

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY THE COSTS AND METHODS TO TRANSFORM THE ALTON COURT ALLEY, LOCATED BETWEEN 8TH STREET TO NORTH OF 17TH STREET, AND THE ALLEY BETWEEN EUCLID AVENUE AND MERIDIAN AVENUE INTO SAFE ALTERNATIVE BICYCLE ROUTES, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING THE COST OF CLEANING AND RESURFACING THE AFOREMENTIONED ALLEYS WITH A BLACKTOP, AND PAINTING GREEN LANES AT EACH SIDE STREET INTERSECTION OF THE ALLEYS, AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION VIA LETTER TO THE COMMISSION ("LTC") NO LATER THAN APRIL 29, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City declares that it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors to reduce pollutants in the air, on the lands, and in the waters of the City; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles trap heat in the atmosphere and contribute to the warming of the Earth; and

WHEREAS, GHG emissions also contribute to sea level rise, which is a growing and imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents, visitors, and businesses in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City has endorsed the pledge in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy to reduce GHG emissions at the City-level, track progress, and enhance resilience to climate change, in a manner that is consistent with and complimentary to national level climate protection efforts; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce their carbon footprint, many residents and visitors choose bicycles to travel throughout the City, which generate reduced GHG emissions as compared to gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, benefits to the City from increased bicycle use may also include improved air quality, quieter and more livable streets, and decreased dependency on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City declares that it is also in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors to promote the use of bicycles throughout the City for transportation and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, according to the City of Miami Beach Police Department records, there were a total of 76 pedestrian and bicycle related accidents between Alton Road and West Avenue from January 2019 to December 2021; and

WHEREAS, improving the safety of bicycle routes in this area is of paramount importance to supporting the previously stated goals throughout the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has begun to study the feasibility of making certain improvements to the to transform the Alton Court Alley, located between 8th Street to north of 17th Street, and the alley between Euclid Avenue and Meridian Avenue into safe alternative bicycle routes.

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 directs the City Administration to study and identify the costs and methods to transform the Alton Court Alley, located between 8th Street to north of 17th Street, and the alley between Euclid Avenue and Meridian Avenue into safe alternative bicycle routes, including identifying the cost of cleaning and resurfacing the aforementioned alleys with a blacktop, and painting green lanes at each side street intersection of the alleys, and further, directing the City Administration to report its findings to the Mayor and City Commission via Letter to the Commission ("LTC") no later than April 29, 2022.

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

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3-2-22
Date