

C7 AN A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS, THE 41ST STREET TRAFFIC RE-CIRCULATION PILOT PROGRAM ("PILOT PROGRAM") WHICH MAINTAINS TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON SHERIDAN AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE FROM 40TH STREET TO 41ST 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., SUBJECT TO OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND/OR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 26, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution has been placed on the February 26, 2025 City Commission meeting agenda at the request of Commissioner David Suarez.

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Extend 41 Street Traffic Re-Circulation Pilot Program. (Suarez)(CA)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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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 37th Street to 44th Street, and the restriction of turning movements, particularly left turns, onto 41st 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, at the June 5, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee recommended that the City Administration (“Administration”) implement the 41st Street Traffic Re-Circulation Pilot Program (“Pilot Program”) maintaining the two-way traffic configuration on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40th Street to 41st Street, and prohibiting northbound and southbound left-turns onto 41st 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; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that the Pilot Program commence after school was back in session to allow the Administration to collect data prior to implementation for post-implementation evaluation; and

WHEREAS, at the June 26, 2024 City Commission meeting, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33116 accepting the recommendation of the PSNQLC directing the Administration to proceed with the Pilot Program, for a duration of up to six (6) months, commencing after school is back in session; and

WHEREAS, pre-pilot traffic data was collected on September 11, 2024 and the Pilot Program was launched on September 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department engaged Alta Planning & Design, Inc. (“Consultant”), one of the City’s pre-qualified rotational transportation consultants, to conduct a pre-implementation and post-implementation traffic study to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and its impact on the surrounding street network; and

WHEREAS, based on field observations conducted by City staff and an analysis of the data collected by the Consultant between September 2024 and December 2024, the Pilot Program is performing as intended; and

WHEREAS, higher volumes of vehicles traveling northbound and southbound along both Sheridan and Royal Palm avenues are able to clear the 41st Street intersection during every traffic signal cycle; and

WHEREAS, northbound vehicles along Royal Palm and Sheridan Avenues approaching 41st Street experienced a reduction in delay by more than 10 seconds per vehicle compared to pre-pilot conditions; and

WHEREAS, based on the data collected and field observations, the Consultant observed vehicles using Sheridan and Royal Palm avenues to cross 41st Street, and subsequently making a left-turn and/or U-turn at 42nd Street to access 41st Street and travel westbound to the Julia Tuttle Causeway (i.e. to leave the City); and

WHEREAS, the Consultant observed a significant number of vehicles travelling northbound along Sheridan Avenue making a left-turn at 40th Street and taking Prairie Avenue or Chase Avenue to access 41st Street and travel westbound to the Julia Tuttle Causeway, which was found to be causing more queuing on westbound 40th Street than prior to the implementation of the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration believes that it would be advantageous to collect additional data to account for seasonal traffic patterns and more conclusively determine the effectiveness of the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is currently exploring alternative ways to manage increased traffic volumes and congestion on 41st Street and along the north-south avenues connecting to 41st Street, particularly during afternoon peak periods; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to extend the Pilot Program for an additional six (6) months to collect additional data and account for seasonal traffic patterns, subject to obtaining all necessary approvals from Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation necessary to extend the Pilot Program.

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 extend for an additional six (6) months, the 41st Street Traffic Re-Circulation Pilot Program which maintains two-way traffic on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40th Street to 41st Street, and prohibits northbound and southbound left turns onto 41st Street during weekday afternoon peak periods, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., subject to obtaining all necessary approvals from Miami-Dade County and/or the Florida Department of Transportation necessary to extend the Pilot Program.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 26th day February, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM AND LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney NK

2/25/2025
Date