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LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.®

RESOLUTION OF THE LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION ENDORSING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN AND URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, METROPOLITAN PLANING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX) TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIX RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS AND A ROBUST BUS EXPRESS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, for over 45 years, the Latin Builders Association (LBA) has embodied the interests of South Florida's vibrant construction industry, while pursuing sustainable development for a prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, the LBA serves as a vital forum for the open discussion and advocacy of issues affecting our community and industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the electors of Miami-Dade County approved the imposition of a one-half percent surtax with the purpose of improving, among other things, mass transit within the County through the People's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, the MPO Governing Board unanimously approved a policy to set as highest priority for this community the advancement of Rapid Transit Corridors and transit supportive projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Transit Solutions Committee has, over the past several months, received and considered input from transportation partner agencies, elected officials, business community, and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LBA is committed to leading the business community in the building of Miami's transportation future through the SMART Plan, a multi-modal implementation strategy necessary to secure funding and bring projects home to Miami; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION:

1. Endorse the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

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2. Urge the Florida Department of Transportation, Miami-Dade County, Metropolitan Planning Organization and Miami-Dade Expressway Authority to work collaboratively to identify and prioritize capital improvement funds for the development of six Rapid Transit Corridors and a Bus Express Rapid Transit System; and
3. Encourage Miami-Dade County to incentivize the development of mixed-use transit hubs throughout Miami-Dade County through its land development regulations; and
4. Beckon our elected and appointed officials to present a united front in soliciting federal and state support for SMART Plan projects with the greatest and most immediate impact; and
5. Request that Miami-Dade County commit to retain the services of firms, businesses, consultants and laborers established for over five years in Miami-Dade County for planning, design and construction.

PASSED and ADOPTED IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Resolution effective as of this 3rd day of May, 2016.

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting our office.

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Cc. Yamileth Pereyra – Director of Operations