

C7 AZ A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VERIZON WIRELESS, T-MOBILE, AND AT&T, TO INCREASE BANDWIDTH AND COVERAGE ALONG THE JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE CELLULAR RECEPTION ALONG THE CAUSEWAY; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 25, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Mayor Steven Meiner.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

None.

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?

No

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)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Urge Telecommunication Companies to add Bandwidth on Julia Tuttle. (Meiner) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Julia Tuttle Causeway (the “Julia Tuttle” or “Causeway”) is a major transportation corridor that connects the City of Miami Beach (“City”) with the City of Miami and serves as a vital commuter route for residents, visitors, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, reliable and high-speed cellular coverage along the Julia Tuttle is essential for public safety, access to navigation services, emergency communication, and general mobile connectivity; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2022-32240, the Mayor and City Commissioner expressed support for the installation of a cellular communications tower along the Julia Tuttle due to resident e-mails voicing their concerns about spotty and/or deficient coverage along the Causeway; and

WHEREAS, yet, the City continues to receive complaints from residents, commuters, and public safety personnel regarding inadequate cellular reception and bandwidth along significant stretches of the Julia Tuttle; and

WHEREAS, the lack of sufficient cellular service in this area presents a risk to public safety, particularly in emergency situations where timely communication can be critical; and

WHEREAS, telecommunications providers including Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, AT&T, and others maintain significant coverage in the City and are encouraged to evaluate their infrastructure along the Julia Tuttle Causeway and take all necessary steps to enhance network performance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission believe that the improvement of cellular infrastructure and bandwidth in this high-traffic area is in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of residents and visitors alike.

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 urge telecommunication companies including, but not limited to, Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, and AT&T, to increase bandwidth and coverage along the Julia Tuttle Causeway in order to improve and enhance cellular reception along the Causeway; and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all telecommunication companies operating in the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/17/2025

Date

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