

R9 AH DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – POTENTIAL CREATION OF A SECOND TRAFFIC
LANE AT DESIGNATED 41ST STREET INTERSECTIONS.
Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – POTENTIAL CREATION OF A SECOND TRAFFIC LANE AT DESIGNATED 41ST STREET INTERSECTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION

On July 24, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission referred an agenda item (C4 R) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”) to discuss the possible removal of bulb-outs at certain locations in order to mitigate traffic congestion and/or increase parking. After discussion at its January 29, 2025 meeting, the PSNQLC recommended that the City Administration evaluate the removal of bulb-outs throughout the City.

In preparation for the PSNQLC meeting, the City Manager prepared a Memorandum dated January 29, 2025 (the “Memorandum”) that focused on the potential removal of the existing bulb-outs along the 41st Street corridor due to its heavy traffic congestion and classification as a principal arterial roadway that provides direct access to/from I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway. Based upon the findings in the Memorandum, it was determined that an additional lane in each direction (northbound and southbound) could be installed and accommodated without impacting the existing bulb-outs on Chase, Sheridan, and Royal Palm Avenues (but not on Prairie Avenue). The present configuration of the Avenues (Chase, Sheridan, Royal Palm, and Prairie) is such that each only has one (1) northbound and one (1) southbound lane at the intersection of 41st Street.

Therefore, in order to manage the increased vehicular demand on the north-south Avenues connecting to 41st Street and to help improve traffic flow in the immediate area, I would like to discuss adding a right-turn only lane to the north-south Avenues of Chase, Sheridan, and Royal Palm. This would be an interim solution that would not require the significant delay and costs associated with the installation of new traffic signals on the traffic signal mast arms on 41st Street. Moreover, when funding and approval has been secured from the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) for the installation of the new traffic signals, the City could then proceed with the creation of the dedicated left-turn lanes as detailed in the City Manager’s Memorandum.

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Middle 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

**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 Mayor Steven Meiner

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Action, Creation of 2nd Traffic Lane at Designated 41st Street Intersections. (Meiner)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)