

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 20, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution reaffirming the policy statements and directives of Resolution No. R-666-20; encouraging temporary road closures and rerouting of traffic to facilitate public health and welfare in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic; urging governmental entities to consider implementation of such temporary road closures subject to applicable permitting; and directing the County Mayor to review and process on a prioritized and expedited basis all such permit requests for County or municipal roads

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ 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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7-20-21

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

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE POLICY STATEMENTS AND DIRECTIVES OF RESOLUTION NO. R-666-20; ENCOURAGING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND REROUTING OF TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”) PANDEMIC; URGING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE PERMITTING; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO REVIEW AND PROCESS ON A PRIORITIZED AND EXPEDITED BASIS ALL SUCH PERMIT REQUESTS FOR COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ROADS

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 novel coronavirus, called SARS-CoV-2, caused an outbreak of illness (COVID-19) that began in December 2019 and quickly spread throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global health emergency and later declared it a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in the State of Florida and directing the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County declared a state of emergency for Miami-Dade County as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these orders have since been extended; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 remains an ongoing threat to Miami-Dade County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has suffered more COVID-19 cases, and more COVID-19 deaths, than any other county in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, many if not most Floridians have been experiencing financial hardships as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to maintain and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public it is recommended, though not mandated, that people continue to wear masks and maintain proper social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 2020 this Board adopted Resolution No. R-666-20, which among other things, encouraged the temporary road closures and rerouting of traffic to facilitate social distancing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary redirecting of traffic from certain roadways to utilize additional areas during the period of COVID-19 economic recovery in the County would assist the residents and businesses in maintaining appropriate social distancing and ensuring that we continue to successfully lower the COVID-19 infections in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary redirecting of traffic from certain roadways also would help facilitate businesses during the COVID-19 economic recovery, as well as allow the public to safely and more fully utilize outdoor spaces for improved health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) has authority under section 2-96.1, Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to review traffic flow and maintenance of traffic throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities have expressed interest in continuing to submit requests for temporary closures and traffic maintenance,

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

**Section 1.** Adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Reaffirms the policy statements and directives of Resolution No. R-666-20.

**Section 3.** Encourages the temporary closure of roads and rerouting of traffic on a temporary basis for the public purpose of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of County residents and visitors during the ongoing COVID-19 economic recovery period.

**Section 4.** Urges all governmental entities with responsibility over roads to review and consider the rerouting of traffic and the temporary closure of roads or sidewalks as appropriate to allow for increased pedestrian access and for potential use of abutting businesses, and to submit all such proposals to the County for expedited approval.

**Section 5.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to review and process on a prioritized and expedited basis all such permit requests received from municipalities, as well as applications pertaining to County roads and to consider all possible options for the issuance and extension of temporary closures of roads or sidewalks as appropriate.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

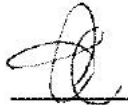
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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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