

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

**DATE:** November 16, 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging (1) the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County; (2) the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to, subject to the appropriation of funding, include funding for such Vision Zero projects in the appropriate current and future FDOT Five-Year Work Programs; and (3) the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization to take the necessary actions, such as amending its Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, to prioritize the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-1123-21

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

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-1123-21

RESOLUTION URGING (1) THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF VISION ZERO PROJECTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; (2) THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“FDOT”) TO, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING, INCLUDE FUNDING FOR SUCH VISION ZERO PROJECTS IN THE APPROPRIATE CURRENT AND FUTURE FDOT FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAMS; AND (3) THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS, SUCH AS AMENDING ITS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF VISION ZERO PROJECTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the Vision Zero program is dedicated to eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries and has been implemented in numerous areas throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vision Zero program is a systematic approach to implementing safety countermeasures and policies to reduce, with the goal of ultimately eliminating, fatalities and serious injuries related to mobility in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2019 “Dangerous by Design” report from Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach metropolis ranked the 14th least safe metro area in the country for pedestrians, with 1,549 pedestrian deaths between 2008 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County had more road fatalities per 100,000 people than Washington D.C., Seattle, and Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic accidents in our county result in about four deaths and 16 injuries every week; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Vision Zero in Miami-Dade County is to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by the year 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1208-20, directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report identifying the organizational needs to establish a comprehensive plan for the proactive approval, installation and maintenance of mobility improvements for pedestrian and cyclist within urban areas of Miami-Dade County, including any recommendations as to staffing allocation and potential reorganization, new expedited processes, design manual updates, and implementation of Complete Streets and Vision Zero measures, including installation of protected bicycle lanes and crosswalks, reprogramming of traffic signals, and implementation of play streets, painted crosswalks, reduced speed limits, and pedestrian prioritization at crosswalks; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County's Vision Zero Implementation Plan report provides: (1) the County's high-injury network, identifying intersections and segments where severe or fatal injuries occurred between 2015 and 2019; and (2) a systematic approach to implement safety countermeasures, particularly within the County's high-injury network, and policies regarding prioritizing interdepartmental coordination, accountability, public awareness, and educational campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with section 339.135, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") is responsible for the development of a State Transportation Five-Year Work Program which meets the mission, goals and objectives of FDOT and the Florida Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDOT Five-Year Work Program is a statewide project-specific list of transportation activities and projects scheduled for implementation during the ensuing five-year period and is developed through extensive coordination with local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning groups and Florida citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.135 requires that FDOT's tentative and adopted work programs be based on a complete, balanced financial plan for the State Transportation Trust Fund and the other funds managed by FDOT and shall set forth FDOT's proposed commitments and planned expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.135, Florida Statutes, states that projects may not be undertaken unless they are listed in FDOT's Five-Year Work Program; and

**WHEREAS**, section 339.175, Florida Statutes, requires that each metropolitan planning organization, in cooperation with FDOT, develop a long-range transportation plan and an annually updated transportation improvement program; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-range transportation plan must, among other things, address at least a 20-year transportation planning horizon and provide a financial plan that demonstrates how the projects can be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation improvement program is a five-year plan that identifies, prioritizes and allocates funding for transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board seeks the Florida Legislature's and FDOT's support for the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** Further urges the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) to, subject to the appropriation of funding, include funding for the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County in the appropriate current and future FDOT Five-Year Work Programs.

**Section 3.** Urges the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (“TPO”) to take the necessary actions, such as amending its Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, to prioritize the development, design, and construction of Vision Zero projects in Miami-Dade County.

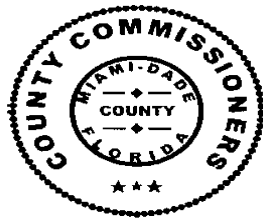
**Section 4.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the District Six Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Executive Director of the TPO.

**Section 5.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the actions described in sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2022 State Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2023 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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: **Melissa Adames**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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