



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KENDALL PARKWAY EXTENSION TO STATE ROAD 836

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Chamber is South Florida's largest business organization, reaching more than 400,000 employees through its member companies in what is the eighth largest marketplace in America. The Chamber's agenda is to support economic and business issues ranging from regional business development, international business development, leadership programs and governmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, population growth and traffic in southwest Miami-Dade has significantly increased without the support of the required transportation infrastructure to serve the 600,000 residents and business in the area, causing three-hour daily commutes for residents in the area and a setback for business growth, causing a deteriorating quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has submitted an amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan to include the incorporation of a new multi-modal transportation corridor known as the Kendall Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall Parkway is a new north-south expressway west of 167th Avenue from the Tamiami Trail to SW 136th Street, connecting to SR 836 at 137th Avenue and NW 12th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Turnpike and the Palmetto Expressway alone cannot address the existing demand, or the projected capacity needed to provide mobility in this area for daily commuters or the movement of goods and services to and from Southwest Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall Parkway is proposed as a multimodal transportation corridor that will include Xpress Technology (XT) Lanes to be used for bus express transit service, with proposed multi-modal transit hubs in West Dade and West Kendall at the Miami Executive Airport and Kendall Drive, which will allow MDX to extend the express bus service for commuters that it will commence offering on SR 836 early next year; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall Parkway allows the County to extend the East-West Corridor of the SMART Plan into Southwest Miami-Dade County, West Dade and West Kendall utilizing toll revenues thus freeing limited local, state and federal transportation resources to build other corridors of the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners will vote on transmittal of this amendment to the State of Florida for comments on June 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, residents will access a newly constructed expressway within minutes of exiting their driveways by traveling West in the morning against the traditional West to East traffic patterns, significantly reducing their daily commute; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall Parkway will connect directly with the Dolphin Expressway (SR 836) allowing a large segment of Miami-Dade County's workforce to access its major employment centers at Doral, FIU, Miami International Airport, Downtown Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital and Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan Amendment the Kendall Parkway would be ready for procurement by the end of 2018 with a commencement of construction in 2019 with a three to five-year delivery facilitating movement of commerce and economic prosperity for Miami-Dade County and providing mobility to the areas residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THAT:

This Chamber supports the Kendall Parkway with the conditions outlined below and urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to transmit the amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan to the State on June 20, 2018.

1. Prohibit entrance and exit ramps other than points already considered part of the proposed project on the map for 50 years.
2. Support the concurrency and environmental land purchase language included in the CDMP amendment, so commercial and residential development near the urban development boundary is prohibited.
3. Ensure that right-of-way designated for mass transit systems be solely used for mass transit system.
4. Direct the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) to concurrently build mass transit, greenway and bike pathway infrastructure services on the Kendall Parkway.
5. Incorporate gold standard bus rapid transit infrastructure services with dedicated lanes on the Kendall Parkway.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Carlos Orta
Chair

Alfred Sanchez
President and CEO