

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 JANUARY 28, 2021 MEETING, REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF BIKE RACKS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY CLOSE TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2020, the Quality of Education Committee (QEC) passed a motion requesting that the City install bike racks on public rights-of-way close to City of Miami Beach public schools ("CMB Schools"), which motion was transmitted to the City Commission pursuant to letter to Commission (LTC) No. 415-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2020, the City Commission referred this item, sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian, for discussion to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (NQLC); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2021, the NQLC discussed the QEC motion and moved it by acclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to QEC's motion, the Transportation and Mobility Department (the "Department") subsequently reached out to School Resource Officers at each of the six CMB Schools who conducted field observations in December 2020, at each school and provided their feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department staff conducted additional field inspections at each of the CMB Schools during the months of December, 2020 and January, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, City staff reached out to the principals of each CMB School and requested on-site meetings with each principal and representatives from the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to further discuss the need, opportunities and/or challenges associated with placement of more bicycle racks within public rights-of-way given the unique characteristics of each CMB School; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the Department staff has met with the CMB School administration and PTSA representatives of Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, and North Beach Elementary, while coordination with the remaining three CMB Schools is ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, through on-site evaluations and close coordination with the schools, the Transportation and Mobility team will develop an action plan to assess the bicycle parking needs of each school and address opportunities to maximize convenience, safety, and security associated with placement of bicycle racks in the public rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, City staff will work with each CMB School and explore opportunities to add bicycle parking on school grounds using the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida's resources, as appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, based on 2019 Resident Survey, 8% of residents are using biking as a primary and 14% as a secondary mode of transportation for the trips within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the same survey, 33% of residents consider biking as the most viable alternative to using a personal car for trips within Miami Beach, and 64% of the respondents stated that the most important capital improvements are more walking/biking friendly streets, greenways and paths; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of bike racks is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Operating Budget, and the Department currently has bike racks in stock for this purpose, which would be installed by the City's Parking Department in-house staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration will provide the City Commission with an update on this item via an LTC, describing the location and number of bicycle racks near the CMB Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND 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 January 28, 2021 meeting, regarding the installation of bike racks on public rights-of-way close to the City's public schools.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney

3/9/21  
Date