

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: February 21, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES ON 47TH STREET IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEEDS AND INCREASE ROAD SAFETY.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Administration (“Administration”) supports the installation of temporary rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street as a short-term traffic calming improvement to reduce vehicular speeds and improve safety on 47 Street in advance of the future Orchard Park Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project (“Project”).

The Administration recommends the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC”) discuss this item and provide a recommendation.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the June 26, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner David Suarez, the Mayor and City Commission (“City Commission”) referred an agenda item (C4 AJ) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC” or “Committee”) to discuss the potential installation of speed tables on 47 Street to reduce traffic speeds and increase roadway safety.

At the November 13, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Administration presented the findings of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Traffic Calming Study (“Traffic Study”) which evaluated 47 Street and identified vehicular speeding along 47 Street (Attachment A). The PSNQLC recommended referring this item to the FERC to discuss funding for design and installation of up to two (2) temporary/short-term rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street in advance of the Project.

At the December 11, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner David Suarez, the City Commission referred an agenda item (C4 A) to the FERC to discuss the funding needs for the proposed temporary/short-term traffic calming improvements.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Transportation and Mobility Department is currently designing multiple permanent traffic calming improvements throughout the Orchard Park neighborhood as part of the Project. The Project is anticipated to commence construction in Fiscal Year 2026, following a community balloting process and permit approval by Miami-Dade County.

**Based on the findings of the Traffic Study, the Administration supports the installation of temporary rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street between Pine Tree Drive and Prairie Avenue as a short-term traffic calming improvement to reduce vehicular speeds and improve safety on 47 Street in advance of the Project.**

Should the FERC endorse this approach, and the City Commission accept the recommendation of the FERC through the adoption of a Resolution, the Transportation and Mobility Department will task the current Project consultant to develop design drawings for temporary rubberized speed cushions on 47 Street on an expedited basis. Once the rubberized speed cushions are designed and permitted by Miami-Dade County, the Transportation and Mobility Department will engage a contractor to install the temporary rubberized speed cushions in summer 2025.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The estimated cost for design and installation of two (2) temporary rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street between Pine Tree Drive and Prairie Avenue is approximately \$55,000. Funding is available in Capital Project No. 62322 – Orchard Park Traffic Calming.

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

\$55,000 / 106-9615-000676-30-410-530-00-00-62322

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the findings of the Traffic Study, the Administration supports the installation of temporary rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street between Pine Tree Drive and Prairie Avenue as a short-term traffic calming improvement in advance of the Project to reduce vehicular speeds and improve safety on 47 Street.

Should the FERC recommend that the Administration proceed with the installation of temporary rubberized speed cushions along 47 Street, the Administration will bring the FERC's recommendation to the City Commission for acceptance via a City Commission resolution. Furthermore, the Administration will proceed to design and install the temporary rubberized speed cushions on 47 Street on an expedited basis.

### **Applicable Area**

Middle Beach

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

### **Department**

Transportation and Mobility

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Discuss the Potential Installation of Speed Tables on 47th Street in Order to Reduce Traffic Speeds and Increase Road Safety.