

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENHANCING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY AT SENIOR CENTERS WITH A DEDICATED MID-SIZE BUS SERVICE.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the June 26, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss enhancing public transportation accessibility and efficiency at Senior Centers.

Recent data reflects that a significant portion of all Freebee requests City-wide originate from Senior Centers such as Rebecca Towers, highlighting the need for more tailored transportation options at our Senior Centers.

To address this demand effectively, I would like for the Committee to explore the implementation of a dedicated mid-size bus service equipped with the latest platforms to accommodate senior residents' mobility aids and necessities.

The bus route would ideally connect key locations within Miami Beach focusing on areas of high demand and operate on a fixed schedule, providing senior residents with reliable transportation options for their daily needs. The utilization of eco-friendly vehicles would be desirable and should be explored.

The bus should have ample space within for the secure storage of shopping carts and other personal belongings, ensuring a comfortable and hassle-free travel experience. Moreover, the bus should be equipped with ramps and lifts to facilitate easy boarding and disembarking for residents with mobility aids such as walkers, canes, and wheelchairs.

The Administration should be prepared to explore various funding opportunities and grants for this service and investigate the possibility of obtaining refurbished buses from Miami-Dade County, which could provide a cost-effective solution.

This bus service specifically tailored to service Senior Centers would allow our seniors access essential services and run errands within the town, reduce dependency on individual vehicle usage, and enhance inclusivity by ensuring the transportation system caters to the diverse mobility needs of senior residents, including those utilizing walkers, canes, and personal shopping carts.

The Director of the Transportation Department should be prepared to address the Committee regarding this subject.

ANALYSIS

N/A

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

N/A

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

Ref: PSNQLC - Enhance Public Transportation at Senior Centers w/ Dedicated Bus Service.
(Meiner)