



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 12, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

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

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

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 Urban Development Boundary (UDB) which would place developmental pressure on the surrounding area.

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.

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 the 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 it 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.

The City previously passed Resolution 2017-331 endorsing and supporting the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's SMART Plan and 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. 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.

As such, the City urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to deny any application that would extend State Road 836 beyond the 2020 Urban Development Boundary.

Attachment(s):

1. Proposed Resolution