

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32659**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE CITY COULD PURCHASE THE 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET BRIDGE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, OR EXPLORE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR THE CITY TO OPERATE THE BRIDGE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE CITY WITH THE ABILITY TO BETTER CONTROL THE BRIDGE SCHEDULE AND MITIGATE THE SEVERE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY THE BRIDGE OPENING.**

**WHEREAS**, the 63rd Street Bridge (the "Bridge") is a double-leaf bascule bridge with an 11 foot vertical clearance; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the operating schedule that governs the Bridge provides that every day of the week, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except Federal holidays, the draw should open only on the hour and half-hour, if necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, although located within the City's territorial jurisdiction, the Bridge is owned and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), which manages a contract with a third-party provider for bridge tender services; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Coast Guard establishes and regulates the Bridge's operating schedule, along with any restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bridge opening causes severe traffic congestion in the area on a regular basis, with no relief for area residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission wish to direct the Administration and the City Attorney's Office to evaluate whether the City could purchase the Bridge from the State of Florida, or explore entering into an agreement with the State for the City to undertake the obligation to operate the Bridge on behalf of the State at the City's expense; and



**WHEREAS**, providing the City with the ability to control the Bridge schedule and to work directly with the U.S. Coast Guard to address issues with the schedule would help mitigate the severe vehicular traffic congestion caused by the Bridge opening, and dramatically improve our residents' quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the Administration and the City Attorney's Office to evaluate whether the City could purchase the Bridge from the State of Florida, or explore entering into an agreement with the State for the City to operate the Bridge on behalf of the State at

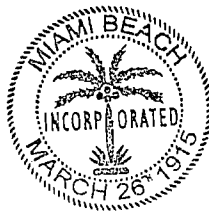
the City's expense, which would provide the City with the ability to better control the Bridge schedule and mitigate the severe vehicular traffic congestion caused by the bridge opening.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28 day of June, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk Dan Gelber, Mayor

(sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)



**APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION**

  
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City Attorney

6-20-23  
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Date

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Rafael A. Paz, City Attorney  
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE CITY COULD PURCHASE THE 63RD STREET BRIDGE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, OR EXPLORE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR THE CITY TO OPERATE THE BRIDGE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE CITY WITH THE ABILITY TO BETTER CONTROL THE BRIDGE SCHEDULE AND MITIGATE THE SEVERE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY THE BRIDGE OPENING.

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### ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, the above-referenced Resolution is submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the June 28, 2023 Commission meeting.

### SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

### Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

### Sponsor

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

▣ Resolution