

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUNDING NEEDS FOR: 1) BICYCLE LANE IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN (BPMP) PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX; 2) RESTRIPING AND/OR REPAINTING GREEN BICYCLE LANES CITYWIDE; 3) DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BEACHWALK TO ADDRESS PONDING; 4) POTENTIAL WIDENING OF THE BEACHWALK AT CRITICAL CHOKEPOINTS; AND 5) PURCHASING SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRONIC SPEED FEEDBACK DEVICES AND DATA COLLECTION SENSORS.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") refer this item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") for discussion and a recommendation.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Under the leadership of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt, with the participation of the multi-departmental micromobility safety working group, comprised of representatives from various City departments, the Mayor's Office, and a City resident, have been engaged in discussions to explore innovative ways to improve the safety of all users on the Beachwalk and other shared-use paths and bicycle lanes throughout the City. The goal of the working group is to assist in developing a comprehensive and unified work plan with recommendations, including potential new legislation, for short-term and long-term improvements, cost estimates, and timelines for implementation.

At the December 13, 2023 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") referred an agenda Item (C4 I), sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt and co-sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez, to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") to discuss regulations pertaining to electric vehicles and devices, along with the City's enforcement efforts and any additional regulations that may be necessary to aid in ensuring the safe operation of electric vehicles and devices for all.

At the July 10, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee discussed the item (Attachment A) following a presentation from the Administration (Attachment B). During the discussion, the PSNQLC recommended that the Administration move forward with safety striping and the proposed regulatory signage on the Beachwalk and Lincoln Road, as recommended by the multi-departmental micromobility safety working group. In addition, during public comment, a resident spoke in support of extending the safety striping and signage through the Cutwalk and Baywalk to 5 Street. The Administration responded that, provided the current budget allocation is sufficient, the safety improvements would be extended to the Cutwalk and Baywalk.

Furthermore, the PSNQLC recommended to refer this item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC”) to discuss funding needs for: 1) bicycle lane improvements and safety enhancements identified in the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Projects Implementation Matrix; 2) restriping and/or repainting green bicycle lanes citywide; 3) drainage improvements along the Beachwalk to address ponding; 4) potential widening of the Beachwalk at critical chokepoints; and 5) purchasing solar-powered electronic speed feedback devices and data collection sensors.

ANALYSIS

Further discussions by the working group are necessary to continue to refine and finalize a comprehensive and unified work plan. The Administration will proceed to formulate a work plan, develop cost estimates and timelines for discussion and recommendation by the FERC.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TBD

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

TBD

CONCLUSION

The Administration is supportive of identifying and implementing strategies to increase safety on the Beachwalk and other shared-use paths and bicycle lanes throughout the City. The Administration recommends the City Commission refer this item to FERC to engage in discussion regarding funding needs and opportunities to support these efforts.

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

Transportation and Mobility

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Micromobility Bicycle Pedestrian Mobility BPMP Projects. (Bhatt/Dominguez) TR