

TPO RESOLUTION #38-2020**RESOLUTION SELECTING THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE EAST-WEST 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 East-West Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors; and

WHEREAS, the East-West Corridor traverses the cities of Sweetwater, Doral, and Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project study area is located between the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) and the proposed Tamiami Station to the west; and

WHEREAS, the study limits were expanded to increase mobility between the Tamiami and the Dolphin stations along Tamiami Trail, SW 137 Avenue, and the SR 836 extension; and

WHEREAS, the project provides direct connections between the study area and Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, the East-West Corridor is the only major east-west connector in the County, providing limited connections to the major activity centers in the region. Thus, the project is needed to improve connectivity and provide alternate options for local and regional travel,

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 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as the locally preferred alternative for the East-West Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan and adopts a funding approach to implement the East-West Corridor that assumes the following:

Identified Capital Funding Sources:

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Starts
- State Participation
- Local: Tolling/Expressway Authority or Agency

Identified O&M Funding Sources:

- Local: Tolling/Expressway Authority or Agency

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz. The motion was seconded by Board Member Joe A. Martinez, 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	-Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Absent
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Aye
Board Member Oscar De La Rosa	-Aye	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Aye
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
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	-Absent	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Vince Lago	-Aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 22nd day of October 2020.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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Miami-Dade TPO

