

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner
DATE: February 26, 2025
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION PATTERNS AND LANE REDUCTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION

I would like for the Administration to make a presentation to the City Commission explaining the decision-making process regarding traffic configuration patterns, specifically when traffic lanes are reduced or diverted. As part of this presentation, the Administration should seek to clarify the reasoning, criteria, and timing behind these traffic configurations and identify the key factors influencing these decisions.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. **Authority and Decision-Making:**
 - Clarify whether decisions regarding lane reductions are made solely by the City of Miami Beach or in collaboration with Miami-Dade County and/or the State (Florida Department of Transportation).
 - Outline the process through which traffic patterns and lane configurations are determined.
2. **Key Factors Influencing Traffic Configurations:**
 - Public safety needs, such as responding to accidents or facilitating emergency vehicles.
 - Traffic flow analysis, considering volume and congestion patterns.
 - Construction schedules or ongoing roadwork impacting traffic flow.
 - The impact of special events, and how they influence lane configurations.
3. **Specific Criteria for Lane Reductions or Diversions:**
 - What specific factors or traffic volume thresholds trigger lane reductions, including specifically the recent lane reductions on Alton Road?
 - How are congestion management strategies implemented when lane reductions are necessary?
4. **Timing and Frequency:**
 - Discuss the timing and frequency of these traffic configuration decisions, including how often they are made, how long they last, and whether there are proactive plans in place to minimize traffic disruptions during peak hours.

This discussion aims to provide clarity on the decision-making process behind traffic patterns in the City and help identify areas for potential improvement in traffic management strategies.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

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?

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

Discuss/Action, Traffic Configuration Patterns and Lane Reductions. (Meiner)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)