RESOLUTION 775

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

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 (PTP); and

WHEREAS, the PTP includes rapid transit corridors to be developed throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), through its Transit Solutions Committee, received and considered input from transportation partner agencies, elected officials, and the public at large in order to designate six rapid transit corridors as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, the Miami-Dade TPO 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, on April 21, 2016, the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board reviewed and unanimously endorsed the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan intends to advance six of the rapid transit corridors, along with a network system of bus enhanced rapid transit service, 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of March, 2018 by the Village Council of Indian Creek Village, Florida.

APPROVED:

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Vice-Mayor Holtz

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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VILLAGE ATTORNEY
February 9, 2018

Honorable Bernard Klepach, Mayor
Indian Creek Village
9080 Bay Drive
Indian Creek Village, FL 33154

SUBJECT: SMART Moves Program, Application Cycle FY 2019

Dear Mayor Klepach:

The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is pleased to announce the SMART Moves Program Cycle for 2018. The SMART Moves Program is a municipally administered program that will be used by the TPO to prioritize and program planning studies in Miami-Dade that will support complete streets, first/last mile connections, connected and autonomous vehicles and other priority projects that enhance connectivity, accessibility, and integration of the entire network.

Agencies are invited to submit applications that can be developed for Fiscal Year 2019. Additional information regarding the process and application requirements are attached to this communication. A local match minimum pledge of 20% of estimated project costs is required of all applicants.

A workshop will be hosted by the Miami-Dade TPO on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 2:00pm in the Stephen P. Clark Center, 10th Floor, CITT Conference Room, to provide information to potential applicants, including program overview, eligibility requirements, and general guidance on the process.

All submittals must be received by 5:00pm on March 9, 2018, from all interested applicants. Recommendations of awarding these funds will be made on a competitive basis and will become effective on July 1, 2018.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Ms. Lisa Colmenares, AICP, Program Manager at 305-375-1738.

Sincerely,

Aileen Boucé, AICP
Executive Director

Attachments

c. C. Samuel Kissinger, Village Manager, Indian Creek Village
   Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade TPO
   Lisa Colmenares, Miami-Dade TPO
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Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

SMART | STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT PLAN

Concept Design of Downtown MiamiCentral Development and Brightline Train Station Currently Under Construction
The Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan is a bold infrastructure investment program of projects that will significantly improve transportation mobility, provide a world-class transit system that will support economic growth and competitiveness in the global arena. Miami is a global hub representing not only the Gateway of the America's, but also the nation's southeast capital for international freight and cargo, as well as the number one passenger cruise port in the world. Miami-Dade County is the most populous county in Florida, representing 2.7 million residents, and the Miami Urbanized Area is the 4th most populous in the U.S. with over 5.5 million people. Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, along with the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board, has declared the advancement of the SMART Plan as the top priority for Miami-Dade County, which is strongly supported by public and private sector partners, residents, and other elected officials.

The SMART Plan represents a vision for our region that is both strategic and far-reaching, creating a system of multiple transportation options by leveraging existing infrastructure, and integrating technology at the highest levels. The plan is comprehensive, proactive, and supports the future population and employment growth anticipated in our region.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) estimates the annual cost of congestion to motorists in urban areas is approximately $7 billion. This represents a significant cost and economic disadvantage that if not addressed, will result in urban areas like Miami being left behind.
The SMART Plan will expand transit options in Miami-Dade County along six (6) critical corridors that are linked to local, regional, national, and global economic markets, as highlighted below. Another critical component of the SMART Plan will be a network of Express Buses, known as Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT), which will connect the SMART rapid transit corridors on limited access facilities, promoting the active expansion of South Florida’s Express Lanes network with the implementation of six (6) identified BERT express lane concepts. This innovative approach effectively expands the reach of transit in Miami-Dade County and beyond.

- **Beach Corridor**: Highest tourist demand in region with major employment centers.
- **East-West Corridor**: Heaviest commuter travel for international, state and local businesses.
- **Kendall Corridor**: One of the most congested arterial roadways with the highest demand.
- **North Corridor**: Key regional mobility linkage for access to jobs, stadium and educational facilities.
- **Northeast Corridor**: High transit demand and part of a critical regional corridor stretching to Palm Beach County.
- **South Corridor**: Experiencing the fastest population growth in Miami-Dade County.

How many Floridians will benefit from the SMART Plan? An estimated 1.7 million people live within a 2 mile radius of the SMART Plan alignments, representing approximately 63% of the most populous county in Florida.

In 2002, Miami-Dade voters approved a half penny sales surtax to demonstrate a local commitment to mass-transit expansion. This local commitment demonstrates the desire and dedication from Miami-Dade County to seek and implement alternative transportation methods from all levels of the community. This dedicated funding source is available to match State and Federal funds for the implementation of this Plan. It is anticipated that the overall cost of the SMART Plan is approximately $3.6 billion. State and federal funding partnerships will be critical to deliver these projects.