

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 TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCLUSIVE PEDESTRIAN PHASES AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS ON ALTON ROAD BETWEEN 10TH STREET AND 16TH STREET; AND FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") completed a full reconstruction of Alton Road from 5th Street to North Michigan Avenue;

WHEREAS, however, various safety concerns persist along the corridor, and

WHEREAS, following various pedestrian accidents and fatalities on Alton Road between 10th Street and 16th Street since 2017, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department staff explored various strategies to improve pedestrian safety along Alton Road; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, City staff submitted a request to FDOT to conduct a comprehensive study with a specific focus on determining the feasibility of implementing exclusive pedestrian phases at all signalized intersections along this section of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, pursuant to the City's request, FDOT engaged a traffic consultant to complete a comprehensive pedestrian safety analysis of Alton Road from 10th Street to 16th Street; and

WHEREAS, the study scope included conducting an inventory of the study area, collecting traffic data, performing a crash analysis, performing an operational analysis for each alternative, developing recommendations, and performing a benefit/cost analysis for the recommended improvements; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019, FDOT completed its safety analysis resulting in the following recommendations:

- Implementation of exclusive pedestrian phases on Alton Road at 10th Street, 11th Street, 12th Street, 15th Street, and 16th Street from 7AM to 12AM on weekdays and from 7AM to 2AM on weekends
- Installation of electronic blank-out signs at the above intersections displaying a "No Turn On Red" message
- Replacing the existing pedestrian LED flashing beacons at the intersection of Alton Road and 13th Street with a new mid-block traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the recommended pedestrian improvements will have some impacts to overall vehicular travel speeds along the corridor and slightly increase queueing at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2020 Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee endorsed the pedestrian improvements recommended by FDOT.

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 hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee at its February 3, 2020 meeting to approve the proposed implementation of exclusive pedestrian phases at signalized intersections on Alton Road between 10th Street and 16th Street; and further urge the Florida Department of Transportation to expedite the implementation of the pedestrian signalization improvements

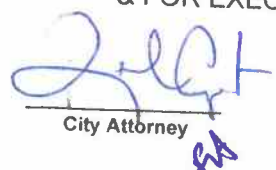
PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 18th day March, 2020

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

 3-12-20

City Attorney Date