RESOLUTION OPPOSING MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY’S (MDX) PROPOSED PROJECT TO EXPAND SR-836 OUTSIDE MIAMI-DADE’S URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY.

WHEREAS, America’s Everglades are a one-of-a-kind World Heritage Site and a designated Wetland of International Importance which make Miami-Dade County unique tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s economy relies upon a healthy Everglades ecosystem to provide drinking water supplies for 7 million Floridians; and

WHEREAS, sustainable infill smart-growth and public transportation development in Florida within the Greater Everglades would eliminate urban sprawl, infrastructure costs and wetland degradation; and

WHEREAS, adding more cars to the road goes against the County’s effort to mediate for climate change; and

WHEREAS, an extensive, connected and functional public transportation system proves to alleviate congestion, pollution, and promotes healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, extension of any highways outside Miami-Dade’s Urban Development Boundary (UDB) would promote urban sprawl and have significant negative impacts to wetlands and agricultural interests; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade should enforce its policy of “no net loss” of agricultural designated lands outside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) to support aquifer recharge and Everglades restoration; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Everglades Coalition resolves and recommends:

1. Consistent with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) Miami-Dade County reject expansion of SR-836 outside Miami-Dade County’s Urban Development Boundary

2. Miami-Dade County Commission adopt a Comprehensive Development Master Plan amendment which would allocate toll revenues exclusively to support public transportation.
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