

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS MAY 22, 2024 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A RAISED MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON WEST AVENUE BETWEEN 6 STREET AND 8 STREET TO REPLACE THE EXISTING AT-GRADE MID-BLOCK CROSSING; AND, IF FEASIBLE AND APPROVED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RAISED CROSSWALK, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

WHEREAS, residents in the West Avenue neighborhood have expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety, vehicular speeds, and overall traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, the City is planning to implement major roadway infrastructure improvements along the West Avenue corridor from 8 Street to Lincoln Road over the next few years to address some of these quality-of-life issues through a long-term redesign of the street, including narrowing travel lanes, widening sidewalks, enhancing various crosswalks with Light Emitting Diode ("LED") pedestrian flashing beacons, landscape enhancements, and green bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, the Administration is working on short-term initiatives in the neighborhood with the goal of enhancing pedestrian safety and reducing speeding in advance of future/long-term capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department worked with the Public Works Department to restripe several existing crosswalks with high emphasis pavement markings, restripe lane lines and stop bars at various locations, and add pedestrian signage at all intersections along West Avenue between 8 Street and 13 Street, which was completed in early May 2024; and

WHEREAS, to enhance pedestrian safety and access to/from Canopy Park, the Transportation and Mobility Department is prepared to engage one of the City's pre-qualified rotational transportation consultants to initiate the design of a raised crosswalk to replace the existing at-grade mid-block crossing on West Avenue between 6 Street and 8 Street; and

WHEREAS, approval by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") is required prior to implementation of the raised crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, at the May 22, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee discussed this item and made a motion recommending the implementation of a raised crosswalk

on West Avenue between 6 Street and 8 Street to improve pedestrian safety and access to/from Canopy Park; and

WHEREAS, funding for the design of a raised crosswalk is available in Capital Project No. 62424 – Citywide Raised Crosswalks and Intersections; and

WHEREAS, a construction cost estimate is not known at this time and will be developed as part of the design development phase; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends accepting the PSNQLC's recommendation to pursue the implementation of a raised crosswalk on West Avenue between 6 Street and 8 Street; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department will engage one of the City's pre-qualified rotational transportation consultants to design the raised crosswalk and work with DTPW for review and permitting approval of the raised crosswalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its May 22, 2024 meeting, directing the Administration to evaluate the feasibility of installing a raised mid-block crosswalk on West Avenue between 6 Street and 8 Street to replace the existing at-grade mid-block crossing; and, if feasible and approved by Miami-Dade County, proceed with the implementation of a raised crosswalk, subject to funding availability.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day June, 2024.


ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine and co-sponsor David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/18/2024

Date