

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 OCTOBER 14, 2024 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY, TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC DIVERTER(S) AT THE INTERSECTION OF CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE/PRAIRIE AVENUE AND DADE BOULEVARD TO RESTRICT ACCESS, REDUCE CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CENTRAL BAYSHORE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEREAS, at the June 26, 2024 City Commission meeting, Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez, referred an item (C4 S) to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (“LUSC” or “Committee”) to discuss the installation of traffic diverters at Convention Center Drive and Dade Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Central Bayshore neighborhood has expressed concerns with cut-through traffic and traffic congestion resulting from events at the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, during major special events, such as Art Week (“Art Basel”) and the Miami International Boat Show, the City deploys Maintenance of Traffic (“MOT”) devices and Variable Message Signs (“VMS”) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard as well as other intersections throughout the neighborhood to prevent cut-through traffic in the Central Bayshore neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of temporary traffic diverters is also used to help prevent cut-through traffic in the Palm View neighborhood during major special events; and

WHEREAS, while temporary measures have somewhat reduced cut-through traffic in the neighborhood during major special events, the installation of a permanent traffic diverter(s) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard will be beneficial in further reducing cut-through traffic year-round; and

WHEREAS, the traffic diverter(s) would restrict northbound and southbound through traffic at Convention Center Drive; and

WHEREAS, alteration of the traffic pattern would impact residents as well as visitors, and possibly help to preserve the residential integrity and quality of life of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Department is currently considering three (3) potential alternatives to install a traffic diverter(s) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard:

- Alternative 1: Installation of a traffic diverter at Convention Center Drive/Dade Boulevard (south side of the intersection); and
- Alternative 2: Installation of a traffic diverter at Prairie Avenue/Dade Boulevard (north side of the intersection)
- Alternative 3: Installation of a traffic diverter on Dade Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, at the October 14, 2024 LUSC meeting, the Committee recommended that the Administration move forward with conducting a feasibility analysis, subject to funding availability, to evaluate the potential implementation of a traffic diverter(s) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard to restrict access, reduce cut-through traffic and improve the quality of life in the Central Bayshore neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, if the traffic diverter is determined to be feasible, the Administration will proceed with the design, permit, and construction the proposed improvements, subject to funding availability; and

WHEREAS, Dade Boulevard is a roadway under the jurisdiction of Miami-Dade County, therefore, review and approval by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") is required prior to implementation of a traffic diverter(s) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC"), at its October 14, 2024 meeting, directing the City Administration to proceed with conducting a feasibility analysis, subject to funding availability, to evaluate the potential implementation of a traffic diverter(s) at the intersection of Convention Center Drive/Prairie Avenue and Dade Boulevard to restrict access, reduce cut-through traffic and improve the quality of life in the Central Bayshore neighborhood.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *DK* 11/14/2024
Date

(Sponsored by Commissioners Alex Fernandez and Tanya K. Bhatt)