

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-notice/>

### **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. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS, THE 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET TRAFFIC RE-CIRCULATION PILOT PROGRAM ("PILOT PROGRAM") WHICH MAINTAINS TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON SHERIDAN AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE FROM 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 41<sup>ST</sup> 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.**

**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<sup>th</sup> Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street, and the restriction of turning movements, particularly left turns, onto 41<sup>st</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Street Traffic Re-Circulation Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") maintaining the two-way traffic configuration on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street, and prohibiting northbound and southbound left-turns onto 41<sup>st</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Street intersection during every traffic signal cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, northbound vehicles along Royal Palm and Sheridan Avenues approaching 41<sup>st</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Street, and subsequently making a left-turn and/or U-turn at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to access 41<sup>st</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Street and taking Prairie Avenue or Chase Avenue to access 41<sup>st</sup> Street and travel westbound to the Julia Tuttle Causeway, which was found to be causing more queuing on westbound 40<sup>th</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Street and along the north-south avenues connecting to 41<sup>st</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Street Traffic Re-Circulation Pilot Program which maintains two-way traffic on Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street, and prohibits northbound and southbound left turns onto 41<sup>st</sup> 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:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM AND LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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Date

2/25/2025