

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON MAY 19, 2017, AND AUTHORIZING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE UNSIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ALONG VENETIAN WAY, FROM RIVO ALTO DRIVE TO SAN MARINO DRIVE, WITH INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED (LED) CROSSWALKS, SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROVAL IN THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Venetian Causeway is the primary route for bicyclists and pedestrians between the City of Miami Beach (City) and the City of Miami, and

WHEREAS, over the past years, City staff has observed vehicular traffic increases on the Venetian Causeway, and

WHEREAS, currently, the section of the Venetian Causeway between East Rivo Alto Drive and West San Marino Drive consists of six (6) crosswalks across Venetian Way Three (3) of these crosswalks are signalized (East Rivo Alto Drive, East DiLido Drive, and East San Marino Drive); and

WHEREAS, the remaining 3 crosswalks are not enhanced crosswalks and are only equipped with static pedestrian crossing signs, and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, the City received an email from the Venetian Islands Homeowners Association reporting safety issues with the crosswalks, and

WHEREAS, city staff has conducted a review of these crosswalks and found no issues with the signalized crosswalks; however, given the traffic in the area and the width of the roadway cross-section, further enhancements to the unsignalized crosswalks are warranted; and

WHEREAS, all traffic engineering modifications, including crosswalks, must be evaluated and approved by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (MDCDTPW) prior to implementation; and

WHEREAS, at the May 19, 2017 meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC), the NCAC passed a motion directing staff to explore the implementation of Internally Illuminated Crosswalks (LED Crosswalks) at the non-signalized intersections (Venetian Way at West Rivo Alto Drive, West DiLido Drive, and West San Marino Drive) and recommending enhancements to those non-signalized intersections, and

WHEREAS, proposed installation thresholds developed by City staff have been submitted to MDCDTPW and the Florida Department of Transportation for review and endorsement, and

WHEREAS, funding for the potential installation of LED Crosswalks on the non-signalized intersections along Venetian Way will be pursued via the FY 2017-2018 Budget process.

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 accept the recommendation of the NCAC and authorize enhancements to the unsignalized pedestrian crossings along Venetian Way, from Rivo Alto Drive to San Marino Drive with internally illuminated (LED) crosswalks, subject to funding approval in the City's Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2017

ATTEST

Philip Levine, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney DT

6/6/17
Date