



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SIDEWALK MATERIAL/COLOR POLICY.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the November 20, 2024, City Commission agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC") to discuss and consider recommendations for the installation of "Miami Beach Red" sidewalks and the broader use of sidewalk materials in the City. Specifically, the Committee is requested to revisit the policy established during the January 29, 2019 City Commission Goals Conference, at which the Commission approved the gradual replacement of gray concrete sidewalks with the "Miami Beach Red" color standard, unless otherwise specified by an applicable City Land Use Board.

While this policy has guided the City's streetscape aesthetics, I would like LUSC to assess whether the current approach remains the most effective and sustainable option for Miami Beach.

As outlined in the 2019 Resolution, the Public Works Director was delegated the authority to determine, on a street-by-street basis, whether the replacement of sidewalks with the "Miami Beach Red" color standard is appropriate. However, given evolving urban needs and sustainability objectives, it may be beneficial to reassess this process that balance aesthetic consistency with sustainability, pedestrian safety, stormwater management, and climate resilience, while also providing neighborhood residents or property owners the opportunity to offer feedback, particularly in cases where they prefer the natural gray sidewalk alternative to the "Miami Beach Red" color.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

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 Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: LUSC - Consider Recommendations Relating to City's Sidewalk Material/Color Policy.
(Fernandez)