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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-98

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA URGING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO UNDERTAKE A NEW STUDY OF THE SOUTH DADE BUSWAY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND DEVELOP 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 SYSTEM ALONG THE BUSWAY LANE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene Flinn.)

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WHEREAS, the South Dade Busway, located on public right-of-way on what was originally the Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway's link between Miami and Key West, runs parallel to US 1, including the length of the Village's commercial corridor; and,

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WHEREAS, the South Dade Busway consists of a two-lane roadway designed for the exclusive use of Miami-Dade Transit buses and local emergency vehicles, and extends from Florida City to the Dadeland South Metrorail station; and,

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WHEREAS, in 2006, significant increases in ridership led to the "South Miami-Dade Corridor Alternative Analysis Report" commissioned by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); 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, the study concluded that, over a 10-year period, Metrorail should be extended from the Dadeland South station to 104th Street, BRT should be implemented from 104th Street to Florida City, and that LRT should be considered when warranted by ridership; and,

WHEREAS, since the study was completed, several South Dade municipalities have considered plans to develop urban centers along the South Dade Busway; and,

WHEREAS, LRT systems have become a viable and practical solution to traffic woes in many American cities, benefiting local communities by boosting economic development, reducing pollution and traffic congestion and providing drivers with an economical alternative to automobiles; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council wishes to support a new study of the South Dade Busway to determine the need for alternative transit opportunities and develop a plan of action to implement future transit options with a strong emphasis on the development of an LRT along the busway.

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

1 **Section 1.** The Village Council hereby urges the Metropolitan Planning
2 Organization to undertake a new study of the South Dade Busway to determine the need for
3 alternative transit opportunities in South Miami-Dade County, and develop a plan of action to
4 implement future transit options for South Miami-Dade, with a strong emphasis on the
5 development of a light rail transit (LRT) system along the busway lane.

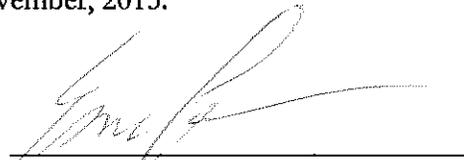
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7 **Section 2.** The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this Resolution to the
8 Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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

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12 PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2015.

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16 Attest:


Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk


Eugene Flinn
Mayor

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

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24 Dexter W. Lehtinen
25 Village Attorney

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29 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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31 Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES
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33 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES
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35 Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES
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37 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
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39 Mayor Eugene Flinn YES
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