TPO RESOLUTION #15-18

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) ASSESS THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (TPO) STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) FINANCIAL PLAN FRAMEWORK AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS; AND DIRECTING THE TPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE WITH FDOT TO FACILITATE SAID REQUEST

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, under Resolution #26-16, the TPO Governing Board endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan, an initiative to advance six rapid transit corridors in order to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan rapid transit corridors are the: Beach Corridor, East-West Corridor, Kendall Corridor, North Corridor, Northeast Corridor, and South Dade Transitway; and

WHEREAS, the development of the six SMART Plan rapid transit corridors will likely need the infusion of various funding sources, including federal, state, County, and municipal participation; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution #41-17, the TPO Governing Board established the SMART Financial Plan Framework to identify the funding amounts necessary to fully fund the advancement of SMART Plan projects in a timely manner via federal, state and local funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration group of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) includes the Office of the Comptroller and the Office of Work Program and Budget, which partner to deliver the continuum of the FDOT's financial services to include planning, development, and finance to support FDOT's primary mission of developing and financing the implementation of the Five-Year Work Program; and

WHEREAS, TPO collaboration with FDOT to assess the SMART Financial Plan Framework and provide technical financial review and/or recommendations will help realize significant transit solutions for the residents and visitors of South Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that this Board:

Section 1. Requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Office to assess the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Financial Plan Framework and provide technical review and/or recommendations.

Section 2. Directs the TPO Executive Director to coordinate with FDOT to facilitate the request referenced in Section 1 above.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the FDOT.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Dennis C. Moss. The motion was seconded by Joe A. Martinez, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 26th day of April, 2018.