

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING, IN CONCEPT, THE CREATION OF A PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE ON ESPANOLA WAY BETWEEN COLLINS AVENUE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE ITS PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION AND PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE STREET TO ONE LANE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC, RELATED MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC ISSUES, AND PLANNING EFFORTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE ON A PORTION OF THE STREET, WITH THE FINAL PLAN FOR THE PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, recently, the City has studied the urban planning benefits of closing streets to vehicular traffic and modifying traffic patterns within the Art Deco Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, as part of these discussions, the City's consultant, Zyscovich Architects, has recommended the pedestrianization of certain streets in the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2021, the City Manager issued Letter to Commission No. 541-2021, advising the City Commission that Ocean Drive will be partially reopened to southbound traffic and a pedestrian plaza will be implemented on Ocean Drive between 13th Street and 14th Place; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has studied and provided professional recommendations for the maintenance of traffic in connection with these changes; and

WHEREAS, the development of a pedestrian promenade between Collins Avenue and Washington Avenue would complement that effort, and provide connectivity between various neighborhoods of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has been preparing and evaluating options for the partial pedestrianization of Espanola Way between Collins Avenue and Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration should examine the feasibility of making a full road closure on one of the sections either East or West of the alley leading to Espanola Way, as it may be possible to create a courtyard area with a full closure of part of the street; and

WHEREAS, City Administration should examine the feasibility of maintaining an art installation within the proposed pedestrian promenade, or potential courtyard area; and

WHEREAS, this course of action will require extensive study and professional analysis regarding the feasibility of the proposed partial road closure, including potential impacts to traffic and public safety.

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 endorse, in concept, the creation of a pedestrian promenade on Espanola Way between Collins Avenue and Washington Avenue, and direct the City Administration to study and provide its professional recommendations with respect to the proposed reconfiguration and partial closure of the street to one lane of vehicular traffic, including the proposed direction of traffic, related maintenance of traffic issues, and planning efforts for the implementation of a pedestrian promenade on a portion of the street, with the final plan for the pedestrian promenade subject to the prior approval of the Mayor and City Commission.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson

Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney



Date

1-12-22