

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: April 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to conduct an
investigation on the
reasonableness and feasibility of
lowering the speed limit to 25
miles per hour on all County-
maintained residential roads in
the Unincorporated Municipal
Service Area ("UMSA") and on
all County-maintained roads
abutting parks and recreational
centers in UMSA; and to
provide a report

Resolution No. R-280-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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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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4-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-280-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE REASONABLENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MILES PER HOUR ON ALL COUNTY-MAINTAINED RESIDENTIAL ROADS IN THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA ("UMSA") AND ON ALL COUNTY-MAINTAINED ROADS ABUTTING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL CENTERS IN UMSA; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, section 316.008 and 316.189 of the Florida Statutes authorize counties to set speed limits on certain County-maintained roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered under section 316.189, Florida Statutes, to set custom speed zones on County-maintained roads "after investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of Transportation, except that no such speed zone shall permit a speed of more than 60 miles per hour[]"; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has consistently ranked amongst the United States cities with the worst traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, as Miami-Dade County continues to grow, many residential neighborhoods are reportedly experiencing increases in cut through traffic using the residential neighborhood as a shortcut to reach a destination not in the residential area; and

WHEREAS, cut through traffic traveling at high speeds through residential areas could pose a potential danger to life and property; and

WHEREAS, reducing the speed limit, where appropriate, in residential areas could provide the adequate traffic calming measures to ensure pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces operates and maintains numerous regional and neighborhood parks and open spaces, as well as recreational centers throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, these parks and recreational centers attract large concentrations of pedestrians, including children and elderly, who attend various after school and therapeutic, recreational, and community events and activities; and

WHEREAS, lowering speed limits, where appropriate, around parks and recreational centers might provide additional safety measures for pedestrians, especially children and elderly; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023 the Board adopted Resolution No. R-373-23 which directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to design and implement a Park Zones pilot program on roads adjacent to or in close proximity to certain parks in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to ensure that the speed limits for County roads in residential neighborhoods and for County roads abutting parks and recreational centers are appropriate to ensure that pedestrian safety is maintained,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct an investigation on the reasonableness and feasibility of lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on all County-maintained residential roads in the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area ("UMSA") and on all County-maintained roads abutting parks and recreational centers in UMSA.

Section 2. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a written report regarding the directives in section 1 above within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution. The completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. The written report shall include but not be limited to detailing the following: (1) the existing speed limit for all County-maintained residential roads in UMSA and for all County-maintained roads abutting parks and recreational centers in UMSA; and (2) an implementation plan, including the identification of costs and legally available funding source, for lowering the speed limits as described in section 1 in accordance with applicable Florida Department of Transportation rules, regulations, and criteria.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** 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 2nd day of April, 2024. 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 "Annery Pulgar Alfonso", is written over a horizontal line.

Annery Pulgar Alfonso