

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO INCLUDE A PROTECTED NORTHBOUND BICYCLE LANE, WHILE RETAINING THE EXISTING TRANSIT STOPS, AS PART OF THE DESIGN OF THE UPCOMING RESURFACING, RESTORATION, AND REHABILITATION PROJECT ON STATE ROAD A1A/COLLINS AVENUE, FROM NORTH OF 26 STREET TO 44 STREET (FM NO. 443902-1), THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (NACTO) GUIDELINES; AND FURTHER URGING FDOT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG COLLINS AVENUE BETWEEN 32 STREET AND 36 STREET AS PART OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City's 2040 mobility goal is to become less car-centric; and

WHEREAS, City Commission Resolution No. 2015-29083 adopted a modal prioritization that places pedestrians first; bicycles, transit, and freight second; and private vehicles last; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Miami Beach Transportation Master Plan, adopted via Resolution No. 2016-29371, aligns with the City's adopted modal hierarchy and creates a multimodal blueprint for the City's future mobility; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey, 32% of residents view bicycling as the most viable alternative to driving; 45% of residents have someone in their household who regularly rides a bicycle; 37% of residents do not feel safe riding their bicycle in the City; 67% of residents have safety concerns with crossing at intersections; 74% of residents are concerned with pedestrian safety at intersections due to vehicles not yielding; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Transportation Master Plan recommends dedicated transit lanes and a bicycle lane on Collins Avenue between 26 Street and 44 Street to improve multimodal mobility along this principal north-south arterial in the City; and

WHEREAS, a northbound bicycle lane on Collins Avenue between 26 Street and 44 Street would serve as a dedicated parallel facility to the existing southbound protected bicycle lane on Indian Creek Drive from 41 Street to 26 Street; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently in the design phase of a Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation (RRR) project on Collins Avenue from just north of the 26 Street intersection to 44 Street; and

WHEREAS, FDOT is not proposing to include a northbound bicycle lane or widen sidewalks at existing chokepoints as part of the RRR project scope due to limitations in scope, budget, and schedule; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, City staff, FDOT staff, and representatives of the Middle Beach Neighborhood Association (MBNA) conducted a comprehensive walkthrough of the project corridor and identified the following deficiencies:

- Lack of bicycle lane
- Lack of pedestrian crosswalks in the area between 32 Street and 36 Street
- Sign clutter and multiple obstructions on sidewalks
- Very narrow sidewalk width at chokepoints
- Poor pedestrian curb ramp conditions
- Poor pavement conditions
- Poor condition of landscaping in bulb-outs
- Drainage/flooding issues at curb ramps and driveways; and

WHEREAS, MBNA representatives have met with FDOT District 6 Secretary, Stacy I. Miller, and Senator Jason Pizzo to emphasize the need for the FDOT RRR project to address these current deficiencies, with a focus on creating a clear walking path along the east and west sidewalks of Collins Avenue to address choke points and adding a northbound bicycle lane to create a safe bicycle connection; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has advised that if the City desires to include a northbound bicycle lane on Collins Avenue between 26 Street and 44 Street as part of the upcoming RRR project, a City Commission Resolution would be required to provide that policy direction to FDOT; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has notified the City that construction of the northbound bicycle lane would result in the elimination of 19 existing on-street parking spaces including four (4) freight loading zones, 17 existing concrete bulb-outs (some landscaped), and 10 existing bus/trolley stops along the east side of Collins Avenue within the limits of the project; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the bus stops would impact thousands of visitors, hotel/restaurant employees, and residents in the area and would be in direct conflict with the City's 2015 adopted modal hierarchy; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) offers various innovative solutions to address conflicts between bicycle lanes and transit stops in urbanized/constrained environments that would allow the desired northbound bicycle lane to co-exist with the existing bus/trolley stops through the application of shared cycle track stops; and

WHEREAS, following various reviews of the existing conditions along the Collins Avenue project corridor, the FDOT design plans, NACTO design guidelines, the City's mobility goals, and the expressed needs of the community, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department staff recommends that FDOT design and implement shared cycle track stops as part of the northbound bicycle lane design on Collins Avenue between 26 Street and 44 Street.

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 urge the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to include a protected northbound bicycle lane, while retaining the existing transit stops, as part of the design of the upcoming resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation project on State Road A1A/Collins Avenue, from north of 26 Street to 44 Street (FM No. 443902-1), through the application of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) guidelines; and further urge FDOT to include

additional pedestrian crosswalks to enhance pedestrian safety along Collins Avenue between 32 Street and 36 Street as part of said project.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 9th day of March 2022.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

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Date

