

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY PREPARED BY MARLIN ENGINEERING, INC.; REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS (THE "COUNTY") TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES; AND, SUBJECT TO COUNTY'S APPROVAL, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE RECOMMENDED TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES, INCLUDING RUBBERIZED SPEED TABLES AND SPEED HUMPS, ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS ON LOCAL STREETS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD.**

**WHEREAS**, the South of Fifth neighborhood is bound by 5th Street on the north, South Pointe Drive on the south, Alton Road on the west, and Ocean Drive on the east; and

**WHEREAS**, over time, the opening of businesses, premium restaurants, and South Pointe Park, as well as activity in the Art Deco Cultural District, have generated an increase in vehicular traffic in the South of Fifth neighborhood, particularly during high impact periods; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the direction of the City Commission, on December 14, 2021, the Transportation and Mobility Department (the "Department") engaged a traffic engineering consultant with local traffic calming expertise, Marlin Engineering, Inc., to perform a comprehensive neighborhood traffic calming study for the South of Fifth neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the traffic study are to improve the quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood through the implementation of traffic calming devices, from an immediate, short-term, and long-term perspective; to create safe and livable streets; and to promote pedestrian, bicycle, and transit use in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Traffic Calming Manual, approved by Miami-Dade County, the traffic study concluded that several streets in the South of Fifth neighborhood qualified for traffic calming; and

**WHEREAS**, based on this analysis, the consultant formulated recommendations for immediate/temporary traffic calming improvements, which are designed to be easily installed, durable, and maintenance-free, are composed of rubberized material, and have been found to be effective in reducing vehicular speeds and cut-through traffic on local streets; and

**WHEREAS**, while this solution is temporary and only applicable to local roads, City Staff will continue to refine and obtain County approval for the recommended short and long-term traffic calming improvements in the neighborhood, including Alton Road, South Pointe Drive, and Washington Avenue, which are classified as collector roadways with more stringent traffic calming criteria than local streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department staff met with the South of Fifth Neighborhood Association (SOFNA) Traffic Committee and SOFNA board members on May 26, 2022 to present the findings and recommendations of the South of Fifth Neighborhood Traffic Calming Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the SOFNA Traffic Committee and SOFNA board members present provided positive feedback and generally expressed support of the traffic calming recommendations, including the proposed immediate/temporary measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2022, the Department presented the draft study recommendations, including the temporary traffic calming devices, to the community and the recommendations were well-received; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Traffic Calming Manual, concurrence from all the affected property owners abutting the recommended traffic calming device(s) is required prior to installation; however, the County has advised that for temporary traffic calming, concurrence from the affected property owners is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission may pass a resolution endorsing the recommended traffic calming improvements, and requesting Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works to consider the proposed traffic calming devices; and

**WHEREAS**, given the multitude of multi-family residential and commercial buildings affected by the recommended immediate traffic calming improvements in the South of Fifth neighborhood, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the traffic study recommendations to move forward with the warranted but temporary traffic calming improvements in this neighborhood on an expedited basis, while City staff and the traffic consultant continue to evaluate and refine recommendations for short-term and long-term traffic calming improvements in the neighborhood.

**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 approve the recommended immediate, temporary traffic calming improvements in the South of Fifth neighborhood, as identified in the South of Fifth Neighborhood Traffic Calming Study prepared by Marlin Engineering, Inc.; request the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (the "County") to consider and approve the proposed traffic calming devices; and, subject to County's approval, authorize the Administration to move forward with the purchase and installation of the recommended temporary traffic calming devices, including rubberized speed tables and speed humps, on an expedited basis on local streets throughout the South of Fifth neighborhood.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

7-15-22  
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