

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: December 11, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES POSED BY HIGH IMPACT PERIODS, LIKE ART WEEK, FOR THE VENETIAN ISLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Venetian Islands neighborhood, known for its residential charm and peaceful environment, faces increasing challenges during high-impact events in Miami Beach, such as Art Week and other large-scale cultural and tourism-driven periods. The influx of visitors, increased traffic congestion, noise, and parking limitations disrupt the quality of life for residents and create concerns about public safety.

Art Week and similar events, while significant for Miami Beach's economy and international reputation, often lead to severe traffic congestion, noise and public disturbances and safety concerns.

ANALYSIS

I would like to have a discussion with my colleagues about the following items:

1. **Traffic Management and Infrastructure Improvements:**
 - Explore strategies to alleviate traffic congestion on key access routes to the Venetian Islands during high-traffic weekends.
 - Consider the implementation of temporary traffic control measures such as dedicated lanes, shuttle services, or event-specific road closures to prioritize residential access.
 - Explore partnerships with private transportation providers (e.g., rideshare services, water taxis) to reduce the strain on streets and parking.
2. **Noise Mitigation and Community Impact:**
 - Discuss potential revisions to the City's noise ordinance or temporary restrictions on certain event activities to minimize disturbances to residents.
 - Evaluate sound limits, or other noise-reducing strategies for outdoor activities and events that take place near residential areas.
3. **Public Safety and Emergency Services:**
 - Review emergency response plans to ensure that police, fire, and medical teams can access the Venetian Islands easily during peak event periods.
 - Consider the allocation of additional public safety resources to manage the unique challenges posed by high-impact weekends.

The goal of this discussion is to identify actionable solutions to reduce the strain on the Venetian Islands neighborhood during high-impact events like Art Week while preserving the vibrant, tourism-driven character of Miami Beach. Through targeted policies, we can create a balance that ensures both residents and visitors can enjoy a thriving and safe community.

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?

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):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Address Challenges for Venetian Islands Neighborhood During High Impact Periods.
(Dominguez)