

RESOLUTION NO. 17-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE LEAGUE OF CITIES
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EXPANSION OF THE
NEW STARTS TRANSIT PROGRAM (NSTP) TO
FACILITATE FUNDING FOR THE STRATEGIC MIAMI
AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN; PROVIDING FOR
TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) desires to express its support of the Miami-Dade League of Cities Resolution No. 2017-1 (the “Resolution”) expressing support to facilitate funding for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board approved a policy to set as highest priority the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects for Miami-Dade County and endorsed the proposed SMART Plan in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan intends to advance six (6) of the People’s Transportation Plan’s 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, 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, all of the major projects identified by the SMART Plan would potentially be eligible for funding under the NSTP; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it to be in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town to support the Miami-Dade League of Cities Resolution endorsing and supporting the expansion of the NSTP to facilitate funding for the SMART Plan.

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

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

Section 2. **Support.** The Town Council hereby expresses its support of the Miami-Dade League of Cities Resolution No. 2017-1, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, expressing support for the expansion of the NSTP to facilitate funding for the SMART Plan.

Section 3. **Transmittal by Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2017.

Attest:

PEGGY R. BELL
Mayor

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC
Interim Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell	_____
Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle	_____
Council Member Mary Ann Mixon	_____
Council Member Michael P. Callahan	_____
Council Member Roger Coriat	_____