

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner
DATE: July 24, 2024
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF BULB-OUTS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS TO INCREASE PARKING AND/OR MITIGATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Please place on the July 24, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the possibility of evaluating bulb-outs in the City and identifying certain locations where the bulb-outs can be removed, without compromising pedestrian safety, in order to increase available parking and/or mitigate traffic congestion by increasing the flow of traffic, and potentially add a dedicated turn lane to replace the bulb-out.

Bulb-outs, also known as curb extensions, are designed to extend the sidewalk into the parking lane and, in theory, thereby improve pedestrian safety by reducing crossing distances and enhancing visibility. However, in some locations, bulb-outs can also contribute to reduced parking availability and increased traffic congestion. As such, identifying and addressing bulb-out locations with these issues is essential for improving the quality of life for the City's residents and visitors.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration, including the Transportation Department, Parking Department and Public Works Department, be prepared at Committee to discuss the possibility of removing bulb-outs at certain locations in order to increase available parking and/or mitigate traffic congestion. I would further request that the Administration be prepared to advise the Committee as to the most appropriate means by which bulb-outs in the City can be analyzed, evaluated, and identified for possible removal.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Office of Mayor Steven Meiner

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Potential Removal of Bulb-Outs to Increase Parking/Mitigate Traffic. (Meiner)