

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 24, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, A MASTER MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MMOA”) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“FDOT”) IN CONNECTION WITH “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON FDOT ROADWAYS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MMOA.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

State Road (“SR”) 112/41 Street is classified as a principal arterial under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”). The corridor is located in Middle Beach and provides direct access to/from I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway, a limited access federal interstate facility, and SR A1A/Collins Avenue/Indian Creek Drive, also under FDOT’s jurisdiction.

The 41 Street 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 intersections. Currently, every signalized intersection along 41 Street, with the exception of Collins Avenue, has regulatory “Do Not Block Intersection” signs mounted on the traffic signal mast arms’ vertical pole. In addition, Police officers regularly monitor the 41 Street corridor during weekday afternoon peak traffic periods to deter vehicles blocking the intersections.

To supplement and reinforce the existing “Do Not Block Intersection” signs on the traffic signal mast arms and current Police enforcement efforts, Transportation and Mobility Department staff worked with FDOT to secure approval for the proposed installation of “Do Not Block Intersection” pavement markings at two (2) key intersections along the 41 Street corridor: 41 Street and Prairie Avenue, and 41 Street and Pine Tree Drive.

Additionally, the Transportation and Mobility Department staff, in coordination with the Police Department, has identified various additional critical intersections on FDOT roadways throughout the City where “Do Not Block Intersection” pavement markings would help improve traffic safety and traffic flow, particularly during the weekday morning and afternoon peak traffic periods.

ANALYSIS

Based on staff’s collaboration, FDOT has agreed to the installation of the proposed “Do Not Block Intersection” pavement markings at the two (2) above-referenced intersections on 41 Street. However, FDOT requires the execution of a Master Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

("MMAO") (Attachment A). The MMAO grants the City the authorization to install and maintain the "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings at intersections on roadways operated, maintained and owned by FDOT, and as deemed necessary by the City, provided that the City receives written approval from FDOT via a permit or through a future FDOT project.

FDOT roadways in the City where "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings and signage may be warranted and permitted by FDOT include SR 112 (Julia Tuttle Causeway and 41 Street); SR A1A (MacArthur Causeway, 5 Street, Collins Avenue, Indian Creek Drive, Harding Avenue, and Abbott Avenue); SR 907 (Alton Road and 63 Street); and SR 934 (Normandy Drive and 71 Street).

Approval of this MMAO will allow the City to proceed with the installation and maintenance of "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings and signage at critical intersections on 41 Street on an immediate basis as well as on other intersections on FDOT roadways in the City, as deemed necessary by the City and permitted by FDOT, to improve safety and traffic flow.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Execution of this MMAO does not require an expenditure by the City at this time. Costs associated with the installation of the "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings at the intersections of 41 Street/Prairie Avenue and 41 Street/Pine Tree Drive will be funded by FDOT. Funding for the installation and maintenance of additional "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings on FDOT roadways in the City will be included in the Transportation and Mobility Department's Operating Budget in future years.

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

A MMAO with FDOT is required for the City to be authorized to install and maintain "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings and signage on roadways operated, maintained and owned by FDOT within the City, including along the 41 Street corridor.

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

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): N/A

Department

Transportation and Mobility

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Approve Agreement w/ FDOT, "Do Not Block Intersection." TR