

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO 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, LANDSCAPES, LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER NECESSARY AESTHETICS.

RECOMMENDATION

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 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.

At the FERC meetings of June 23, 2023 and October 16, 2023, Public Works continued discussing a potential long-term plan (a vision) for Miami Beach Drive that would address some of the infrastructure needs, such as storm drains (contingent upon capital funding approval), led by the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Department. CIP is currently in the process of finalizing a service order to perform a study and a master plan, estimated to take an approximate 6-8 months to be completed.

As part of this referral, I would request that the Administration come prepared to Committee to present potential short-term solutions related to pavement improvements, drainage, additional landscaping and other necessary aesthetics, particularly ahead of the rainy season to mitigate flooding.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Sponsoring Commissioner Fernandez would like to place a referral to Finance Economic Resilience Committee (FERC) to discuss potential upgrades to Miami Beach Promenade (formerly known as Miami Beach Drive), including rehabilitation of sidewalks, landscapes, lighting, potential flooding prevention initiatives, and other necessary aesthetics, consistent with the City Commission's goal of initiating a much-needed beautification and improvement project for the area.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

CONCLUSION

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

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 Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Sidewalks/Landscapes/Lighting Improvements to Miami Beach Promenade.
(Fernandez/Dominguez/Magazine)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

