

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 4, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to fund Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) grant program and provide for automatic categorical exclusion for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for said grants

Resolution No. R-144-25

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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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2-4-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-144-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO FUND SAFE STREETS AND ROADS
FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM AND PROVIDE FOR
AUTOMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) REQUIREMENTS
FOR SAID GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program provides critical local funding to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the SSFA program supports the goal of eliminating roadway deaths, reflecting Miami-Dade County's commitment to improving transportation safety; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County faces a high risk of severe injuries and fatalities, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, with an average of 295 fatalities annually between 2012 and 2022, making the SS4A program essential for addressing this crisis; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the County Commission approved an SS4A grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for \$16,208,400.00, providing a significant step toward securing funding for safety infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is committed to advancing transportation safety by implementing life-saving projects, such as installing pedestrian ramps, signalization, lighting, and shared-use paths, which will enhance the safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, an automatic categorical exclusion for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements will expedite the implementation of safety improvements, ensuring swift action to reduce injuries and deaths on our roads; and

WHEREAS, the use of this categorical exclusion for SS4A projects will streamline the approval process, reducing delays and allowing the County to begin critical safety infrastructure upgrades without unnecessary administrative hurdles, ensuring our funds are utilized efficiently and effectively and minimizing the negative cost effects of inflation; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Miami-Dade County to receive this funding to ensure the timely implementation of these projects, which are critical to achieving Vision Zero and making our roads safer for everyone,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to fund the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2025 Federal 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 **Marleine Bastien**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 2025. 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.

Bruce Libhaber