

**MPO RESOLUTION #23-09**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING RIVER OF GRASS GREENWAY  
ALONG THE TAMAMIAMI TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Naples Pathways Coalition is proposing the River of Grass Greenway (“ROGG”), which would be a multi-use pathway across the Florida Everglades along the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41); and

**WHEREAS**, the ROGG will be a hard-surfaced 12-14 foot wide corridor (separated from the highway) suitable for a range of non-motorized recreational activities such as bicycling, walking, bird-watching, photography, fishing and general enjoyment of the greater Everglades natural area; and

**WHEREAS**, a steering committee comprised of individuals from greenway advocates, environmental groups, local communities, and government agencies is presently planning the corridor which will extend from Krome Avenue to the outskirts of Naples/Marco Island, with a three mile spur in the middle to Everglades City; and

**WHEREAS**, the River of Grass Greenway will be designed and built for sustainability, with acute awareness of the potential environmental impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Governing Board believes that the River of Grass Greenway provides opportunities for education, stewardship and preservation of the environmental, historic and cultural assets of this unique area, and is in the best interest of the citizens of South Florida,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that the Board endorses the River of Grass Greenway so as long as the River of Grass Greenway does not prohibit pre-existing uses of US-41 and public access to public lands adjacent to US-41. Further, the River of Grass Greenway shall be developed and constructed in consultation with Miccosukee Indian Tribe of Florida.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rebeca Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Dennis C. Moss-Aye  
**Vice Chairwoman** Perla Tabares Hantman-Aye

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-Aye	Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye
Board Member Lynda Bell	-Aye	Board Member William H. Kerdyk	-Absent
Board Member Matti Herrera Bower	-Absent	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Aye
Board Member Kevin A. Burns	-Aye	Board Member Julio Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Jose “Pepe” Diaz	-Aye	Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle	-Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Absent	Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	-Absent	Board Member Natacha Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Katy Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Maritza Gutierrez	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
M.P.O.**

By Zainab Salim  
Zainab Salim, Clerk  
MPO Secretariat

