

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Land Use and Sustainability Committee Members
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager 
DATE: November 25, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS POTENTIAL UPGRADES FOR ALTON COURT (ALLEY) FROM 8TH TO 17TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends moving forward with a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of the Alton Court alley as a mobility corridor and gather community and user feedback. The pilot would commence only after securing funding and completing the necessary improvements and signage.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On the September 11, 2024, at the request of Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez, co-sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC), item C4N (Attachment A) to discuss potential upgrades for the alley on Alton Court, from 8th to 17th Street (this will not conflict with the West Avenue Phase 3 Project, which has very small scope in the Alton Court Alley), including adding routes for pedestrian/cyclist to use during the West Avenue Phase II renovations, enhancing regulations for businesses to maintain cleaner back door alleys, and upgrading the pavement to enhance the overall safety and aesthetic of the alley.

This topic is the continuation of Resolution No. 2022-32079 (Attachment B), approved on March 9, 2022, directing the City Administration (Administration) to study and identify the costs and methods to transform Alton Court and Meridian Court alleys into safe alternative mobility routes for pedestrians, bicycles, and micromobility devices.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the Transportation and Mobility Department and the Public Works Department jointly conducted walk-throughs, observations, and prepared a preliminary feasibility analysis of both alleys. City staff's findings and recommendations were presented via Letter to Commission (LTC) 427-2022, on October 10, 2022 (Attachment C).

The preliminary cost estimates in 2022 were as follows: milling, resurfacing, and sidewalk repairs of the Alton Court alleyway: \$250,000, signage: \$50,000; all of which have not been funded.

Should the Committee members opt to move forward with the pilot program, the Administration will complete the necessary design for the mobility corridor to install temporary pavement striping and advisory signage along the alleyway as well as different access points on side streets to advise motorists of the potential presence of pedestrians, bicyclists, and micromobility devices traveling in both directions along the alleyway and crossing side streets. Wayfinding signs will be installed to help guide bicyclists to the alleyway. The cost for these improvements is approximately \$50,000 exclusive of the pavement striping which will be dependent on the completion of the corridor design.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The current estimated cost for milling, resurfacing, stripping, and sidewalk repairs to address potholes and cracks that could affect safety and ride-ability is \$300,000, signage \$50,000 and additional cost for striping to be determined.

CONCLUSION

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Applicable Area

South 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

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

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Condensed Title

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