

TPO RESOLUTION #55-2022

**RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (H.R.) 3339 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
TO CREATE A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), in its role as the MPO, provides a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, Congress introduced House of Representatives (HR) 3339, The National Infrastructure Bank Act, to create a \$5 trillion National Infrastructure Bank, which would require no new federal spending and no new federal taxes and would be capitalized by existing Treasury debt; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the infrastructure bank shall be to facilitate efficient long-term financing of infrastructure projects, businesses and economic growth, and new job creation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the proposed infrastructure bank would provide loans to public and private entities for financing, developing, or operating eligible infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, an eligible project must have a public sponsor as well as local, regional, or national significance; and

WHEREAS, additionally eligible projects should follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process requirements; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County. Subsequently, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan to implement mass transit projects throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan includes six (6) rapid transit corridors along with a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) services; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the vital rapid transit corridors, in whole or in part, will provide needed transportation alternatives and relief from traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2022 the SMART Plan transitioned into the SMART Program with the implementation of the corridors in various stages of development under the NEPA process; and

WHEREAS, enactment of a National Infrastructure Bank will facilitate efficient investments and financing of needed infrastructure projects, most notably the SMART Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that this Board hereby:

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact House of Representatives (H.R.) 3339 or similar legislation to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

Section 2. Directs the TPO Executive Director or designee to include this resolution as part of the 2023 TPO Legislative Priorities.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was Sponsored by TPO Board Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III and moved by Board Member Eileen Higgins. The motion was seconded by Board Member Marleine Bastien, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

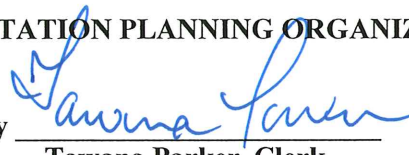
Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III - Aye
Vice Chairman-

Board Member Marleine Bastien	- Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	- Aye
Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	- Aye	Board Member Roberto Martell	- Absent
Board Member Esteban Bovo, Jr	- Absent	Board Member Kionne L. McGhee	- Aye
Board Member Kevin M. Cabrera	- Aye	Board Member Raquel A. Regalado	- Aye
Board Member Danielle Cohen Higgins	- Aye	Board Member David Richardson	- Aye
Board Member Rene Garcia	- Aye	Board Member Anthony Rodriguez	- Aye
Board Member Roberto Gonzalez	- Aye	Board Member Shelly Smith Fano	- Absent
Board Member Keon Hardemon	- Aye	Board Member Micky Steinberg	- Aye
Board Member Rodney Harris	- Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	- Absent
Board Member Eileen Higgins	- Aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 8th day of December 2022.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By



Tawana Parker, Clerk
Miami-Dade TPO

