

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

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

DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Triangle Park and
Children's Academy Pedestrian
Safety Initiative and the Citrus
Grove School Children and
Families Pedestrian Safety
Initiative

Resolution No. R-1169-23

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



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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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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1169-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE TRIANGLE PARK AND
CHILDREN’S ACADEMY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVE
AND THE CITRUS GROVE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, continued growth in population density and school traffic have increased conflicts between vehicles and children near the intersection of Southwest 4th Avenue and Southwest 15th Road in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, crash data from 2014 to 2018 provided by the City of Miami identified safety concerns for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles along Southwest 15th Road between Southwest 11th Street and Southwest 3rd Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this intersection has numerous conflict points between cars and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, Representative Vicki L. Lopez (R – Coral Gables) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 1035 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$1,300,000 for the Triangle Park and Children’s Academy Pedestrian Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023, Senator Ileana Garcia (R – Miami) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1081 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$1,200,000.00 for the Triangle Park and Children’s Academy Pedestrian Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Park and Children’s Academy Pedestrian Safety Initiative aims to improve safety conditions, especially for students arriving at school as well as pedestrians from Brickell, The Roads, and along the Underline in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements include a five-leg traffic circle, flashing beacons, high-emphasis crosswalks, improved lighting, repaving, and draining improvement; and

WHEREAS, other areas within the County also pose safety issues for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, for example, the Florida Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicles and crash data provided by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works have identified the Little Havana area in the City of Miami as having the highest instances of pedestrian crashes and fatalities based on crashes between 2012-2016; and

WHEREAS, specifically, these results found that children and families walking to Citrus Grove Elementary and Citrus Grove Middle School face danger when crossing the street, thus requiring improvements that prioritize pedestrian safety by creating safe routes to school; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, Senator Ileana Garcia (R – Miami) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1479 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$1,978,000.00 for the Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 2116 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$1,978,000.00 for the Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative proposes improvements that include a pedestrian signal upgrade, high-emphasis crosswalk markings, curb extensions, s-shaped mid-block crossing with rectangular rapid flashing beacons, concrete islands, other median improvements, and a new traffic light; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available funding mechanisms for improving pedestrian safety 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 Triangle Park and Children’s Academy Pedestrian Safety Initiative and the Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative.

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, Senator Ileana Garcia (R – Miami), Representative Vicki L. Lopez (R – Coral Gables), Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah), and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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	absent	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon absent
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 12th day of December, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RAH", is written over a horizontal line.

Rochelle A. Hall