

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding to the Friends of the
Commodore Trail for the
creation of a self-guided
historical tour along the
Commodore Trail

Resolution No. R-233-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.


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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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3-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-233-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO THE FRIENDS OF THE
COMMODORE TRAIL FOR THE CREATION OF A SELF-
GUIDED HISTORICAL TOUR ALONG THE COMMODORE
TRAIL

WHEREAS, the five-mile Commodore Trail (the “Trail”) in Miami-Dade County unites the full length of Coconut Grove to the Coral Gables waterway neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, starting at the Rickenbacker Causeway, the Commodore Trail includes South Bayshore Drive and winds past eleven parks, eight schools, and the heart of Coconut Grove’s business district; and

WHEREAS, many residents use the Commodore Trail for walking, biking, running, and recreation, and the route also links residents to transportation hubs, historic sites, and community gathering spots; and

WHEREAS, the Trail has several infrastructure issues and requires improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Commodore Trail is an independent non-profit organization that advocates for near- and long-term improvements of the Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Commodore Trail has requested funding from the Florida Legislature to create a self-guided historical tour along the Trail, focused on the culture and history of Coconut Grove; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tour will include 56 interactive points of interest accessible through a mobile application, supportive signage, classroom materials for local schools, and public promotional materials; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Vicki Lopez (R – Coral Gables) has filed Appropriations Project Request No. 689 in the House in support of this project during the 2023 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, to support the improvements to the Commodore Trail, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to the Friends of the Commodore Trail for the creation of a self-guided historical tour along the Trail,

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 to the Friends of the Commodore Trail for the creation of a self-guided historical tour along the Commodore Trail.

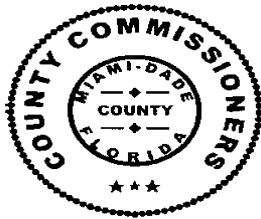
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Representative Vicki Lopez, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2023 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jose I. Ortega