

**RESOLUTION NO. \_ 2018-30180**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) TO DEVELOP A TRANSIT NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN A STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT ("SMART") PLAN, AND URGING THE TPO TO ADDITIONALLY CONSIDER THE JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY AS THE BEACH CORRIDOR CONNECTING DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2016, the Governing Board of the Miami-Dade Transportation Organization (TPO) unanimously adopted Resolution No. 06-16 which set the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects as the highest priority for Miami-Dade County ("County"); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2016, the TPO's Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 26-16 endorsing the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the SMART Plan is to improve mobility choices within the County by implementing six (6) priority rapid transit corridors, as well as eight (8) complimentary express bus routes which, upon full implementation, are anticipated to improve transportation mobility; to provide a world-class transit system that will support economic growth, global competitiveness, and future population growth; to improve access to tourist destinations and recreational areas; and, to improve air quality and reduced energy consumption due to fewer vehicles on roadways, among other benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the SMART Plan identifies the MacArthur Causeway as the route for the Beach Corridor connecting Downtown/Midtown Miami to the City of Miami Beach ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, however, the MPO should reconsider the Beach Corridor route and additionally consider the Julia Tuttle Causeway as a potential connecting solution for the transit corridor between the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach for a variety of reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, in particular, further consideration should be afforded to the Julia Tuttle Causeway because it connects two of the City's largest employers, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Fontainebleau Hotel, to the mainland; the proximity of the Julia Tuttle Causeway to Miami International Airport; the Julia Tuttle Causeway is a shorter route than the MacArthur Causeway and would likely be less costly to construct and maintain; the Julia Tuttle Causeway may have more traffic congestion today than when the County's original studies were performed and, thus, the benefits of rapid transit would be more beneficial if this route were utilized; the impacts on the historic areas in South Beach would be less impacted by a more northerly route to and from the City; and, the distance differential between the Miami Beach Convention Center and the Julia Tuttle Causeway, as opposed to the MacArthur Causeway, is negligible; and

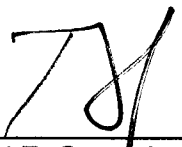
**WHEREAS**, the Planning & Project Development Phase for all six (6) SMART Corridors is anticipated to be complete during 2018; therefore, time is of the essence for reconsideration of the Julia Tuttle Causeway as the Beach Corridor route; and

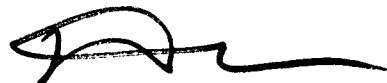
**WHEREAS**, Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) data should be used in order to inform TPO, in its decision making process, as to which Causeway, the Julia Tuttle or MacArthur, should be selected for the rapid transit route.

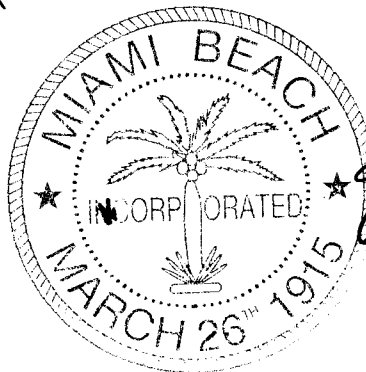
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby support the efforts of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization to develop a transit network throughout the County in a Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan, and urge the TPO to reconsider the Julia Tuttle Causeway as the Beach Corridor connecting downtown Miami and the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

  
3/30/18  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

  
Dan Gelber, Mayor



APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
City Attorney

3/26/18  
Date

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Raul J. Aguila, City Attorney  
DATE: February 14, 2018

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) TO DEVELOP A TRANSIT NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN A STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT ("SMART") PLAN, AND URGING THE TPO TO RECONSIDER THE JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY AS THE BEACH CORRIDOR CONNECTING DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to the request of Vice-Mayor John Elizabeth Aleman, the above-referenced Resolution is submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the February 14, 2018 City Commission meeting.

