

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: 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.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the March 13, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") referred an item (R9 AJ) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") to discuss speed mitigation measures and traffic calming options on West Avenue and Alton Road in the South of Fifth Neighborhood.

Residents in the West Avenue neighborhood have expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety, vehicular speeds, and overall traffic flow. Note that 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. However, 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.

ANALYSIS

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. This work was completed in early May 2024.

Additionally, 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. It is important to note that approval by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (“DTPW”) is required prior to implementation of the raised crosswalk.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Funding for the design of a raised crosswalk is available in Capital Project No. 62424 – Citywide Raised Crosswalks and Intersections. A construction cost estimate is not known at this time and will be developed as part of the design development phase.

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

\$124,000 / 106-9615-069357-30-410-530-00-00-62424

CONCLUSION

The Administration is working on short-term and long-term initiatives to improve pedestrian safety and address speeding concerns in the West Avenue neighborhood.

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. Should the City Commission adopt this Resolution, 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. Once approved by DTPW, and subject to funding availability, the Administration will proceed with the construction of the raised crosswalk.

Moreover, the Administration will continue to seek short-term opportunities and advance long-term capital projects to implement traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety improvements in the West Avenue neighborhood, including working with the Miami Beach Police Department to enforce traffic laws.

Applicable Area

South Beach

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

No

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):

Department

Transportation and Mobility

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez