

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC) TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) DESIGNATION CRITERIA AND TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE SIS CRITERIA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, SEFTC was created in 2006 through an Interlocal Agreement among the Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations/Agencies (B/M/TPO/A) to strengthen regional transportation planning coordination and to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, SEFTC adopted a regionally significant corridor network, as part of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Florida, which recognizes the importance of SIS facilities; and

WHEREAS, FDOT hosted a webinar on June 27, 2018 to present FDOT's proposed changes to the SIS designation criteria; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the FDOT proposed changes to the SIS designation criteria would cause the loss of the SIS designation from important facilities in Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the SIS designation would also adversely impact Southeast Florida's ability to leverage critical state and other funding to improve those facilities; and

WHEREAS, FDOT is requesting input for the SIS designation criteria update; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that FDOT prepares policies and plans that are consistent and compatible with the different regions throughout the State of Florida, especially the highly urbanized and multimodal regions such as Southeast Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council submits the following specific comments and recommendations to FDOT:

- A. Amend the criteria for the SIS Urban Fixed Guideway Transit Hub to **delete** the requirement that Hubs be co-located with a major park-and-ride facility having 500 or more spaces, and **include** the following language:
1. Amend SIS Criteria to include facilities located at or near the termini of the urban fixed guideway corridor or a major transfer station between two or more fixed guideway corridors.
 2. Amend Criteria for the SIS Urban Fixed Guideway Transit Hub to include facilities which are co-located or **directly linked** to a major park and ride facility having 500 or more spaces.
- B. Amend the SIS Criteria to include facilities which serve or provide a direct link to a SIS Airport, Seaport or Spaceport.
- C. Amend the SIS Criteria for the Urban Fixed Guideway Transit Corridors and Stations to be able to incorporate the **Miami-Dade County Metrorail**, which moves significant numbers of people and directly serves major urban employment centers as follows: *“Urban fixed guideway corridors that have an annual ridership in excess of 5 million trips”*.
- D. Amend the SIS Criteria for the Waterways Corridors to add an additional criteria to incorporate the Miami River as follows: *“Inland waterways exceeding 5% of Florida’s total of international freight tonnage”*.
- E. Amend the SIS Criteria to incorporate the Tri-Rail connection to downtown Miami into the SIS as it appears to meet the proposed criteria.
- F. Amend the SIS Criteria to include existing and/or active freight rail corridors.
- G. **Conclusion:** Based on the above specific comments, SEFTC strongly recommends that the proposed FDOT SIS Designation Criteria be amended.

SECTION 2. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council shall distribute this Resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Secretaries of FDOT Districts 4 and 6, members of the media, the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils, and any and all interested parties.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Keith James who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Chairman Bryan Caletka, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed. The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly adopted this 27 day of July, 2018.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

By: 
Chairman

Bryan Caletka, Chairman, SEFTC