

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOMMEND THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), IN RECONSTRUCTING ALTON ROAD (SR 907) FROM MICHIGAN AVENUE TO 63RD STREET, PROTECT THE SUBSTANTIAL, MATURE, EXISTING TREE CANOPY, AND IF FDOT MUST SELECT BETWEEN RAISING THE ROADS TO A MINIMUM CROWN ELEVATION OF 3.70 NAVD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S AMENDED STORM WATER MASTER PLAN, OR PRESERVING THE EXISTING TREE CANOPY, THEN THE CITY RECOMMENDS THAT FDOT (SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT) [SELECT ONE] RAISE THE ROAD SO THAT THE TREE CANOPY CAN BE PRESERVED; AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FDOT.

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is proposing to reconstruct Alton Road (SR 907) from Michigan Avenue to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in 2020 with three concurrent projects; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the FDOT projects are expected to begin in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, during the design of the project, the City previously, and repeatedly requested that FDOT save all of the existing canopy trees along this roadway, which canopy is substantial and mature; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the City also requested that FDOT raise the roadway to a minimum crown elevation of 3.70 NAVD, in accordance with City Commission amended Storm Water Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT has indicated that as part of the reconstruction projects, in addition to new storm sewer systems and pump stations that the road will be raised 1.5 to 2.0 feet above existing condition; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT has conducted an inventory of the existing trees along the entire route of the project, and FDOT has advised the City that many, if not all, of the trees will be significantly impacted by the proposed project's road raising; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT has requested some guidance from the City as to whether the trees should be saved, or the roads raised; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Administration, Mayor and City Commission that FDOT complete its design for the reconstruction of Alton Road (SR 907) from Michigan Avenue to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, while raising the roads and protecting the substantial, mature, existing tree canopy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION**

**OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission, hereby recommends that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in reconstructing Alton Road (SR 907) from Michigan Avenue to 63rd Street, protect the substantial, mature, existing tree canopy, and if FDOT must select between raising the roads to a minimum crown elevation of 3.70 NAVD, in accordance with City Commission amended Storm Water Master Plan, or preserving the existing tree canopy, then FDOT (should or should not) [select one] raise the road so that the tree canopy can be preserved; and direct the City Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to FDOT.

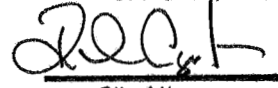
**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

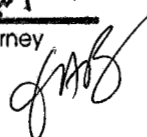
**ATTEST:**

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**Philip Levine, Mayor**

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**Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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Date

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