

MPO RESOLUTION #13-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TO ACCEPT AND USE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FUNDS FOR THE VANPOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP) has been existence since 1998 with a current total of 166 vans; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Vanpool Program qualified as a recipient of the FTA’s Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307); and

WHEREAS, the MPO received a check from South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) as a result of the \$661,189.27 allocated to the SFVP under the stated program; and

WHEREAS, the authorization is required before the MPO could access these funds for the Vanpool Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hereby authorized to accept and use Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds for the Vanpool Program.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Lynda Bell. The motion was seconded by Board Member Katy Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro-Aye
Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan-Absent

- Board Member Lynda Bell -Aye
Board Member Kevin A. Burns -Absent
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz -Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson -Aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson -Aye
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez -Aye
Board Member Perla T. Hantman -Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman -Aye
Board Member William H. Kerdyk -Absent
Board Member Joe A. Martinez -Absent
Board Member Dennis C. Moss -Absent
Board Member Julio Robaina -Aye
Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle -Aye
Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff -Absent
Board Member Natacha Seijas -Absent
Board Member Katy Sorenson -Aye
Board Member Rebeca Sosa -Absent
Board Member Javier D. Souto -Aye
Board Member Richard L. Steinberg -Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 22nd day of May, 2008.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
M.P.O.
By Zainab Salim, Clerk
MPO Secretariat



**Date:** May 12, 2008

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members  
MPO Governing Board

**From:** Jose-Luis Mesa, Director  
MPO Secretariat

**Subject:** **Vanpool Program**

**Agenda Item 4.B.2**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is requested that the MPO Governing Board accept and use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds for the Vanpool Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The National Transit Database (NTD) is the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) primary national database for statistics in the transit industry. Recipients of FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) are required by statute to submit data to the NTD. Each year, NTD performance data is used to apportion FTA funds to transit agencies in urbanized areas (UZAs). The South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP) qualifies as a recipient of these funds.

In 2005, the SFVP submitted for the first time the NTD Report to FTA. Of the total apportionment for the South Florida region, \$661,189.27 was allocated for the SFVP. As a result of the SFVP not being listed as a FTA recipient, these funds were allocated as part of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) apportionment. A check for the above referenced amount was issued by SFRTA to the Miami-Dade MPO. These funds will be used to support the operations of the SFVP within the three counties.

Although the check from SFRTA has been received, the MPO cannot spend these funds without a formal action by the Board accepting these funds from the SFRTA and declaring its intent to use them towards the operation of the Vanpool Program. This is due to the fact that no formal documentation attesting to the latter was in place. The Miami-Dade MPO staff will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) to facilitate the future use of these funds. This MOU will also make it unnecessary for the MPO Board to revisit this matter during upcoming annual cycles.