RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AS A PROGRAM OF INTERRELATED PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; 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; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the SMART Plan as a Program of Interrelated Projects will benefit and increase the likelihood of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan corridors have logical connectivity to one another and are funded as Priority I for environmental phase in such a manner as to advance all corridors within a reasonable timeframe; and

WHEREAS, such designation of Interrelated Program of Projects is subject to approval by the Federal Transit Administration,

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, urges the Federal Transit Administration to designate the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan as a Program of Interrelated Projects.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Barbara J. Jordan and moved by Board Member Barbara J. Jordan. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Francis Suarez, 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 Bruno A. Barreiro - Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz - Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson - Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Aye
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman - Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez - Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman - Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan - Aye
Board Member Smith Joseph - Aye
Board Member Philip Levine - Absent
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava - Aye
Board Member Roberto Martell - Aye
Board Member Joe A. Martinez - Absent
Board Member Jean Monestime - Aye
Board Member Jeff Porter - Aye
Board Member Rebeca Sosa - Aye
Board Member Javier D. Souto - Absent
Board Member Xavier L. Suarez - Absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 23rd day of March, 2017.