### **Legislative Tracking**

Office of the City Attorney

### **Sponsor**

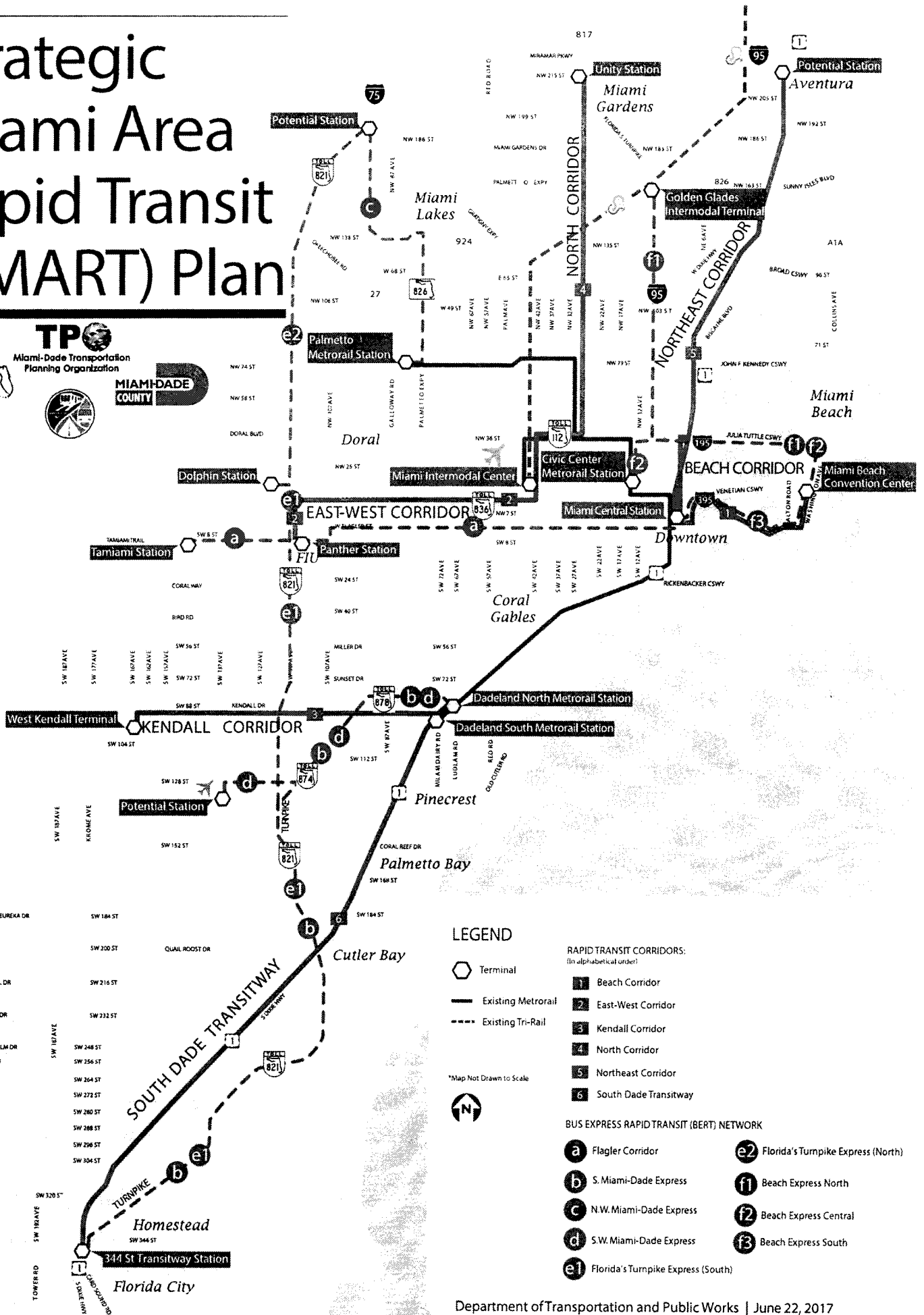
Vice-Mayor John Elizabeth Aleman

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **Description**

- ▢ Resolution
- ▢ SMART Plan

# Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan



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March 30, 2018

Honorable Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Honorable Mayor Gimenez,

Attached please find a copy of City of Miami Beach Resolution No. 2018-30180:

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Respectfully,



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c: Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán

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Deputy Mayor Alina T. Hudak  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street 29th Floor  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Deputy Mayor Hudak,

Attached please find a copy of City of Miami Beach Resolution No. 2018-30180:

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Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Jordan,

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Commissioner Jean Monestime  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Monestime,

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Vice-Chair Audrey Edmonson  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Vice-Chair Edmonson,

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Commissioner Sally A. Heyman  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Heyman,

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Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Barreiro,

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Commissioner Rebeca Sosa  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Sosa,

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Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Dear Commissioner Suarez,

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Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Dear Commissioner Cava,

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Commissioner Dennis C. Moss  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Commissioner Javier D. Souto  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Miami, FL 33128

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Commissioner Joe A. Martinez  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Dear Commissioner Martinez,

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Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Dear Commissioner Diaz,

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Chairman Esteban Bovo, Jr.  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
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Dear Chairman Bovo, Jr.,

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Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director Aileen Bouclé  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 920  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Miami-Dade TPO Executive Director Bouclé,

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