

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

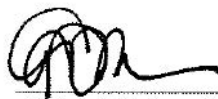
DATE: July 8, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution encouraging temporary road closures and rerouting of traffic to facilitate social distancing 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

Resolution No. R-666-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)
7-8-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-666-20

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND REROUTING OF TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE SOCIAL DISTANCING 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, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the state of Florida as a result of coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a state of emergency for Miami-Dade County as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the County Mayor issued Emergency Order 10-20, which prohibits groups of 10 or more from gathering on public streets or sidewalks; and

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

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the County Mayor issued Emergency Order 23-20, which provided guidance for safely resuming economic activity across the County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public, such guidance includes requirements and recommendations to maintain proper social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 23-20 requires businesses to use reasonable efforts to ensure social distancing of employees and customers and to reduce seating in common areas to ensure a minimum physical distance of six feet between people; and

WHEREAS, in many instances, residents and businesses have limited options to maintain proper social distancing while outdoors, particularly given the limited space of sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses could therefore benefit from the use of additional space to safely maintain social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the temporary redirecting of traffic from certain roadways to utilize additional areas during the period of economic recovery in the County would assist the residents and businesses in maintaining appropriate social distancing; and

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

WHEREAS, the Miami Downtown Development Authority has adopted Resolution No. 016/2020, which is attached and incorporated by reference, urging governmental entities to temporarily or partially close streets to allow increased pedestrian access and for potential use of abutting businesses; and

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

WHEREAS, DTPW has already received, expedited the review of, and conditionally approved a proposal from the City of Miami Beach for such temporary traffic maintenance, and is prepared to prioritize and expedite the review of additional requests,

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. Encourages the temporary closure of roads and rerouting of traffic on a temporary basis in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the public purpose of maintaining social distancing and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of County residents and visitors during the COVID-19 economic recovery period.

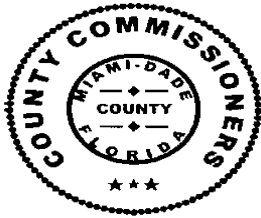
Section 3. Urges all governmental entities with responsibility over roads to review and consider the rerouting of traffic and the temporary closure of roads as appropriate to allow for increased pedestrian access and social distancing during the County's economic recovery period, and to submit all such proposals to the County for expedited approval.

Section 4. 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.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** 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	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	nay
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 8th day of July, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Debra Herman", written over a horizontal line.

Debra Herman
Annery Pulgar Alfonso

RESOLUTION NO. 016/2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA ("MIAMI DDA") URGING ALL RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES OVER ANY STREETS WITHIN THE MIAMI DDA'S BOUNDARIES TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY AND/OR PARTIAL CLOSURES OF STREETS TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND FOR POTENTIAL USE OF ABUTTING BUSINESSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESTAURANTS IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COVID-19; DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS REGARDING ANY STREET CLOSURES CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE CITY OF MIAMI, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AS APPLICABLE ("PROPOSALS"); FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MODIFY THE PROPOSALS FROM TIME TO TIME, AS NEEDED, WITHOUT FURTHER APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; FURTHER DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS STATED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, one of the 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan ("Plan") goals is to "Create Great Streets and Community Spaces"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Rebalance Roadways Towards Transit, Pedestrians and Cyclists"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Design roadways to calm automobile traffic and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Connect and Promote Downtown Parks, open Space and Greenways Promote Transit and Regional Connectivity"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Enhance Connectivity to neighborhoods Surrounding Downtown"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Redevelop Flagler Street into Miami's Pedestrian Oriented Main Street"; and

WHEREAS, one of the Plan's goals is to "Reinforce Brickell Village Center Along and Around South Miami Avenue and Mary Brickell Village"; and

WHEREAS, given the emergency orders to shelter in place, park closures, and other orders of the federal, state, and local governments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the nearly 100,000 Downtown Miami residents have limited options to maintain proper social distancing while outdoors given the limited space of sidewalks throughout Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, there is a benefit to residents being outdoors including increased exercise and improved health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the businesses throughout Downtown Miami that have closed could benefit from increased spaces once allowed to re-open; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Board of Directors discussed creating options for residents to run, walk, and bicycle safely and to explore whether restaurants, cafés, and other businesses could use the additional space once re-opened while also respecting continued social distancing and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals as state in the Preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida ("Miami DDA") urges all respective governmental entities with responsibilities over any streets within the Miami DDA's boundaries to consider temporary and/or partial closures of streets to allow for increased pedestrian access and for potential use of abutting businesses including but not limited to restaurants in order to assist with economic recovery from COVID-19.

Section 3. The Executive Director is directed to submit proposals regarding any streets closures consistent with this Resolution ("Proposals") to Miami-Dade County ("County"), the City of Miami ("City"), and the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), as applicable.

Section 4. The Executive Director is further authorized to modify the Proposals from time to time, as deemed necessary, without the further approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Executive Director is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County, Mayor and Members of the City Commission of the City, the FDOT District 6 Secretary, the County's Director of Transportation and Public Works, and the City's Director of Resilience and Public Works.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 24th day of April 2020.


Commissioner Manolo Reyes, Chairman


Christina Crespi, Executive Director

ATTEST:


Ivonne de la Vega
Secretary to the Board of Directors