RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-46

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE IMMINENT ROLLOUT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (FDOT) PALMETTO EXPRESS PROJECT, WHICH WILL CREATE TOLLED EXPRESS LANES ON STATE ROAD 826/PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY AND I-75, WHEREIN TOLL RATES INCREASE AS CONGESTION INCREASES, AS THIS SYSTEM OF "DYNAMIC TOLLING" WILL PLACE AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL STRAIN ON COMMUTERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY DURING PEAK TRAVEL HOURS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah express strong opposition to the imminent rollout of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Palmetto Express Project, which is scheduled for early April, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Express Project will create tolled express lanes along State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway and I-75, utilizing a "dynamic tolling" system, in which toll rates will increase as the congestion on the express lane increases, placing a financial strain on commuters, particularly during peak travel hours; and

WHEREAS, commuters are already facing massive toll rate increases and the creation of new toll roads on other major roadways in Miami-Dade County, and the addition of the express toll lanes on the Palmetto will create an added financial burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida express their strong opposition to the imminent rollout of the Florida Department of

Transportation's (FDOT) Palmetto Express Project, as it will cause a financial strain on commuters in Miami-Dade County, particularly during peak travel hours.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 08 day of April, 2014.

Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on the 16 day of April, 2014.

Marbelys ~~Rubio~~ Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a (7-0) unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes".