

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-159**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DENY THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND SR-836, KNOWN AS “KENDALL PARKWAY” PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Urban Development Boundary (UDB) is a zoning tool established in 1983 to protect the wetlands, agricultural land, and open space lying between the County’s urban core and the wetlands of Everglades National Park to the west as well as Biscayne National Park to the east; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of urban development outside the current UDB boundary places strain upon fresh-water, ecological, agricultural, and fiscal resources, and there is no demonstrated need to extend the boundaries of the 2020 UDB at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) is currently pursuing County approval for a proposal to extend State Road 836 (SR-836), also known as the Dolphin Expressway, outside of the 2020 UDB which would place developmental pressure on the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed road passes over many highly critical resource areas outside the 2020 UDB, including a large portion of the West Wellfield, thousands of acres of active farmland, and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) designated Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) buffer zones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Government Operations Committee voted against the extension beyond the 2020 UDB on June 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources has submitted a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan to allow for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, extension of SR-836 would encourage auto-centric urban sprawl, increasing the distances local residents and tourists have to drive for jobs and services while contributing to pollutants associated with increased vehicle miles traveled; and

**WHEREAS**, extension of SR-836 would undermine Miami-Dade County’s Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) long range transit plan by encouraging single occupancy vehicle trips and increasing the amount of transit-inaccessible urban sprawl in the metropolitan region; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously passed Resolution 2017-331 endorsing and supporting the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's SMART Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, extension of SR-836 would add to already long commute times due to induced demand, and new highway capacity may eventually operate at or beyond capacity as new single occupancy vehicle trips fill additional traffic lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, extension of SR-836 contradicts the City of Coral Gables' sustainability goals, which call for a reduction in single occupancy vehicle trips and increased transit use within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral is in the process of implementing a multi-modal transportation plan in furtherance of its goals and objectives to protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables believes the best method to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips is to plan for the long term growth of the County, and not just the immediate future, by following the SMART plan and implementing alternative transportation measures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of the Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby urge the the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to deny any application that would extend the SR-836 past the 2020 Urban Development Boundary.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Commission does hereby direct the City Clerk to immediately send copies of this resolution to the Miami-Dade County Commission and each County Commissioner, as well as County Mayor Carlos Gimenez.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2018.

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Mena, Quesada, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)

(Nays: Keon)

(Majority: (4-1) Vote)

(Agenda Item: H-6)

APPROVED:



RAÚL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

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LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY