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August 19, 2016

Mrs. Aileen Boucle
Executive Director
Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mrs. Boucle:

This letter is written in support of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. The Trust, by Resolution, has unanimously voted to support the Plan (R 16-027).

Over the past several years, the Transportation Trust has taken a leadership role in working closely with the MPO, Miami-Dade County, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, our transportation partners, the municipalities and the community on advancing the major transit investments in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) corridors.

The outcome of this collaboration has been the development of the People's Transportation Plan 2.0 (PTP 2.0). PTP 2.0 represents a new paradigm for funding major transportation investments and specifically for funding the SMART Plan. The core premise of PTP 2.0 is that each transportation corridor has its own unique solution in terms of the technology, funding partnerships, and delivery mechanisms.

The Trust is committed to participate as a major funding partner of the SMART Plan. Specifically, to date the Trust has approved funding from the PTP Capital Expansion Reserve Fund for PD&E studies for the East-West and the South Dade Transitway projects as well as funding for the Project Implementation Committees in all six SMART corridors.

The Transportation Trust is glad to lend its support to the SMART Plan. It represents a critical step forward in developing and implementing the community's vision for a comprehensive and coordinated mass transit system.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Scurr
Executive Director

Attachment: Resolution R 16-027

RESOLUTION NO. 16-027

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT): A) SUPPORTING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN; (B) REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE TRUST TO PARTICIPATE AS A MAJOR FUNDING PARTNER IN THE SMART PLAN AND APPROVING FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000,000.00 FOR THE EAST-WEST (SR 836) CORRIDOR AND \$7,000,000.00 FOR THE SOUTH DADE TRANSIT WAY (US 1) CORRIDOR; AND (C) SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE TRUST AS VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEES FOR EACH CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the Trust has taken a leadership role and has been working proactively and collaboratively with Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade Municipal Planning Organization (MPO), the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, our transportation partners, the municipalities and the community on advancing major transit investments in the PTP corridors; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have included the 2013 Transportation Summit, the 2015 Transportation Summit, the 2015 Denver Transportation Fly-In, and a series of studies and reports focused on innovative funding strategies; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have culminated in the development of PTP 2.0, which is the financing mechanism for these investments, and includes the core premise that each corridor has its own unique solution in terms of technology, funding partnership, and delivery mechanism; and

WHEREAS, a critical component in achieving PTP 2.0 is a shared vision and strategic plan for these major capital investments which must include both the corridors and the technology for each corridor. The funding partnerships envisioned by PTP 2.0 cannot be developed until the technology and resulting costs for each corridor are defined and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the MPO established two Committees to specifically focus on developing this consensus plan and the Transit Solutions Committee (TSC), chaired by Commissioner Moss, has held a series of public meetings and hearings over the past year to consider the “competition of ideas”; and

WHEREAS, these efforts culminated with the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan which was adopted by the MPO on April 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan envisions moving forward on all six PTP corridors and further approves the advancement of all six corridors to the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase which will finalize the technology and cost estimate for each corridor and enable each project to move to final design and construction; and

WHEREAS, these projects are of tremendous importance and benefit to the community and will be transformative in its impact on public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the PTP were approved by the voters of Miami-Dade County to facilitate and support major corridor improvements such as these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Expansion Reserve was established as a separate fund to facilitate this type of critical major corridor investment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITT, that this Trust: a) Supports the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; b) Reaffirms the commitment of the Trust to participate as a major funding partner in the SMART Plan and approves funding for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 for the East-West (SR 836) Corridor and \$7,000,000.00 for the South Dade Transitway (US 1) Corridor; and c) Supports the inclusion of the Trust as a voting member of the project advisory committee for each corridor.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Hon. Linda Zilber, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Glenn J. Downing, CFP® and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Paul J. Schwiep, Esq., Chairperson – Aye
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D., 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye
Glenn J. Downing, CFP®, 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Oscar Braynon – Aye
Peter L. Forrest – Aye
Prakash Kumar – Aye
Alicia Menardy, Esq. – Absent
Hon. James A. Reeder – Absent
Hon. Linda Zilber – Aye

Joseph Curbelo – Absent
Alfred J. Holzman – Aye
Jonathan Martinez – Aye
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Absent
Marilyn Smith – Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of May, 2016.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency B. J.

By: Charles Sum
Executive Director