

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Steven Meiner
DATE: December 14, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ONGOING CONCERNS WITH THE 63RD STREET BRIDGE SCHEDULE, AND POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS AND REMEDIATE ITS TRAFFIC IMPACT UPON MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN THE VICINITY.

ANALYSIS

Please place on the December 14, 2022 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss ongoing concerns with the 63rd Street bridge schedule, and potential modifications in order to address and remediate its traffic impact upon major thoroughfares in the vicinity.

The 63rd Street bridge is a drawbridge located near the east end of SR 907/63rd Street between Alison Road and Indian Creek Drive in the City of Miami Beach, which continues to generate numerous complaints and concerns. The 63rd Street bridge schedule was most recently modified in March of 2022, and the Mayor and City Commission subsequently passed Resolution No. 2022-32232 in July of 2022 to address its traffic impacts on weekends. However, the ownership, operation and maintenance of the 63rd Street bridge falls under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation, which engages a private contractor to provide bridge tender services, including controlling bridge activity and maintaining bridge activity logs. Moreover, the United States Coast Guard is the entity having the legal authority to establish and regulate the 63rd Street bridge schedule.

As part of this referral, I would request that the Transportation and Mobility Department be prepared to discuss the ongoing concerns relating to the current 63rd Street bridge schedule and propose a revised schedule to address such concerns, along with a plan to permit the City Administration to work with the United States Coast Guard in requesting further modifications to the 63rd Street bridge operating schedule.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Vice-Mayor Steven Meiner