

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS POTENTIAL SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS AT MIAMI BEACH PROMENADE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MIAMI BEACH DRIVE), SITUATED BETWEEN 24TH STREET AND 29TH STREET, INCLUDING REHABILITATION OF SIDEWALKS, LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER NECESSARY AESTHETICS.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends continuing to rehabilitate Miami Beach Promenade, including sidewalks, landscaping, and evaluating potential drainage upgrades necessary to alleviate flooding. Additionally, should the pilot project entailing the grinding and sealing of the pavers in a portion of Miami Beach Promenade receive favorable feedback, the Administration recommends proceeding with the entire strip (from 24th Street to 29th Street).

The Administration also recommends that while FERC members evaluate adding a funding request in the FY 2026 budget cycle to cover the costs of the grinding and sealing of the pavers for the entire strip of Miami Beach Promenade, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY 2026:

1. The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program
2. Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years
3. The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding the funding of the grinding and sealing of the pavers for the entire strip of Miami Beach Promenade align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If FERC recommends funding of the grinding and sealing of the pavers, the Administration recommends it be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On February 26, 2025, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, co-sponsored by Commissioners Laura Dominguez and Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission), approved item C4 AK, a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss potential short-term improvements to Miami Beach Promenade (formerly known as Miami Beach Drive), located east of Collins Avenue, between 24th Street and 29th Street, including rehabilitation of sidewalks, landscaping, lighting improvements and other necessary aesthetics.

This discussion originates from a Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association meeting in 2023, where

residents expressed a desire to work with the City to improve the area. Improvements completed to date by City staff include litter collection, pressure washing on beach entrances, additional landscape installation on street ends, repairs and replacement of brick pavers/concrete walkways, and bollard replacement.

A potential long-term plan for Miami Beach Promenade that would address some of the infrastructure needs, such as storm drains (contingent upon capital funding approval), is being led by the Office of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). CIP is currently in the process of finalizing a service order to engage a consultant to perform a study and prepare a master plan, estimated to take approximately six to eight months to complete.

CURRENT STATUS

Public Works Operations:

All concrete work along Miami Beach Promenade has been completed. The next step is to level out/re-set the existing pavers. Work is estimated to start the week of April 28, 2025, and take approximately two weeks. Staff is also coordinating a survey of existing site conditions to determine whether any drainage upgrades can be done.

Public Works Sanitation:

Pressure washing of the pavers continues to take place on a quarterly basis. Additionally, on the week of April 28th, 2025, Public Works Sanitation will be conducting a pilot project in which a 10'x10' section of the Miami Beach Promenade in front of Club Atlantis will be ground and sealed to improve the appearance of the concrete. If successful, staff will proceed with a procurement process to secure a vendor to perform the grinding and sealing of the pavers on the entire Miami Beach Promenade from 24th Street to 29th Street. The effects of the grinding and sealing treatment is estimated to last five to six years.

Public Works Greenspace:

Superior Landscaping, Inc. has been providing routine landscape maintenance on the site since January 10, 2025. Routine landscape maintenance services include, mowing, trimming shrubbery, edging, irrigation maintenance, fertilization, and litter service. Additionally, Greenspace Management staff provided palm tree pruning services as needed along the corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The cost of the 10'x10' grind and seal pilot project is estimated at \$2,500 and is currently funded. The estimated cost for the grinding and sealing of the entire Miami Beach Promenade is \$250,000, currently unfunded.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends continuing to rehabilitate Miami Beach Promenade, including sidewalks, landscaping, and evaluating potential drainage upgrades necessary to alleviate flooding. Should the pilot project entailing the grinding and sealing of the pavers in a portion of Miami Beach Promenade receive favorable feedback, the Administration recommends proceeding with the entire strip (from 24th Street to 29th Street), in the estimated amount of \$250,000 as a FY26 budget enhancement.

Applicable Area

Middle Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Department

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Condensed Title

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