

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 25, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, A MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF PLASTIC TUBULAR DELINEATORS ALONG NORTHBOUND ALTON ROAD APPROACHING THE WESTBOUND I-195/JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY ON-RAMP; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration (“Administration”) recommends that the Mayor and City Commission (“City Commission”) adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

State Road (“SR”) 907/Alton Road from 5 Street to 63 Street is an arterial roadway under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”). The corridor provides direct access to/from two (2) major causeways - I-395/SR A1A/MacArthur Causeway and I-195/SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway – also under the jurisdiction of the FDOT.

The Alton Road corridor regularly experiences heavy traffic congestion during weekday afternoon peak hours and major special events in the City. One of the factors that contribute to daily recurring traffic congestion along the corridor is vehicles frequently blocking the left northbound through lane on Alton Road approaching the Julia Tuttle Causeway and trying to merge into the right lane to access the westbound Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp at the last minute. Police officers regularly monitor Alton Road at this juncture to deter vehicles blocking the northbound lane and maintain the flow of traffic.

To supplement the current Police enforcement efforts, the Transportation and Mobility Department staff worked with FDOT to secure approval for the installation of white tubular plastic delineators between the two (2) northbound travel lanes on Alton Road approaching the I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway to segregate the northbound Alton Road through traffic from the westbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp traffic (Attachment A).

Additionally, the Transportation and Mobility Department staff, in coordination with FDOT, has identified the need for additional signage and pavement marking improvements along northbound Alton Road to help improve traffic flow and safety at this critical juncture in the City.

ANALYSIS

As a result of City staff’s advocacy, FDOT has agreed to the installation of the plastic tubular delineators after the implementation of the proposed additional signage and pavement markings along northbound Alton Road approaching the westbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp

(Attachment B). However, to implement the proposed improvements, FDOT requires the execution of a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (“MMOA”) (Attachment C). The MMOA grants the City the authorization to install and maintain the white plastic tubular delineators on Alton Road, a roadway operated, maintained and owned by FDOT, provided that the City receives written approval from FDOT via a permit.

Approval of this MMOA will allow the City to proceed with the permitting, installation and maintenance of the white plastic tubular delineators along northbound Alton Road approaching the westbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp once FDOT implements the additional signage and pavement marking improvements required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Execution of the MMOA does not require an expenditure by the City at this time. Costs associated with the installation of the signage and pavement markings will be funded by FDOT. Funding for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the white plastic tubular delineators along northbound Alton Road approaching the westbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp is included in the Transportation and Mobility Department’s Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget.

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

The MMOA with FDOT is required for the City to be authorized to install and maintain the white plastic tubular delineators along northbound Alton Road approaching the westbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway on-ramp.

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the Resolution approving, in substantial form, a MMOA with FDOT; and further authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the MMOA.

Applicable Area

Middle 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)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

MMOA w/ FDOT, Install Delineators Along Alton Road Northbound/I-195 On-ramp. TR

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)