

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to prepare a plan detailing
possible funding mechanisms for
the Strategic Miami Area Rapid
Transit ("SMART") Plan Rapid
Transit Corridors; and to provide
a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III



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Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A PLAN DETAILING POSSIBLE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT ("SMART") PLAN RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has consistently ranked amongst the United States cities with the worst traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion is generally especially heavy during peak rush hour periods, and can be worsened due to traffic accidents, roadwork, and network gridlock; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion has a negative impact on the quality of life for Miami-Dade County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, the Governing Board of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, now known as the Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO"), adopted Resolution #06-16 establishing a policy to set as highest priority for the community the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2016, the TPO unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit ("SMART") Plan, an initiative to advance six Rapid Transit Corridors along with a network system of Bus Express Rapid Transit service to implement mass transit projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the six SMART Plan Rapid Transit Corridors are the: Beach Corridor, East-West Corridor, Kendall Corridor, North Corridor, Northeast Corridor, and South Dade Transitway (hereinafter the "South Corridor"); and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2016, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-523-16 endorsing the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro Express—Miami-Dade County’s first-all-electric Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) service, launched on October 27, 2025, as part of the South Corridor; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to construct the remaining SMART Plan corridors and enhance the mobility of Miami-Dade County residents; and

WHEREAS, enhanced mobility through the construction of the remaining SMART Plan Rapid Transit Corridors will not only improve access to jobs and education, but will also catalyze economic growth, attract new businesses, increase property values, and strengthen Miami-Dade County’s competitiveness as a regional hub for commerce and innovation; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to responsibly advance the SMART Plan corridors as quickly as possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a plan detailing possible funding mechanisms for the SMART Plan Rapid Transit Corridors.

Section 2. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report regarding the directive in section 1 above within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Annery Pulgar Alfonso
Juliette R. Antoine