedestrians and motorists is a top priority of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve safety along the Northeast Corridor, the TPO, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration, Miami-Dade County, and various municipalities, identified Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs) and other specific infrastructure at nine public at-grade crossings to qualify FECR as a quiet zone under federal rules; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) programed Surface Transportation Program (SU) urban area federal funds, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, for Quiet Zone/Safety Improvements at FECR Crossings in Miami-Dade County. FECI entered into an agreement with FDOT to construct and install the SSMs at the identified public at-grade railway crossings; and

WHEREAS, currently FECI has constructed \$951,144.38 of the SSMs improvements and has requested an additional \$190,570.00 for further necessary safety improvements along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to help advance these additional safety improvements along the Northeast Corridor, the TPO supports the programming of \$190,570.00 in SU funds to FECI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that this Board supports safety improvements along the Northeast Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan in the amount of \$190,570.00.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Vice Chairman Francis Suarez and Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson. The resolution was moved by Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson and seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, 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 Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Vince Lago	-Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Aye
Board Member Dan Gelber	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Aye	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Absent	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Absent
Board Member Smith Joseph	-Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 21st day of June, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO



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May 16, 2018

Aileen Bouclé
Executive Director
Miami-Dade TPO
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Dear Aileen:

All Aboard Florida – Operations LLC (dba Brightline Operations) is developing a grant application under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation (see Notice of Funding Opportunity, published in the Federal Register on February 21, 2018).

The grant is intended to improve railroad safety and reliability, mitigate congestion, enhance multi-modal connections and support other purposes which would lead to substantially improved passenger railroad corridors. Specific to South Florida's purpose relating to Brightline operations, the grant program includes funding for rail safety projects such as grade crossing enhancements.

In addition to crossing safety enhancement related to the grant, we are respectfully requesting \$190,570.00 to install supplemental rail safety infrastructure at specific additional crossings not scheduled as part of the grant. Those crossings and scope of work are listed on the attached document accompanying this letter.

On behalf of All Aboard Florida and the Brightline team, we sincerely appreciate Miami-Dade's partnership with this new passenger service and in ensuring a safe and more comfortable transportation alternative serving our residents and visitors. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rusty", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Russell L. (Rusty) Roberts
Vice President, Government Affairs

Attachment (1)

