

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY, TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING THE EXISTING DEDICATED NORTHBOUND RIGHT-TURN LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF OCEAN DRIVE AND 5th STREET IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH GREEN BICYCLE LANE CONNECTIVITY ALONG NORTHBOUND OCEAN DRIVE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF 5 STREET; AND, IF FEASIBLE, TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED GREEN BICYCLE LANE IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, OR SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION THROUGH A FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Miami Beach (“City”) implemented dedicated bicycle lanes along the east and west sides of Ocean Drive between South Pointe Drive and 5 Street, in the South of Fifth neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2016, the City Commission adopted the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan (“BPMP”), via Resolution No. 2016-29373; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the BPMP, the Transportation and Mobility Department embarked on a program to create a Citywide bicycle lane network and paint all existing (and proposed) bicycle lanes green in order to increase driver awareness and enhance bicyclist safety throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, the City painted green bicycle lanes on Ocean Drive between South Pointe Drive and 5 Street, in the South of Fifth neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, at that time, no bicycle lanes existed on Ocean Drive north of 5th Street in the Entertainment District to provide bicycle lane continuity between these two areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022, the City completed the implementation of the interim configuration of Ocean Drive in the Entertainment District, as permitted by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (“DTPW”), consisting of a one-way southbound vehicular lane and two-way, protected green bicycle lanes on the east side of Ocean Drive between 5 Street and 14th Place; and

WHEREAS, due to the existing one-way southbound vehicular lane configuration on Ocean Drive, the intersection approaches at Ocean Drive and 5 Street required some modifications, including, but not limited to, converting the shared northbound

through/right-turn lane on Ocean Drive south of 5th Street to a dedicated northbound right-turn lane; and

WHEREAS, currently, the southbound green bicycle lane on Ocean Drive in the Entertainment District continues through the intersection of 5th Street, safely connecting to the existing southbound green bicycle lane on Ocean Drive in the South of Fifth neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, along northbound Ocean Drive in the South of Fifth neighborhood, a lack of bicycle connectivity (i.e. gap) of approximately 350 feet in length exists through the 5th Street intersection as the northbound green bicycle lane currently terminates just south of the dedicated northbound right-turn lane at 5th Street; and

WHEREAS, given the current lane configuration at the intersection of Ocean Drive and 5 Street, providing bicycle lane continuity along northbound Ocean Drive through the 5 Street intersection would require the elimination of the existing dedicated northbound right-turn lane; and

WHEREAS, DTPW has exclusive jurisdictional authority over all traffic control and traffic engineering services on all local roads in Miami-Dade County, including within incorporated municipalities. DTPW requires that a traffic engineering study be conducted to determine if the elimination of the existing dedicated northbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Ocean Drive and 5 Street is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mobility Department is prepared to engage one of the City's pre-qualified rotational transportation consultants to evaluate the feasibility of eliminating the existing dedicated northbound right-turn lane; and

WHEREAS, if the traffic study determines that the elimination of the right-turn lane is warranted, and DTPW approves the traffic study, the City would proceed with the design, permitting, and implementation of a northbound green bicycle lane on Ocean Drive through the intersection of 5th Street to establish bicycle lane connectivity along northbound Ocean Drive; and

WHEREAS, DTPW would also need to review and approve the design plans for such bicycle lane improvement to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the traffic study/feasibility analysis, design, and implementation of the green bicycle lane improvements is approximately \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, funding has not been identified, budgeted, or appropriated at this time. Should the City Commission approve this resolution, the Administration will prioritize funding during the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Budget development process, or subject to appropriation through a FY 2024 budget amendment.

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 direct the Administration, subject to funding availability, to evaluate the feasibility of eliminating the existing dedicated northbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Ocean Drive and 5 Street in order to establish green bicycle lane connectivity along northbound Ocean Drive through the intersection of 5th Street; and, if feasible, to proceed with the design, permitting, and implementation of the recommended green bicycle lane improvements; and to prioritize funding during the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Development Process, or subject to appropriation through a Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15th day May, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/10/2024

Date