

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING, THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS DECEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON MERIDIAN AVENUE BETWEEN 42ND AND 47TH STREET, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING THE APPROPRIATE AREAS WHERE THESE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, SUBJECT TO A FUNDING APPROPRIATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PROCESS.

WHEREAS, at the October 30, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez and Commissioner Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission referred an agenda item (C4 AM) to the PSNQLC to discuss the potential implementation of traffic calming measures on Meridian Avenue between 42 Street and 47 Street; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Avenue is a local roadway in the Mid-Beach portion of the City of Miami Beach ("City") which provides north/south connectivity between State Road ("SR") 112/41 Street on the south and W 47 Court on the north with green bicycle lanes in both directions from 41 Street on the south to 48 Street on the north; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Avenue is owned, operated, and maintained by the City; notwithstanding, pursuant to the Miami-Dade County ("County") Home Rule Charter, the County has jurisdictional authority and purview over traffic engineering functions, traffic flow, and traffic control devices on local roadways, including within municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, as part of the Nautilus Neighborhood Traffic Calming General Obligation Bond ("GOB") Project, the City installed two (2) traffic circles and 10 speed tables throughout the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, at the December 13, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee recommended the City proceed with the installation of temporary speed cushions along Meridian Avenue between 42 Street and 47 Street; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department ("Department") completed the Nautilus Neighborhood Circulation and Traffic Calming Study ("Traffic Study") to identify streets in the neighborhood experiencing speeding and/or high cut-through traffic volumes, determine whether and where traffic calming measures are warranted, and determine the type of traffic calming measure(s) for each identified location to reduce speeding and/or cut-through traffic in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Study provided recommendations for traffic calming measures on individual roadway segments and intersections, based on the daily traffic volumes, 85th percentile speeds, crashes, and complaints received from residents and found that speeding was occurring on Meridian Avenue south of 44 Court, highlighting the need for traffic calming improvements on Meridian Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City's adopted traffic calming process, a ballot survey ("survey") was conducted to gauge community support for implementation of traffic calming improvements pursuant to Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") requirement of 100% approval from all property owners directly adjacent to the locations where the recommended traffic calming devices are proposed to be installed; and

WHEREAS, while Meridian Avenue was evaluated as part of the Traffic Study, and the data collected warranted traffic calming measures, the proposed speed tables along Meridian Avenue were not supported by the directly affected property owners and the City did not proceed with the implementation of the speed tables along Meridian Avenue as part of the GOB Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department reviewed the Traffic Study to ascertain the original locations where speed tables were recommended along Meridian Avenue and identified the following three (3) strategic locations for the potential installation of raised speed tables, spanning east/west from one side of Meridian Avenue to the other:

- 4585 Meridian Avenue/4584 Meridian Avenue
 - Alternate location at 4580 Meridian Avenue/4581 Meridian Avenue
- 4460 Meridian Avenue/4475 Meridian Avenue
- 4255 Meridian Avenue/Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School; and

WHEREAS, to reduce vehicular speeds and improve safety on Meridian Avenue in the short term, the Department recommended installing temporary rubberized speed cushions as a precursor to permanent speed tables, subject to funding availability; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to DTPW's guidelines, in lieu of 100% approval from all property owners directly adjacent to the locations where the recommended traffic calming devices are proposed to be installed, the City may adopt a resolution, after a public hearing, requesting DTPW to consider the proposed traffic calming devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”), at its December 13, 2024 meeting, and direct the City Administration to proceed with engaging one of the City’s pre-qualified rotational transportation consultants, subject to City Commission approval of a funding appropriation through the Fiscal Year 2026 capital budget process, for design, permitting and implementation of temporary speed cushions on Meridian Avenue between 42 Street and 47 Street.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

for Nickalagos 1/31/25
City Attorney *ML* Date

(Sponsored by Commissioners Alex Fernandez and Joseph Magazine)