

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) TO COMMISSION A STUDY TO EVALUATE NORTH-SOUTH TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES ALONG THE AIA CORRIDOR, INCLUDING MIAMI BEACH, SURFSIDE, BAL HARBOUR, BAY HARBOUR, SUNNY ISLES, AND AVENTURA.

WHEREAS, at its April 27, 2018 Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan Workshop, the City Commission discussed the need to evaluate transit options, including Bus Rapid Transit, to improve mobility throughout the coastal communities along the AIA corridor. At the workshop, it was recommended that the City Commission request that the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) conduct such a study; and

WHEREAS, congestion is a serious issue along the AIA corridor as demonstrated by the existing Peak Directional Level of Service of C, D, and F and the 2035 Future Peak Directional LOS of D and F along the length of Collins Avenue/AIA corridor between Aventura and Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Coastal Communities Transportation Master Plan, prepared by the Miami-Dade TPO for Miami Beach and other coastal communities, recommended enhancing regional coastal transit through Bus Rapid Transit and a Collins Avenue Corridor Study to identify ways to increase capacity along the AIA/Collins Avenue corridor; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2016 Miami Beach Transportation Master Plan (TMP) designated a transit priority network, which included the AIA/Collins Avenue corridor from 17th Street on the south to the City limit on the north; and

WHEREAS, transit ridership is strong along the AIA corridor and is strongly encouraged by the 2016 TMP to grow. As an example, for the month of February 2017, the average weekday ridership in North Beach alone for Miami-Dade Transit buses and the City's North Beach Trolley Loop was approximately 31,752 passengers; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the recently approved FAR increase in the North Beach Town Center area will lead to substantial growth in North Beach, and the area is envisioned to become a multimodal community with a high potential for mass transit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization to initiate a study to evaluate north-south transportation needs for coastal communities along the AIA corridor, including Miami Beach, Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbour, Sunny Isles, and Aventura.

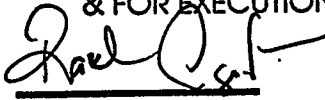
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/14/18

Date