

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: December 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPLACING THE DRAWBRIDGE AT 63RD STREET WITH A FLYOVER TO ELEVATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please include on the December 11, 2024, agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC") to discuss replacing the drawbridge at 63rd Street with a flyover to elevate traffic congestion.

The 63rd Street Bridge (the "Bridge") is a double-leaf bascule bridge with an 11 foot vertical clearance. The Bridge opening causes severe traffic congestion in the area on a regular basis, with no relief for area residents and visitors. Although located within the City's territorial jurisdiction, the Bridge is owned and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), which manages a contract with a third-party provider for bridge tender services. In 2023, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-32538, requesting the City Administration to conduct a study relating to the feasibility of a potential flyover project at 63rd Street and Indian Creek, to allow the City Commission to determine whether to urge the FDOT to develop and approve a new flyover project, in an effort to ease traffic congestion in the area.

I would like for the Administration to be prepared to present and discuss the findings of the study before the Committee.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

n/a

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

**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

**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 Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: LUSC - Replace Drawbridge at 63rd Street with a Flyover to Elevate Traffic Congestion.
(Bhatt)