

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
 FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner
 DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NEW STRATEGIES AND MORE EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF POLICE RESOURCES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING PEAK TRAFFIC PERIODS.

RECOMMENDATION

Please refer a discussion to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss efficient allocation of police resources for traffic control during high-traffic periods and events in the City of Miami Beach.

Recently, during peak high-traffic periods, despite Miami Beach Police Department's best efforts, traffic has at times remained at intolerable levels. One common practice used by the Miami Beach Police Department is to staff two police officers at key intersections (one to direct traffic and one to manually operate traffic light controls).

I request that the City Administration and the Miami Beach Police Department review the overall strategy of how the City staffs its traffic control efforts. As part of this review, I request that the Administration and MBPD research the practices, technology, and strategies used by other jurisdictions to address traffic congestion, and report their findings to the PSNQLC for discussion and possible action.

Given the importance of this issue to our residents and their quality of life, I would like for the Committee to explore best practices and all available methods to facilitate traffic movement.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

Mayor Steven Meiner

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Commissioners Alex Fernandez and Joseph Magazine