

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), formerly known as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), was created to guide the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary functions of the TPO is to produce and update a Long-Range Transportation Plan every five years and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) every year; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 339.175(8)(a)(b), TPOs are responsible for developing, annually, a list of project priorities to be incorporated in the TIP, which has been updated with a new fifth year of projects and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO Program Priorities is the mechanism to provide the "new 5th year" program priorities of the TPO Governing Board to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), to include multimodal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, once the TPO adopts a list of TPO Program Priorities projects, FDOT produces a Five-Year Work Program to execute these priorities as directed by the TPO; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2020, TPO staff reached out to City staff and solicited a list of Miami Beach priority projects for FY 2026 funding consideration (or sooner if funding becomes available); and

**WHEREAS**, the TPO prioritizes multimodal projects that support and/or provide innovative first/last mile connectivity to regional Miami-Dade County Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan projects and hubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's candidate priority projects proffered by staff are multimodal and provide innovative first/last mile connectivity between the Miami Beach Convention Center (a SMART Plan hub) and future regional SMART Plan projects in Miami Beach, including the Beach Corridor Rapid Transit project and Beach Express North, Central, and South Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) routes, thereby increasing the potential of being selected by the TPO as one of the Program Priority projects for FY 2026 funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the three priority projects recommended by the Administration for consideration by the TPO for FY 2026 funding are as follows: 1) Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle Demonstration Project in South Beach; 2) South Beach Trolley Service (currently a SMART demonstration service); and 3) 17 Street Exclusive Transit and Bike Lane Project.

**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 endorse the Administration's recommended Transportation Planning Organization Program Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION  
Rafael Coyote 5-6-20  
City Attorney AMT Date