# TPO RESOLUTION #55-19

## RESOLUTION SELECTING THE PREFERRED TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY FOR THE NORTH 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 North Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors, which limits are from NW 79$^{th}$ Street to NW 215$^{th}$ Street, along NW 27$^{th}$ 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2018 the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #52-18 selecting an elevated fixed guideway transit system as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the North Corridor, subject to a TPO approved funding and financial plan and further directed the TPO Executive Director to coordinate with the federal, state, and local agencies to prepare and submit said funding and financial plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2019, the TPO Fiscal Priorities Committee (FPC) accepted a funding and financial plan, subject to funding partnership assumptions at the state and federal level. Additionally, the FPC recommended favorably urging the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Miami-Dade County to fund the North Corridor Right-of-Way acquisition in future Fiscal Years 2021-2023, at a 50/50 state/local funding partnership, to be expended after notice of funding commitment from federal and state funding partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection of the preferred technology with the corresponding funding approach, and the acquisition of necessary right-of-way are the vital next steps to advance the 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:

**Section 1.** This Board hereby selects Elevated Heavy Rail as the preferred transit technology for the North Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

**Section 2**. This Board hereby adopts the funding and finance plan to implement the North Corridor that assumes the following:

- Capital Funding – Federal 40% to 50%, State 25% to 30%, Local 25% to 30%
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and State of Good Repair Local 100%

**Section 3.** This Board hereby urges the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami-Dade County to fund the North Corridor Right-of-Way acquisition in future Fiscal Years 2021-2023, at a 50/50 state/local funding partnership, to be expended after notice of funding commitment from federal and state funding partners.

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

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this day of 31st day of October, 2019.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By _____
**Zainab Salim, Clerk**
**Miami-Dade TPO**

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