

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner David Suarez

DATE: July 24, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ENCOURAGING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENGAGE IN PROACTIVE UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS USING BAIT BIKES AND SCOOTERS EQUIPPED WITH TRACKING DEVICES TO ASCERTAIN WHERE AND TO WHOM STOLEN BIKES AND SCOOTERS ARE TAKEN.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Bike and scooter theft is an endemic problem in Miami Beach. Virtually everyone who has ever owned a bike or a scooter has experienced one or more times. Moreover, bike and scooter thieves have become more sophisticated and brazen in their techniques and methodology to overcome even the most modern locks. I suspect that many of these stolen bikes and scooters end up being sold or otherwise delivered to a small group of “fences,” “chop shops,” or cargo vessels bound for foreign countries.

I would like to discuss encouraging the Miami Beach Police Department to engage in proactive undercover operations using “bait” bikes and scooters equipped with tracking devices to ascertain where and to whom stolen bikes and scooters are taken, in order to better combat this problem.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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

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):

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