

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members  
FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager *RW*  
DATE: July 10, 2024  
TITLE: **DISCUSS RUSTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN SOUTH BEACH.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") discuss this item and provide input and a recommendation.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the June 28, 2023 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez sponsored a referral item (C4 T) to the PSNQLC to discuss the condition of the traffic signals at the intersection of Collins Avenue and 10 Street, within the Art Deco Historic District.

Over time, various traffic signal poles (referred to as "traffic signal mast arms") in the City of Miami Beach ("City") have experienced some corrosion due to the harsh coastal climate and exposure to salt water from the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. While rusty traffic signal mast arms negatively impact the overall appearance of the City, it is worth noting that the presence of corrosion or peeling paint on the mast arm does not necessarily imply a structural deficiency or public safety concern.

The operation and maintenance of traffic signals throughout Miami-Dade County, including on City public rights-of-way, is generally the responsibility of the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW"). However, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") is responsible for the maintenance of traffic signal mast arms on state roads. Collins Avenue, also known as State Road ("SR") A1A, is part of the State Highway System under the jurisdiction of FDOT; thus, the maintenance of traffic signal mast arms on Collins Avenue falls under FDOT's purview.

### **ANALYSIS**

FDOT is currently in the process of closing out a project that included work at various intersections along the Collins Avenue corridor in South Beach, including the intersection of Collins Avenue and 10 Street. The scope of work at the intersection of Collins Avenue and 10 Street included the replacement of one (1) traffic signal mast arm and the restoration of pedestrian sidewalks, curb ramps, and curb and gutter, among other improvements. While the intersection of Collins Avenue and 10 Street currently has four (4) traffic signal mast arms, all of which have some level of corrosion, the FDOT project replaced only one (1) traffic signal mast arm (on the west leg of the intersection) as FDOT determined that it was the only structurally deficient mast arm within the project limits in need of immediate replacement.

FDOT recently completed a comprehensive condition survey/evaluation of all traffic signal mast arms on FDOT rights-of-way and identified several other intersections in the City with corroded

traffic signal mast arms of concern (Attachment A). Based on the results of the survey/evaluation, FDOT has determined that the three (3) remaining traffic signal mast arms at the intersection of Collins Avenue and 10 Street should ultimately be replaced and anticipates performing this work in the next three (3) to five (5) years as part of a future project, pending funding availability. FDOT is in the process of identifying funding to program the replacement of all deficient traffic signal mast arms in the City in the coming years.

On March 20, 2024, the PSNQLC discussed this item and requested the Transportation and Mobility Department to return to the September 2024 PSNQLC meeting with an update.

**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**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

Ensuring that traffic signal mast arms in the City appear in optimal aesthetic condition is essential to maintaining a positive image of the City. The Administration is recommending that staff continue to work with FDOT on a plan for the short-term maintenance or future replacement of corroded and/or structurally deficient traffic signal mast arms in the City as identified by the condition survey/evaluation conducted by FDOT.

The Administration will provide additional updates on this item via Letter To Commission (“LTC”).

**Applicable Area**

South Beach

**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): N/A

**Department**

Transportation and Mobility

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Discuss Rusty Traffic Lights in South Beach.

# Attachment A

| Feature Corridor      | Feature Intersection |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 75 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| 74 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| 73 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| 72 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| 71 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| 69 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 67 Street            |
| 63 Street             | Collins Ave          |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5875 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5500 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5445 Exit N          |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5445 Exit S          |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5300 Block N         |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5300 Block S         |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5200 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5000 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 4900 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 4700 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 4600 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 4500 Block           |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | Lincoln Road         |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 16 Street            |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | Espanola Way         |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 14 Street            |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 11 Street            |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 10 Street            |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 8 Street             |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | 5 Street             |
| SR A1A 5 Street       | Washington Ave       |
| SR A1A Collins Avenue | Bal Harbour Ave      |
| 96 Street             | Harding Ave          |
| 71 Street             | Abbott Ave           |
| Indian Creek Dr       | Abbott Ave           |
| Indian Creek Dr       | 67 Street            |
| Indian Creek Dr       | 65 Street            |
| W 63 Street           | Pine Tree Dr         |
| W 63 Street           | La Gorce Dr          |
| SR A1A 5 Street       | Meridian Ave         |
| SR A1A 5 Street       | Lenox Ave            |
| SR A1A 5 Street       | Michigan Ave         |
| SR A1A 5 Street       | Jefferson Ave        |
| 96 Street             | Carlyle Avenue       |
| Biarritz Dr           | Normandy Drive       |
| Trouville Esplanade   | Normandy Drive       |
| 71 Street Normandy Dr | Bay Dr               |
| Indian Creek Dr       | 71 Street            |
| Harding Ave           | 71 St                |

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez  
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RUSTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN SOUTH BEACH.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

There are several rusty and filthy traffic lights on 10th Street and across the Art Deco Historic District.

What is our protocol for replacing traffic poles and lights that are in deteriorated condition?

Do we have a plan?

Does FDOT have a plan for Collins?

### **SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

### **Applicable Area**

South Beach

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

### **Strategic Connection**

Neighborhoods - Enhance the beautification, physical appearance and cleanliness of neighborhoods.

### **Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez