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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CORRESPONDENCE, JOINING ELECTED OFFICIALS OF SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIGHT-RAIL TRANSPORTATION; FURTHER REQUESTING THAT THE CURRENT CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST 2.0 ANALYSIS INCLUDE LIGHT-RAIL TRANSPORTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene Flinn.)

WHEREAS, in November of 2015, the Village of Palmetto Bay passed Resolution 2015-98, which urged the development of a plan of action to implement future transit options for South Miami-Dade, with a strong emphasis on the development of a light rail transit (LRT) system along the busway lane; and.

WHEREAS, the "South Miami-Dade Corridor Alternative Analysis Report" provided an evaluation of alternative transportation development options including, Metrorail, light rail transit (LRT), bus rapid transit (BRT), etc.; and,

WHEREAS, LRT systems remain the most viable and practical solution to the traffic problems of Miami-Dade. Additionally, benefits to LRT systems include: significant life span of 50 years - 12 years for buses; minimal maintenance - buses require costly asphalt repairs every 10 to 12 years; much less impact to the environment - buses emit much more emissions; three times greater ridership than buses; LRT's are less costly to operate, once the rail is installed; LRT requires less footprint (30' - as opposed to 60' for buses), which allows for other uses (such as bike lanes) in the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, LRT should be considered as the solution, rather than considering expanding the current BRT, as a BRT, once constructed, cannot be easily converted to LRT without major costs and traffic flow interruption; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to express its support of Light-Rail Transportation as the short and long-term solution for our community by authorizing the Mayor to execute the correspondence, attached as Exhibit "A", joining with the Honorable Congressman Carlos Curbelo, the Honorable Florida Representative Kionne McGhee, and the Mayors of the following communities: Town of Cutler Bay, City of Florida City, City of Homestead, Village of Pinecrest, and City of South Miami.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached correspondence on behalf of the Village and on behalf of the South Miami-Dade County community.

Section 2. The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this Resolution to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2016.

Attest:


Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk


Eugene Flinn
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:


Dexter W. Lehtinen
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Karyn Cunningham	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Tim Schaffer	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor John DuBois	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Eugene Flinn	<u>YES</u>

EXHIBIT "A"

Florida House of Representatives
Representative Kionne L. McGhee
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**South Miami-Dade Elected Officials & Community Support the Implementation of Light-Rail Transportation for
the South Miami-Dade County**

February 1, 2016

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Stephen P. Clark Center
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Aileen Bouclé
MPO Executive Director
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Dear Commissioners and Director:

In affirmation of our recent position on the continuance of implementing an efficient transportation system in South Miami-Dade County, we stand united in seeking light-rail transportation as the short and long term solution for our community. As you are aware, the current bus transportation system acts as a stopgap measure, and does not fulfill our shared expectations of light-rail oriented development along the South Dade Corridor. For these reasons, we are opposed to Bus-Rapid Transit as the primary functional mode of transportation for the South-Dade Corridor (US-1 Extension). We are requesting that the current Citizens Independent Transportation Trust 2.0 analysis immediately be revised to include light-rail as the short and long term solution for our community.

Thank you,

Kionne L. McGhee
Florida House of Representatives
District 117

Carlos Curbelo
United States Representative
Congressional District 26

Jeff Porter
Homestead City Mayor

Peggy Bell
Town of Cutler Bay Mayor

Eugene Flinn
Village of Palmetto Bay Mayor

Otis Wallace
Florida City Mayor

Cindy Lerner
Village of Pinecrest Mayor

Philip Stoddard
City of South Miami Mayor