


# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## --MEMORANDUM--



*The City Beautiful*

**TO:** Mayor and City Commission  
City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark

**FROM:** Commissioner Vince Lago 

**DATE:** May 7, 2018

**SUBJECT:** TPO Funding Opportunity via SMART Plan Demonstration Projects, General transportation update postponed to 5/22 Commission Meeting.

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- 1) As the TPO Governing Board member representative for the City of Coral Gables, I am pleased to announce the SMART Demonstration Projects Cycle for Fiscal Year 2019. The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) unanimously approved Resolution #14-18 endorsing the identification and implementation of demonstration projects that advance elements of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. The TPO is seeking SMART Plan demonstration project proposals with a duration of up to no more than three years, with a commitment to continue the project if deemed successful by the project sponsor. Funding is a collaborative effort, and depending on the scope and cost of the demonstration project, the TPO may seek federal and/or state funds to be allocated up to one half of the net project cost. SMART Plan demonstration project eligibility is categorized as follows: 1) New Routes with connectivity to the SMART Plan; 2) New Stations with connectivity to the SMART Plan; and 3) New Transit Facilities with connectivity to the SMART Plan, that advance elements of the SMART Plan, and increases service to the traveling public.

The Miami-Dade TPO has invited local agencies located in Miami-Dade County to submit applications that can be developed for Fiscal Year 2019. A local match minimum pledge of 50% of estimated project cost is required of all applicants. Recognizing the importance of this opportunity, I encouraged City staff to meet with TPO Deputy Director, Jesus Guerra on May 2<sup>nd</sup> so that project guidelines could be discussed in further detail.

I highly encourage the City of Coral Gables to submit a project idea no later than the deadline on May 21, 2018, 5:00 pm to ensure we are in the applicant pool. The City should take advantage of opportunities such as this one so that we can enhance our city's services. Your support is instrumental so that we can secure this funding. I would like to request the City Manager and staff to discuss all potential ideas prior to submission. (Please see related documentation enclosed).

2) On a separate topic, I was hoping for a comprehensive update on transportation related initiatives such as the interlocal agreement, traffic calming measures and any other pending updates pertaining to ongoing transportation initiatives. After a conversation with Public Works Director Ed Santamaria, I have agreed to defer the update and would like for it to take place during the May 22 Commission meeting.

CC:

Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos  
Public Works Director, Ed Santammaria  
Parking Director, Kevin Kinney



The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) unanimously approved Resolution #14-18 endorsing the identification and implementation of demonstration projects that advance elements of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan. The TPO is coordinating with transportation partners and other agencies for the funding and implementation of SMART Plan demonstration projects and will report back to the May TPO Governing Board meeting with recommendations on a plan to implement such projects. In order to more effectively coordinate this effort, the TPO is seeking SMART Plan demonstration project proposals with a duration of up to no more than three years, with a commitment to continue the project if deemed successful by the project sponsor. Funding is a collaborative effort, and depending on the scope and cost of the demonstration project, the TPO may seek federal and/or state funds to be allocated up to one half of the net project cost, but not more than the amount of funding committed by the project sponsor. SMART Plan demonstration project eligibility is categorized as follows: 1) New Routes with connectivity to the SMART Plan; 2) New Stations with connectivity to the SMART Plan; and 3) New Transit Facilities with connectivity to the SMART Plan, that advance elements of the SMART Plan, and increases service to the traveling public.

Please complete the below questions regarding your SMART Demonstration project idea and respond by May 21, 2018, at 5:00 pm. Follow-up calls may be conducted by the Miami-Dade TPO. Thank you for your responses!

**1. Please provide the following contact information in case we need to follow-up**

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| • Name:           | Agency/Organization: |
| • Address:        | City/Town/Village:   |
| • State:          | Zip Code:            |
| • E-mail Address: | Phone Number:        |

**2. Name your Project:**

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**3. Project Purpose and Need: Please select one of the following categories:**

- New Route
- New Station
- New Transit Facility

Please answer the below questions:

- a) How does the project address heavy traffic congestion and transit coverage challenges? Provide expected ridership information.
- b) How does the project address Climate Change vulnerability?
- c) Is the project consistent with local priorities including the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transit Development Program, local comprehensive plans, etc.?





**4. Project Narrative:**

- a) **Project Description:** Provide a description of the project service and how the project will advance elements of the SMART Plan.
- b) **Project Boundaries:** Provide a description of the specific limits and location of the project. Include the most current or proposed color map (if applicable) in the application.
- c) **Public Awareness:** Describe how the demonstration program will promote multimodal transportation options in the community.

**5. Project Benefits:**

- a. Air Quality and Reduced Traffic Congestion
- b. Economic Development
- c. Community Accessibility and Connectivity
- d. Regional significance

**6. Project Goals and Objectives:** Provide overall and global project objectives.

**7. Project Justification:** Why is this project important for the agency? List benefits for the traveling public.

**8. Project Schedule:** Provide a narrative as to the expected project schedule including initiation, completion dates, and project duration. Provide an illustrative table including all schedule elements.

**9. Project Monitoring and Reporting:** List expected milestones, goals, results, and how they will be monitored.

**10. Project Budget and Cost:** Provide costs by fiscal year and the revenue source(s) for all funds included.

Note: Minimum 50% local match required for all entities.

**11. Technical Feasibility:** Describe the related process to implement the demonstration project with the proposed schedule.

**12. Program Management:** Please explain who will manage and monitor the project.

Please submit this complete form by **Monday, May 21, 2018, by 12 noon** to [lisa.colmenares@mdtpo.org](mailto:lisa.colmenares@mdtpo.org).





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**Transportation Planning Organization**

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May 3, 2018

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Aileen Bouclé, AICP

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A workshop will be conducted at the Transportation Planning Council on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 2:00pm in the Stephen P. Clark Center, Conference Room 18-3, to provide information to potential applicants, including program overview, eligibility requirements, and general guidance on the process.

All submittals must be received by noon on May 21, 2018, from all interested applicants. Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Ms. Lisa Colmenares, AICP, Program Manager, at 305-375-1738.

Sincerely,

Aileen Bouclé, AICP  
Executive Director

Attachments

c. Jesus Guerra, Miami-Dade TPO