

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING, THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CENTRAL BAYSHORE NEIGHBORHOOD (THE "NEIGHBORHOOD"), INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES: 1) ONE (1) SPEED TABLE LOCATED ON CHASE AVENUE BETWEEN 37th STREET AND 40th STREET; 2) ONE (1) SPEED TABLE LOCATED ON ROYAL PALM AVENUE BETWEEN 34th STREET AND 37th STREET; 3) ONE (1) RAISED CROSSWALK LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHERIDAN AVENUE AND 34th STREET; AND 4) ONE (1) TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SHERIDAN AVENUE AND 37th STREET, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES WILL REDUCE THE SPEED OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEREFORE SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR SAFETY IN THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS; AND FURTHER REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS ("DTPW") TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES.

WHEREAS, the main objectives of a traffic calming project include: 1) restoring communities affected by speeding traffic; 2) discouraging the use of local residential streets by heavy vehicles and cut-through traffic; 3) improving the quality of life in a neighborhood; 4) improving roadway safety and reducing accidents; 5) improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; 6) changing the attitude of drivers towards speed; and 7) reducing noise and disturbance in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, speeding and cut-through traffic in the Central Bayshore neighborhood (the "Neighborhood") has been a concern of the community for some time; and

WHEREAS, City staff has been working with a traffic engineering consultant ("Consultant") to develop traffic calming improvements throughout the Neighborhood to address community safety and traffic concerns; and

WHEREAS, the data collection and analysis process took place during the Fall of 2018 and involved the assessment of speed and volume metrics; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is proposing the installation of various traffic calming devices throughout the Neighborhood, including sixteen (16) speed tables, two (2) raised crosswalks, four (4) traffic circles, and one (1) intersection improvement; and

WHEREAS, per DTPW's guidelines, in lieu of 100% approval from all property owners directly adjacent to the locations where the recommended traffic calming devices are proposed to be installed, the City may adopt a resolution after a public hearing requesting DTPW to consider the proposed traffic calming devices; and

WHEREAS, the opposed traffic calming devices are deemed necessary in order to provide the intended traffic calming benefits of reduced speeds and lower cut-through volumes; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant evaluated alternative devices and alternative locations for the opposed traffic calming devices, however, no alternate locations are feasible due to proximity of driveways, drainage structures, and other limiting site conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve, following a public hearing, the Traffic Calming Project recommended by the Administration for the central Bayshore neighborhood (the "Neighborhood"), including the installation of the following traffic calming features: 1) one (1) speed table located on chase avenue between 37th Street and 40th Street; 2) one (1) speed table located on Royal Palm Avenue between 34th Street and 37th Street; 3) one (1) raised crosswalk located on the north side of Sheridan Avenue and 34th street; and 4) one (1) traffic circle at the intersection of Sheridan Avenue and 37th Street, finding that the proposed traffic calming features will reduce the speed of the motor vehicles traveling through the neighborhood, and therefore serve the public interest of pedestrian and vehicular safety in the City's residential neighborhoods; and further request the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") to approve the aforementioned traffic calming features.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 13th day September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

9-5-23
Date