

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS MAY 14, 2025 MEETING, ENDORSING THE UPCOMING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("FDOT") RESURFACING, RESTORATION, AND REHABILITATION ("RRR") PROJECT ON STATE ROAD ("SR") A1A/COLLINS AVENUE FROM SR 907/W 63 STREET TO W 75 STREET, AS CURRENTLY DESIGNED; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH FDOT TO EXPLORE A POTENTIAL FUTURE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO INCLUDE A DEDICATED NORTHBOUND BICYCLE LANE ON COLLINS AVENUE IN NORTH BEACH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO THE ON-STREET PARKING ALONG THE PROJECT CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City of Miami Beach ("City") adopted 2016 Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan ("BPMP") and Transportation Master Plan ("TMP"), the City is working to expand its bicycle network through the planning and implementation of safe and connected bicycle lanes and facilities throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the TMP recommends a protected bicycle lane and a dedicated transit lane on Collins Avenue between 63 Street and 75 Street in order to create a safe, connected, and efficient bicycle and transit network in North Beach; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of dedicated transit lanes on State roads requires a lengthy process consisting of comprehensive traffic studies and an analysis of current and future transit service, the implementation of protected bicycle lanes can be accomplished efficiently through roadway resurfacing and restriping projects; and

WHEREAS, FDOT is currently designing a roadway resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation ("RRR") project on Collins Avenue from 63 Street to 75 Street ("Project") as part of its Five-Year Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway pavement; reconstruction of damaged sidewalk; reconstruction of damaged curb and gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") curb ramps; upgrading crosswalks; upgrading pavement markings and signage; and installing additional streetlight poles along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT identified the absence of bicycle facilities along the corridor and the potential impact to on-street parking on the west side of Collins Avenue to accommodate a northbound dedicated bicycle lane as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, FDOT is currently at 60% design development phase, and, as currently designed, the Project does not include a dedicated northbound bicycle lane

along the Project limits. FDOT anticipates commencing construction of the Project in 2027; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has requested that the City provide direction to FDOT via a City Commission Resolution either supporting or not supporting the implementation of a bicycle lane as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT RRR Project presents an opportunity to introduce an essential bicycle facility along the Collins Avenue corridor in North Beach as recommended in the TMP; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has preliminarily analyzed the potential impacts of adding a bicycle lane on Collins Avenue between 63 Street and 75 Street as part of the upcoming RRR Project and determined that the implementation of a bicycle lane would require either the elimination of one (1) of the three (3) existing northbound travel lanes or the elimination of the existing on-street parking lane on the west side of Collins Avenue, resulting in the elimination of approximately 75 existing on-street parking spaces, including Freight Loading Zones, and the potential elimination of the existing concrete curb extensions (some landscaped) within the Project limits ("Option 1"); and

WHEREAS, at the September 13, 2023 City Commission meeting, the Administration referred an agenda item (C4 H) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") for discussion and a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, at the February 14, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee discussed the item and recommended that the Administration reach out to the community to obtain feedback on Option 1 and return to the Committee with an update at a future date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Committee's recommendation, on May 13, 2024, the City conducted a virtual public meeting, in collaboration with FDOT, to obtain community input on the potential bicycle lane option with the purpose of providing direction to FDOT on the upcoming Project. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the virtual public meeting. During the public meeting, two (2) participants expressed a need for bicycle safety and bicycle network connectivity in North Beach, and one (1) participant acknowledged a need for bicycle safety but expressed concerns with the potential loss of on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Committee's recommendation, on June 3, 2024, the City staff met with FDOT representatives to discuss the potential redesign of the Project. During the meeting, FDOT advised that the existing right-of-way constraints due to the abutting land uses along the Project limits preclude the widening of Collins Avenue to accommodate a dedicated northbound bicycle lane. In addition, the existing travel lanes are approximately 11 feet wide and cannot be narrowed further; and

WHEREAS, FDOT advised that in January 2022, a comprehensive assessment of the entire State roadway network in Miami-Dade County ("County") was conducted to identify roadways or roadway segments that could be considered potential candidates for lane elimination/repurposing consistent with the FDOT Lane Repurposing Guidebook (dated August 2020); and

WHEREAS, based on the analysis, FDOT does not support a travel lane elimination/repurposing along Collins Avenue within the Project limits. As such, in order to include a bicycle lane as part of the Project, without impacting the existing travel lanes and sidewalks, approximately 75 on-street parking spaces on the west side of Collins Avenue would need to be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, as an alternative option to eliminating on-street parking to introduce a northbound bicycle lane on Collins Avenue within the Project limits, the Administration discussed with the FDOT the possibility of narrowing the existing sidewalks on the east and/or west sides of Collins Avenue (currently ranging from 12 feet to 17 feet wide) in order to gain the width necessary to accommodate a northbound bicycle lane (ranging in width between 4 feet wide (if unprotected) and 7 feet wide (if protected)) within the existing right-of-way ("Option 2"); and

WHEREAS, any narrowing of the sidewalks will require curb/gutter and drainage modifications which would necessitate a major reconstruction project along Collins Avenue rather than the currently proposed milling and resurfacing project. While Option 2 would cost significantly more than Option 1 and delay the design and construction timeline, it would result in the most balanced option to improve bicycle safety and mobility, while avoiding impacts to the existing on-street parking on the west side of Collins Avenue from 63 Street to 75 Street; and

WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee passed a motion endorsing the FDOT RRR Project as currently designed (without a northbound bicycle lane) in order to not impact the existing on-street parking on the west side of Collins Avenue from 63 Street to 75 Street. The Committee further recommended that City staff work with FDOT to explore a potential future reconstruction project in order to incorporate the desired dedicated bicycle lane along Collins Avenue in North Beach. City staff will return to the PSNQLC with an update on the discussions with FDOT and feedback from the upcoming community meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the February 12, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee recommended that the Administration, in collaboration with FDOT, host a community meeting and present the potential alternative option (Option 2) consisting of narrowing the existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of Collins Avenue to gain the necessary width (7 feet) to accommodate a northbound buffered bicycle lane within the existing FDOT right-of-way, while maintaining the existing on-street parking spaces on the west side of Collins Avenue from 63 Street to 75 Street, and to return to the April 9, 2025 PSNQLC meeting with an update; and

WHEREAS, a hybrid community meeting to be hosted by the City and FDOT is tentatively scheduled on July 2025 to obtain community feedback on the potential alternative option (Option 2); and

WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee passed a motion endorsing the FDOT RRR Project as currently designed (without a northbound bicycle lane) in order to not impact the existing on-street parking on the west side of Collins Avenue from 63 Street to 75 Street. The Committee further recommended that City staff work with FDOT to explore a potential future reconstruction project in order to incorporate the desired dedicated bicycle lane along Collins Avenue in North Beach; and

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 Quality of Life Committee, at its May 14, 2025 meeting, endorsing the upcoming Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation ("RRR") project on State Road ("SR") A1A/Collins Avenue from SR 907/W 63 Street to W 75 Street, as currently designed; and further directing the City Administration to work with FDOT to explore a potential future roadway reconstruction project to include a dedicated northbound bicycle lane on Collins Avenue in North Beach without significant impact to the on-street parking along the project corridor.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 25th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/16/2025

Date