

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt  
DATE: March 19, 2025  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO UTILITY WORK PERFORMED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the March 19, 2025 City Commission agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (“LUSC”) to discuss safety concerns related to utility work performed on public property.

Maintaining the safety and integrity of our roads, sidewalks, parks, and public spaces are vital to the quality of life of the City’s residents and visitors. Regrettably, when utility companies are issued a permit to perform work on public property, damage and/or hazardous conditions frequently persist for extended periods of time.

Utility companies are responsible for ensuring the safety and restoration of areas impacted by the work they perform. Additionally, they must repair any damage caused during their operations, including repaving disturbed areas, restoring landscaping and signage, and returning the site to its original state. It’s imperative that the City hold utility companies accountable and ensure that repairs are completed in a timely and satisfactory manner.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the policies and procedures in place to enforce the process for addressing damage to public property (e.g., streets, sidewalks, parks, landscaping, signage, infrastructure) and safety concerns caused by utility companies during installation, maintenance, repair, or other actions; a record of what jobs have been completed and based on what criteria in the past 12 months; and a recommendation on action steps that can be taken to immediately improve contractor compliance with the City’s standards as a condition of receiving final approval of work performed on public property.

#### **ANALYSIS**

#### **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-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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 Tanya K. Bhatt

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: LUSC - Safety Concerns/Utility Work Performed on Public Property. (Bhatt)

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**