

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING, AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI TO IMPLEMENT PROTECTION FOR THE BICYCLE LANES ON VENETIAN CAUSEWAY INCLUDING THE BRIDGES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Venetian Causeway is the primary route for bicyclists and pedestrians between the City of Miami Beach and the City of Miami, and

**WHEREAS**, Venetian Causeway is under the jurisdiction of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to data collected in February 2018, approximately 263 bicyclists were observed using the bicycle lanes during the peak hours on a typical Saturday; and

**WHEREAS**, 47% of the respondents claimed to have a member of their household regularly riding a bike, and 37% of respondents claimed to feel unsafe while riding bicycle in Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2019, a bicyclist was fatally struck by a car while riding on the Venetian Causeway bike lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 15, 2020 City of Miami Beach Commission Meeting, at the request of Commissioner Mark Samuelian, City Commission referred an item to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC") to discuss the status of bicycle safety measures being enacted on the Venetian Causeway; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportation and Mobility Department staff has held discussions with the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") regarding the potential implementation of physical protection for the Venetian Causeway bicycle lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, County staff was open to exploring the implementation of delineators for the section of the causeway within the Venetian Islands; however, they expressed concerns with the implementation of delineators along the bridges due to the limited width of the structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection for the Venetian Causeway bicycle lanes was discussed at the February 3, 2020 NQLC meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Transit Alliance and NQLC members expressed concerns with the safety of bicyclists in the bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, given the importance of this corridor for bicyclists in the area, the NQLC passed a motion endorsing City staff's plan to work with the County and amending staff's recommendation to include protection in the bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Transit Alliance and NQOLC members requested that the City explore other methods of protection for the bicycle lane.

**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 accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its February 3, 2020 meeting, and direct City staff to work with Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami to implement protection for the bicycle lanes on Venetian Causeway including the bridges.


**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day February, 2020

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

 2-4-2020  
City Attorney Date  
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