RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS THAT ADVANCE ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN; AND DIRECTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH TRANSPORTATION PARTNER AGENCIES FOR FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART PLAN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE GOVERNING BOARD WITH A PLAN

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), on February 18, 2016, adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” for 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 (9) bus express rapid transit (BERT) corridors; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #27-17, which designated specific funds for the implementation of the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the TPO Governing Board to encourage innovation and flexibility to help expedite demonstration projects that advance part or all of a SMART Plan 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:

Section 1. Endorses the identification and implementation of demonstration projects that advance elements of the SMART Plan.

Section 2. Directs the TPO Executive Director to coordinate with transportation partner agencies for the funding and implementation of SMART Plan demonstration projects and to report back to this Board with recommendations on a plan to implement such demonstration projects.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by TPO Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and moved by Board Member Rebeca Sosa. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez -Aye Board Member Vince Lago -Aye
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz -Aye Board Member Daniella Levine Cava -Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson -Aye Board Member Roberto Martell -Absent
Board Member Dan Gelber -Absent Board Member Joe A. Martinez -Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III -Absent Board Member Jean Monestime -Aye
Board Member Perla T. Huntman -Absent Board Member Dennis C. Moss -Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez -Absent Board Member Jeff Porter -Absent
Board Member Sally A. Heyman -Absent Board Member Rebeca Sosa -Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan -Absent 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 26th day of April, 2018.