

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

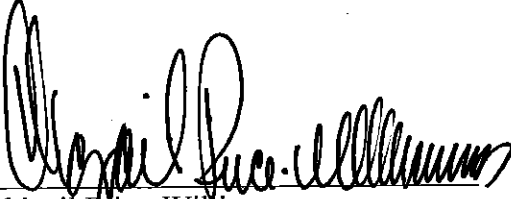
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare a feasibility study regarding the installation of LED crosswalk lights to protect texting pedestrians from injury; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report and place the report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-7-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF LED CROSSWALK LIGHTS TO PROTECT TEXTING PEDESTRIANS FROM INJURY; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT AND PLACE THE REPORT ON AN AGENDA OF THIS BOARD PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-65

WHEREAS, texting while walking, a form of distracted walking, has become increasingly dangerous and in recent years, has been the cause of nationally reported injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, texting while walking has led people to veer into oncoming traffic, causing serious harm to the texting pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 study conducted by Ohio State University looking at emergency data, found that injuries from distracted walking had more than doubled over a five-year span; and

WHEREAS, concerned about the dangers of distracted walking, the National Safety Council has now included distracted walking as a category in its annual report on unintentional deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address distracted walking, some countries in Europe have embedded LED lighting in the sidewalk as pedestrian traffic lights, which flash to warn distracted pedestrians when a light is about to change, and turn red to prevent them from walking into oncoming traffic; and

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers of texting while walking, this Board would like the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to study the feasibility of the method and means of installing LED crosswalk lights,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a feasibility study on the method and means by which LED lighting can be installed as crosswalk lights to protect texting or distracted pedestrians, including but not limited to: (a) the identification of potential project areas throughout Miami-Dade County for such installation, including but not limited to, intersections with high pedestrian traffic and those adjacent to educational facilities, after consultation and coordination with municipalities to the extent that such potential project areas are within municipal boundaries; (b) an estimate of costs associated with such installation and an identification of potential funding sources; and (c) an identification of any additional studies required in order to effectuate the installation or to complete the analysis requested herein, as well as the costs, if any, of obtaining such additional studies.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report of this feasibility study to this Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution, and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY ITS BOARD OF
 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.

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