

**TPO RESOLUTION #03-2021**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE RELEVANT COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS TO PREPARE A POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN BY ADDING TO THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT PLAN (SMART PLAN) THE NORTHWEST 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CORRIDOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade 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**, the TPO Governing Board is charged with making transportation planning decisions in the Miami Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, under Resolution #06-16, the TPO Governing Board established a policy to set as highest priority the advancement of rapid transit corridor projects in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, under Resolution #26-16, the TPO Governing Board endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which includes six (6) rapid transit corridors and a network of bus express rapid transit (BERT) corridors throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic congestion in the northeast quadrant of Miami-Dade County continues to be a challenge to the residents and visitors to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential establishment of a new rapid transit or BERT network corridor along Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to commence at or near the intersection of Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Northwest 5<sup>th</sup> Street and to conclude at or near the Miami-Dade-Broward County line (the "Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor") could facilitate more sustainable development along the said corridor and provide transit connectivity and enhanced mobility options for motorists traveling in the northeast quadrant of the County,

**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 directs the TPO Executive Director or Executive Director's designee to coordinate with the relevant County and State officials and to take all steps necessary to prepare a potential Amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan by adding to the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan the Northwest 7th Avenue Corridor.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Jean Monestime. The motion was seconded by Board Member Eileen Higgins, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Oliver G. Gilbert III -Aye  
**Vice Chairman** Juan Carlos Bermudez -Aye

Board Member Philippe Bien-Aime	-Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-Aye
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Oscar De La Rosa	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	-Aye
Board Member Rene Garcia	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	-Aye



Board Member Keon Hardemon -Aye  
Board Member Rodney Harris -Aye  
Board Member Sally A. Heyman -Aye  
Board Member Eileen Higgins -Aye  
Board Member Vince Lago -Aye

Board Member Rebeca Sosa -Aye  
Board Member Javier D. Souto -Absent  
Board Member Micky Steinberg -Aye  
Board Member Francis Suarez -Absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By Zainab Salim  
Zainab Salim, Clerk  
Miami-Dade TPO



