

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT LIGHTING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON COLLINS AVENUE BETWEEN 63RD STREET AND 87TH TERRACE CONSISTENT WITH THE DESIGN TO BE USED ON OCEAN DRIVE, AS PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SPACES, SAFETY, AND AESTHETICS IN MIAMI BEACH; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A PRIORITY DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS AND TO IDENTIFY ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDS, INCLUDING ANY GRANTS AS WELL AS NORTH BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TRUST FUND REVENUES, THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Collins Avenue, a major thoroughfare in the City of Miami Beach, plays a significant role in the City's tourism and economic activity, connecting various neighborhoods and providing access to the beach, cultural attractions, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to enhancing its public spaces and improving the experience for residents, visitors, and businesses by investing in infrastructure improvements that create pedestrian-friendly, accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has already made significant progress in the design and planning of lighting and sidewalk improvements as part of the voter-approved General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Ocean Drive Corridor Improvement Project, which aims to revitalize the Ocean Drive area through improved streetscapes, lighting, and public amenities; and

WHEREAS, Collins Avenue, like Ocean Drive, is a vital part of Miami Beach's iconic streetscape and requires similar attention to improve lighting and sidewalks, enhance pedestrian safety, and foster an inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the design for lighting and sidewalk improvements on Ocean Drive is pedestrian-focused, emphasizing safety, accessibility, and aesthetic appeal, and should serve as the basis for similar improvements on Collins Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33435, sponsored by Commission Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, to direct the Administration to implement lighting and sidewalk improvements similar to those being planned for the Ocean Drive Corridor Improvement Project on Collins Avenue between 5th Street and 15th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to direct the Administration to pursue similar lighting and sidewalk improvements for Collins Avenue between 63rd Street and 87th Terrace, utilizing the same design concepts to ensure consistency and improve the pedestrian experience along this important corridor; and

WHEREAS, as Collins Avenue is a State Road, the proposed lighting and sidewalk improvements will require coordination with and approval from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

WHEREAS, the City Administration should explore whether any state funding is available for the proposed improvements, in addition to City funding, to help offset project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that implementing these improvements will require community engagement and input, and may also require approvals from the Historic Preservation Board and/or Design Review Board as well as the City Commission to ensure the project aligns with the City's long-term vision and regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to make this project a priority capital project during the FY 2026 budget process and that the Administration identify all possible sources of funds, including any grants as well as North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency trust fund revenues, that may be available for the implementation of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the City Administration to take all necessary steps to implement lighting and sidewalk improvements on Collins Avenue between 63rd Street and 87th Terrace, consistent with the design to be used on Ocean Drive, as part of the ongoing efforts to enhance public spaces, safety, and aesthetics in Miami Beach; and further, directing the Administration to make this project a priority during the FY 2026 budget process and to identify all possible sources of funds, including any grants as well as North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency trust fund revenues, that may be available for the implementation of this project.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3/12/2025
Date