

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 3841

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION CONFIRM AND ACCELERATE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI SPRINGS OKEECHOBEE STATION SMART TRAIL CONNECTOR, A FIRST AND LAST MILE TRANSIT SOLUTION; URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Okeechobee Metrorail Station (the “Station”) is conveniently located near the City of Miami Springs (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the Station and the City, unfortunately, are separated by the, Florida East Coast Railway Lines, the Miami River Canal and Okeechobee Road, creating a situation which is not pedestrian friendly and relegates Metrorail passengers from the City to having to use their vehicles for first and last mile connection to the Station; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that a pedestrian bridge over the aforementioned obstacle would more efficient and effective connection between the Station and the City; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization has identified such a project as the “Miami Springs-Okeechobee Station SMART Trail Connector” (or “Smart Trail Connector”) as a project that serves as first and last mile transportation solution, with funding slated for design and construction in fiscal years 2020 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage the TPO to confirm and accelerate the funding for the SMART Trail Connect to bring immediate traffic relief and transit options to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Recommended Position. The Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization is hereby urged to take all necessary actions to confirm and accelerate the allocation of funding for the design and construction of the Miami Springs Okeechobee Station SMART Transit Connector, making a priority this first and last mile transit solution for current and future Metrorail passengers from the City and surrounding areas. The State of Florida and the Government of the United States is hereby urged to allocated funding to assist in the advancement of the SMART Transit Connector.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioner, District 6, to the Members and Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization, the Honorable Carlos Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County, the Honorable Bryan Avila, Representative of the State of Florida, District 111, the Honorable Manny Diaz Jr., Senator of the State of Florida, District 36, the Honorable Ron Desantis, Governor of the State of Florida, the Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, United States Representative, District 25, the Honorable Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, Unites States Senators, Florida, and such other individuals and/or offices as may be necessary to advance to the position taken herein

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

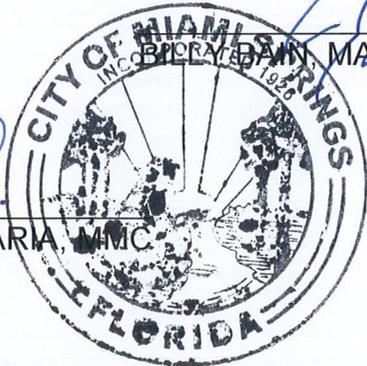
The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Best who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petralanda and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Vice Mayor Bob Best | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilman Marie Puente Mitchell | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilwoman Mara Zapata | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilman Jaime Petralanda | <u>YES</u> |
| Mayor Billy Bain | <u>NO</u> |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:


ERIKA GONZALEZ-SANTAMARIA, MMC
CITY CLERK




MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:


WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY