

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

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

DATE: May 19, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Miami Beach to facilitate the potential future pedestrianization of Ocean Drive between 5th Street and 14th Place and further directing the County Mayor to expeditiously review the City of Miami Beach's application for the repurposing of traffic lanes on Ocean Drive and, if satisfied as to the compliance with Florida Statutes section 334.61, approve said application and issue any applicable permits

Resolution No. R-442-26

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez.



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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
- ☐ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) 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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5-19-26

RESOLUTION NO. R-442-26

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO FACILITATE THE POTENTIAL FUTURE PEDESTRIANIZATION OF OCEAN DRIVE BETWEEN 5TH STREET AND 14TH PLACE AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXPEDITIOUSLY REVIEW THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S APPLICATION FOR THE REPURPOSING OF TRAFFIC LANES ON OCEAN DRIVE AND, IF SATISFIED AS TO THE COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 334.61, APPROVE SAID APPLICATION AND ISSUE ANY APPLICABLE PERMITS

WHEREAS, Ocean Drive in Miami Beach is one of the principal focal points for entertainment and social gathering within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Drive's historic Art Deco architecture and palm tree lined paths attract guests and visitors from throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the potential future pedestrianization of Ocean Drive between Fifth Street and Fourteenth Place may enhance the safety and quality of life for residents and visitors to that portion of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-95.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida provides "the Department [of Transportation and Public Works] shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect to all matters of traffic engineering within the territorial areas of Miami-Dade County, subject only to the jurisdiction of the state road department in respect to state highways"; and

WHEREAS, the closure of portions of Ocean Drive to motorized vehicular traffic may impact ingress and egress onto Collins Avenue (State Road A1A), warranting review from the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has made application for the conversion of lanes on Ocean Drive to accommodate motorized vehicular traffic for Southbound traffic only and inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian lanes; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes section 334.61 identifies the necessary process to be conducted prior to the repurposing of one or more existing traffic lanes,

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 coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Miami Beach to facilitate the potential future pedestrianization of Ocean Drive between 5th Street and 14th Place.

Section 2. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to expeditiously review the City of Miami Beach's application for the repurposing of traffic lanes on Ocean Drive and, if satisfied as to compliance with Florida Statutes section 334.61, approve said application and issue any applicable permits.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez. It was offered by Commissioner **Vicki L. Lopez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye	
Marleine Bastien	absent	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Vicki L. Lopez aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of May, 2026. 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