

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, AT ITS NOVEMBER 25, 2024 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE FUNDING FOR ENHANCEMENTS IN THE ALTON COURT ALLEY, FROM 8TH STREET TO 17TH STREET, INCLUDING MILLING, RESURFACING, STRIPING, SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND ADVISORY SIGNS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$400,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends accepting the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee, at its November 25, 2024 meeting, directing the Administration to explore funding for enhancements in the Alton Court Alley, from 8th Street to 17th Street, including milling, resurfacing, striping, sidewalk repairs and advisory signs in the not to exceed amount of \$400,000 as part of the FY26 Capital Budget.

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), 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 2 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 A), 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 (Attachment B), on October 10, 2022.

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

The design of the mobility corridor for 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 will be included. Wayfinding signs will also 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.

On November 25, 2024, LUSC members discussed these enhancements needed ahead of the West Avenue Phase 2 Project, concluding with the motion to move the item to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation to explore funding for enhancements in the Alton Court alley, from 8th street to 17th street, including milling, resurfacing, striping, sidewalk repairs and advisory signs in the not to exceed amount of \$400,000.

Upon the City Commission's approval the Administration will prepare the budget request process. The estimated construction timeframe of the project is three months upon completion of the pavement marking plan.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The current estimated cost for milling, resurfacing, striping, and sidewalk repairs to address potholes and cracks that could affect safety and ride-ability is \$300,000, signage \$50,000, and an additional cost for striping yet to be determined (the total requested appropriation is not estimated to exceed \$400,000). Should the LUSC recommendation be accepted by the City Commission, the Administration will proceed with the budget request process, contingent City Commission approval.

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

Department

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Joseph Magazine
Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Condensed Title

Accept Rec/Upgrade Alton Court Alley (8-17 St)/Add Pedestrian/Cyclist Routes for W. Ave Ph. II
Reno. (AF/JM/LD) PW