

TPO RESOLUTION #52-18

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

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 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 North Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors, which limits are from NW 79th Street to NW 215th Street, along NW 27th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, under TPO Resolution #47-17, the Governing Board prioritized and advanced the development of the North Corridor (along with the South Dade Transitway Corridor) to Priority I in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); and

WHEREAS, the North Corridor has an extensive history of transportation planning efforts, with major milestones that include a draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) (Metrorail) in 1997, a Final DEIS in 1999, a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Record of Decision (ROD) in 2007 and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies for the six SMART Plan corridors have been funded and are presently in progress, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) serving as the lead agency for the North 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 an elevated fixed guideway transit system as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the North Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, subject to a TPO approved funding and financial plan and directs the TPO Executive Director to coordinate with the federal, state, and local agencies to prepare and submit said funding and financial plan.

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

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

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Vince Lago	-Absent
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	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Absent

Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Shelly Smith Fano	-Absent
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	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 day of 6th day of December, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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Miami-Dade TPO

