

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE MIDDLE TURN LANE AS REVERSIBLE LANES ON 41ST STREET TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the June 26, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to discuss the use of the middle turn lane as reversible lanes on 41st Street to improve traffic flow during peak traffic hours. According to the Transportation Master Plan, the segment of 41st Street from Alton Road to Collins Avenue is identified as a failing roadway segment under existing (time of the master plan), 2025, and 2035 conditions.

As a densely populated urban area that hosts throngs of visitors each day, extreme demand is consistently placed upon the City's roadways. Moreover, many residents continue to complain about traffic congestion citywide, especially during peak hours.

A reversible lane may be used for through traffic in alternating directions during different periods of the day, which can significantly reduce traffic congestion, improve pedestrian safety and reduce the risk of accidents on roadways.

As part of this referral, I would request that the City Administration, including the Transportation and Mobility Department be prepared at Committee to discuss the possibility of using reversible lanes on 41st Street, along with any concerns and costs associated with the project.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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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

CONCLUSION

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):

Department

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)