

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

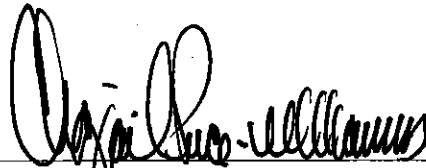
DATE: January 22, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass S. 2077 or H.R. 3663, both entitled the Complete Streets Act of 2019, or similar legislation that would promote the design and construction of complete streets that are more accessible to and safer for all users

Resolution No. R-63-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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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1-22-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-63-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PASS S. 2077 OR H.R. 3663, BOTH ENTITLED THE
COMPLETE STREETS ACT OF 2019, OR SIMILAR
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROMOTE THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLETE STREETS THAT ARE
MORE ACCESSIBLE TO AND SAFER FOR ALL USERS

WHEREAS, according to a study by the Governors Highway Safety Association (the “Association”), a non-profit organization made up of the state highway offices of the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the Indian nations, there were over 41,000 pedestrian deaths in the United States between 2007 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, 6,227 pedestrians were killed in 2018 alone; and

WHEREAS, this marked the highest rate of pedestrian deaths since 1990; and

WHEREAS, according to the Association, pedestrian deaths have increased by forty-one percent since 2008, and now account for sixteen percent of all traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Association further reports that five states, including Florida, accounted for more than half the number of pedestrian deaths in the first half of 2018; and

WHEREAS, “complete streets” refers to public streets that provide safe and accessible options to multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities, irrespective of whether they are traveling as automobile drivers or passengers, bicyclists, transit users, or pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the design, construction, and operation of complete streets would help to make streets safer, more accessible, and reduce the very high numbers of pedestrian casualties throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (S.) 2077 was introduced in the United States Senate on July 10, 2019, by Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Massachusetts), and House of Representatives Bill (H.R.) 3663, an identical House companion bill, was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on July 10, 2019, by Representative Steve Cohen (D-Tennessee); and

WHEREAS, both bills are entitled the Complete Streets Act of 2019 (the “Complete Streets Act”); and

WHEREAS, the stated goals of the Complete Streets Act are:

- (a) to provide technical assistance and incentives for the adoption of complete streets policies; and
- (b) to encourage eligible entities to adopt a strategic and comprehensive approach for the development of complete streets; and
- (c) to facilitate better pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit travel for users of all ages and abilities by addressing critical gaps in pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit infrastructure; and
- (d) to distribute funding to reward eligible entities that have committed to adopting complete streets best practices developed by the Secretary under subsection (c); and
- (e) to ensure that underserved municipalities are served equitably by the complete streets program; and

WHEREAS, if enacted into law, the Complete Streets Act would, among other things, direct:

- (a) the U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”) to establish benchmarks and guidance by which states can implement complete streets programs and eligible entities can carry out complete streets policies and principles; and

- (b) eligible entities seeking technical assistance or funds for a complete streets program to adopt policies using complete streets principles that are approved by the state or metropolitan planning organizations (“MPOs”) with jurisdiction over such entities; and
- (c) states and MPOs to certify that their complete street policies meet the minimum requirements set out by DOT; and
- (d) states to set aside 5 percent of their federal highway money to implement a complete streets program; and
- (e) states and MPOs to adopt design standards for federal surface transportation projects that provide for the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the surface transportation network, including motorized and non-motorized users, in all phases of project planning, development, and operation; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefits of increasing the accessibility to, and safety of, all transit routes within Miami-Dade County, this Board wishes to urge the United States Congress to pass S. 2077 and H.R. 3663, the Complete Streets Act of 2019, or similar legislation,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to pass S. 2077 or H.R. 3663, both entitled the Complete Streets Act of 2019, or similar legislation that would promote the design and construction of complete streets that are more accessible to, and safer for, all users.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1, above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

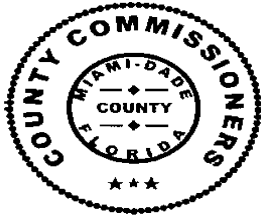
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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

Linda L. Cave

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke