

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez
DATE: September 14, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE ADDITION OF STOP SIGNS ON MAIN BEACHWALK INTERSECTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION

To discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety along the Beachwalk. One of the challenges expressed by law enforcement is that it is impossible to have a permanent presence throughout the entire 7 miles of the Beachwalk. To help consolidate the areas for enforcement, the Committee should consider the feasibility of testing bicycle stop signs at main intersections of the Beachwalk. The stops could generate awareness that bicyclists should yield to pedestrians. These stop signs could provide for specific point for enforcement.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Recently we celebrated the completion of the final segment of the Beachwalk creating an uninterrupted 7-mile oceanfront promenade that now spans the entire length of the city. We are truly fortunate to have such a beautiful and iconic transportation facility in Miami Beach. It is incumbent upon us to ensure the Beachwalk remains a welcoming and safe facility for everyone to use.

Pedestrians have expressed concerns over the high speed of bicycles on the Beachwalk. There have been reports of pedestrians hospitalized with injuries that occurred while using on the Beachwalk. Pedestrians especially feel threatened by bicycles traveling at high speeds through the beach entrances.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right

Does this item utilize G.O.

**to Know" item, pursuant to
City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

Bond Funds?

No

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

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