

TPO RESOLUTION #03-2020

RESOLUTION SELECTING THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE BEACH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), in its role as the MPO, 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 Beach Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Beach Corridor study area is bounded by I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on the north; I-395/MacArthur Causeway on the south; I-95 on the west; and Washington Avenue on the east; and

WHEREAS, the Beach Corridor Development and Environment (PD&E) study builds on prior studies dating back to 1988, including a Supplemental Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS), which concluded in 2003 with a LPA (TPO Resolution #26-03); and

WHEREAS, the PD&E studies for the six SMART Plan corridors have been funded and are presently in progress, with the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) serving as the lead agency for the Beach 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 the following locally preferred alternative for the Beach Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan as recommended by the Beach Corridor Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study:

Section 1. For the Beach Corridor Trunkline, which extends from the existing Downtown Metromover Omni Extension along MacArthur Causeway to 5th Street near Washington Avenue, the selected technology is elevated rubber tire vehicles.

Section 2. For the Miami Design District Extension, the selected technology is an extension of the existing Metromover in the median of Miami Avenue to NW 41st Street in the Design District.

Section 3. For the Miami Beach Convention Center Extension, the selected technology is dedicated lanes for bus/trolleys along Washington Avenue.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Eileen Higgins. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III -Aye
Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. -Aye

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-Aye
Board Member Philippe Bien-Aime	-Absent	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Aye
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Absent	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-Aye
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Vince Lago	-Aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this day of 30th day of January, 2020.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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Miami-Dade TPO

