RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINANCIAL PLAN TO ADVANCE THE BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT (BERT) SYSTEM OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020-2024 TPO PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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, the Fiscal Priorities Committee (FPC) has been charged, among other tasks, to identify and recommend to the TPO Governing Board potential funding sources for transportation projects; 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 directed the TPO Executive Director to work with the FPC to determine costs and potential sources of funding the PD&E study for each SMART Plan project, and to take all necessary steps to implement the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan includes six (6) rapid transit corridors and a network of bus express rapid transit (BERT) services throughout Miami-Dade County; and

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

WHEREAS, advancing the BERT network in tandem with the implementation of the SMART Plan corridors will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion,

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 hereby approves a Financial Plan to advance the Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) System of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan for inclusion in the 2020-2024 TPO Program Priorities.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored by Board Member Dennis C. Moss and Board Member Daniella Levine Cava. The resolution was moved by Board Member Sally A. Heyman and seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, 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 Jose “Pepe” Diaz -Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson -Aye
Board Member Dan Gelber -Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III -Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman -Absent
Board Member Carlos Hernandez -Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman -Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan -Absent
Board Member Smith Joseph -Aye

Board Member Vince Lago -Aye
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava -Aye
Board Member Roberto Martell -Aye
Board Member Joe A. Martinez -Absent
Board Member Dennis C. Moss -Aye
Board Member Jeff Porter -Aye
Board Member Rebeca Sosa -Aye
Board Member Javier D. Souto -Absent
Board Member Xavier L. Suarez -Aye
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 21st day of June, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By ____________________________

Zainab Salim, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO
SMART Plan BERT Network

SMART BERT Routes-Operations Funding Request

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**Total Requested Funding:** $2,870,000

SMART BERT Routes-Capital Funding Request

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**Total Capital Funding:** $35,150,000
Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan

LEGEND

- Terminal
- Existing Metrorail
- Existing Trolley
- Existing Rail

RAPIDTRANSIT CORRIDORS:
- Beach Corridor
- East-West Corridor
- Kendall Corridor
- North Corridor
- Northeast Corridor
- South Dade Transitway

RUS EXPRESS RAPIDTRANSIT (BRT) NETWORK:
- Flagler Corridor
- N.W. Miami-Dade Express
- S.W. Miami-Dade Express
- Florida's Turnpike Express (North)
- Florida's Turnpike Express (South)

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