

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 5, 2024 MEETING, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH OPTION 2 OF THE PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM WHICH MAINTAINS TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON SHERIDAN AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE FROM 40 STREET TO 41 STREET, AND PROHIBITS NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND LEFT TURNS ONTO 41 STREET DURING WEEKDAY AFTERNOON PEAK PERIODS, FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M., FOR A DURATION OF UP TO SIX (6) MONTHS, COMMENCING AFTER SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION.

WHEREAS, at the March 13, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner David Suarez, the City Commission referred item C4 V to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") to discuss a potential pilot program which would consist of a one-way conversion of Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 37 Street to 44 Street, and the restriction of turning movements, particularly left turns, onto 41 Street (i.e. allowing north-south travel only) during weekday afternoon peak periods; and

WHEREAS, the pilot is intended to facilitate northbound/southbound vehicular travel within the City of Miami Beach ("City") rather than vehicular trips leaving the City via 41 Street during the weekday afternoon peak hours; and

WHEREAS, State Road ("SR") 112/41 Street is classified as a principal arterial under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"). The corridor is located in Middle Beach and provides direct access to/from I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway, a limited access federal interstate facility, and SR A1A/Collins Avenue/Indian Creek Drive (also under FDOT's jurisdiction); and

WHEREAS, the 41 Street corridor regularly experiences heavy traffic congestion during weekday afternoon peak hours and major special events in the City. Several factors contribute to daily recurring traffic congestion along the corridor, including increased volumes due to drivers avoiding major ongoing construction and choke points on I-395/MacArthur Causeway, closely spaced traffic signals, extensive school zones, high number of pedestrian crossings, and heavy side street traffic from the connecting north-south avenues which results in vehicles frequently blocking the intersections and creating gridlock in all directions; and

WHEREAS, Based on the FDOT 2022 Level of Service ("LOS") map, the 41 Street corridor is and has been operating at LOS F (failing) based on the annual average daily traffic and capacity of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 2-95 and 2-96.1 of the Miami-Dade County ("County") Code, all traffic control and traffic engineering services in Miami-Dade County are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the County. Therefore, any modifications to the existing traffic flow usually require review and approval from Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW"); and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Administration conducted a hybrid community charrette to obtain community input on the potential pilot program. The community charrette was well-attended with 41 of participants attending in person and 73 participants attending virtually via Zoom. During the community charrette, the Administration presented two (2) potential options to the community; and

WHEREAS, both pilot options are intended to facilitate northbound-southbound vehicular traffic flow through the 41 Street intersection during the weekday afternoon peak hours of 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Option 1 will create a one-way pair with Sheridan Avenue (two travel lanes) operating in the northbound direction and Royal Palm Avenue (two travel lanes) operating in the southbound direction. No turns (left or right) onto 41 Street would be allowed from either Sheridan Avenue or Royal Palm Avenue during the pilot. This option will require Police resources to be deployed at the six (6) intersections affected along both avenues between 40 Street and 42 Street. On-street parking would be temporarily prohibited along the west side of Sheridan Avenue and the east side of Royal Palm Avenue during the pilot so that vehicles do not park facing the opposite direction of vehicular traffic flow. No northbound left turns will be permitted from Sheridan Avenue onto 40 Street during the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 will maintain the existing two-way traffic flow on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue. No left turns would be allowed onto 41 Street from Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue during the pilot. This option will require Police resources to be deployed at two (2) intersections only (Sheridan Avenue and 41 Street and Royal Palm Avenue and 41 Street). In addition, this option does not affect on-street parking and reduces the impact to the neighborhood as compared to Option 1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to recent discussions with DTPW regarding the pilot program, Option 2 would not require DTPW review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Administration conducted a two (2) week online survey from May 9 through May 23, 2024 to obtain feedback from the community on the two (2) options for a potential pilot program. Based on the general community feedback received, 34.69% of respondents supported Option 1; 34.11% of respondents supported Option 2; and 31.20% of respondents did not support the implementation of a pilot program. Thus, approximately 69% of all survey respondents supported a pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the PSNQLC recommended that the Administration implement Option 2 of the proposed pilot program maintaining the two-way traffic configuration on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40 Street to 41 Street, and prohibiting

northbound and southbound left-turns onto 41 Street during weekday afternoon peak periods, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for a duration not to exceed six (6) months. The Committee recommended that the pilot commence after school is back in session to allow the Administration to collect data prior to implementation for post-implementation evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the City Commission accept the recommendation of the PSNQLC directing the Administration to proceed with Option 2 of the proposed pilot program during weekday afternoon peak periods, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for a duration of up to six (6) months, commencing after school is back in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its June 5, 2024 meeting, directing the City Administration to proceed with Option 2 of the proposed pilot program which maintains two-way traffic on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40 Street to 41 Street, and prohibits northbound and southbound left turns onto 41 Street during weekday afternoon peak periods, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for a duration of up to six (6) months, commencing after school is back in session.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 26th day June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/18/2024

Date