

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2445

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONER OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW STARTS TRANSIT PROGRAM (NSTP) TO FACILITATE FUNDING FOR THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is suffering from severe traffic congestion involving an increasing amount of its roadways and for an increasing amount of time; and

**WHEREAS**, this congestion has a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents of Miami-Dade County, the prosperity of our local business community, and the economic climate of the area as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside (“Town”) Commission advocates sound policy proposals that will benefit Town residents and businesses and the whole Miami-Dade County community; and

**WHEREAS**, alleviating the severe congestion negatively impacting our community, will provide better quality of life for residents, provide better access to local businesses, and benefit the local cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County (“County”) and the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) have proposed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan intends to advance six (6) of the rapid transit corridors, which primarily features six (6) rapid transit corridors that include both bus rapid transit and fixed-guideway transit projects, that once completed, will connect all parts of the County to a holistic public transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, completion of all six (6) corridors will require substantial funding and coordination from Federal, State, and Local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Florida Legislature established the New Starts Transit Program ("NSTP") to assist local governments in developing and constructing fixed-guideway and bus rapid transit projects to accommodate and manage urban growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, qualifying projects of NSTP include rail transit and bus rapid transit systems; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the major projects identified by the SMART Plan would potentially be eligible for funding under this program; and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing additional State of Florida funds to be leveraged, it will add security to the funding model for the SMART Plan in the event that individual projects are not approved for federal funding and increase the cost feasibility of the plan as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART plan is essential to improving a rapidly growing metropolitan area like Miami-Dade County, but NSTP funds are vital to its success, thus the Town Commission advocates prioritizing the Expansion of the New Starts Transit Program to Facilitate Funding for the Strategic Miami Areas Rapid Transit Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA** to endorse and support the expansion of the NSTP to facilitate funding for the SMART Plan.

**Section 1.**     **Recitals Adopted.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Endorsement and Support for Expansion of NSTP to Facilitate Funding for the SMART Plan.** The Town Commission endorses and supports the expansion of the NSTP to facilitate funding for the SMART Plan.

**Section 3. Implementation.** The Town Mayor and/or Town Officials are authorized to take all action necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

**Section 4. Direction to the City Clerk.** The Town Commission hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board and Members of the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Karukin

Seconded by Commissioner Paul

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

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| Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky | yes |
| Commissioner Michael Karukin    | yes |
| Commissioner Tina Paul          | yes |
| Vice Mayor Barry Cohen          | yes |
| Mayor Daniel Dietch             | yes |

  
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DANIEL DIETCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SANDRA NOVOA, MMC, TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:



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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY