

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
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Discussion regarding FDOT Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvements
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Item F-6.

Vice Mayor Anderson: F-6. Mr. Clerk, there's a few photos that were shared with you just to help tell the story of this item. And I see Commissioner Orbis' staff is here as well. If you have any, would like to participate in this at all, please let me know. Had the opportunity to meet out on site with FDOT Secretary Daniel Iglesias, Senator Garcia, our staff members regarding changes that were needed at certain intersections. And I've been working together with Senator Garcia and FDOT staff, Stacy Miller, and now Secretary Iglesias, who have been very, very receptive to many of the changes that we've looked forward to. And attached to this item is a memorandum that provides you with a highlight of some of the items that were discussed at this particular meeting. We met out at 27th Avenue because it presents exceptional circumstances that needed looked at on site. And that's because we have to completely redesign that intersection in order to make it a much safer place for pedestrians to cross. But also discussed during that meeting were many of the

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other initiatives that we have brought forward. We discussed the FDOT, no right-hand turn signs. And if you look at page two of the memo, and I'll ask the Clerk to bring it up when there's an opportune moment to show people what a no turn blank out sign looks like. No right-hand turn blank out sign. And when you bring it up, I'll talk about that a little bit more. But also, the resolution that we had brought forward, and all voted on to have the signal prioritization necessary pushed forward by Miami-Dade County. And I know that Commissioner Orbis has taken a leading interest in that. If you'd like to share any updates with us. No, not at this time. Too early? It's too early, okay. I'm always hopeful, you know. Coming from private industry, it gets a little frustrating dealing with government sometimes because you want it done like now because it is a pedestrian safety issue. Are you able to pull up page two?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, ma'am.

Vice Mayor Anderson: And while you're doing that, I'll continue to highlight some of the things. So, starting back in 2024, working with our staff and Senator Garcia, we addressed a number of pedestrian safety improvements in our area. You ready? Okay. Little dull there, but it's on the other screen, it's a lot better. That is what a no right-hand turn blank out sign looks like, and it turns on when traffic is not allowed to make that particular movement. So, we've accomplished a lot in this period of time, collaborating with the Senator, collaborating with FDOT, and now we're collaborating also with the County Commissioner to get changes in our district. We're reducing the speed on LeJeune Road to 35 miles an hour, all the way from US1 to Southwest Eighth Street. We're going to have a number of improvements done throughout that area with "Do Not Block the Box" and "No Left-hand Turns" in certain areas. But there was a particular request, and I've talked to staff about this, that FDOT has made. And that request is that early on in the projects, possibly at DRC level or earlier, that we require major developments to submit to FDOT early on the traffic examinations, the plans, and the traffic studies. Because they always receive them at the last minute after the projects have been approved, and it's at that time that the additional requirements are put on. Because I also talked about the intersection of Caballero and US1, and we needed to have a traffic light there. They need the traffic study in order to evaluate that early on before the project is approved. Just like we do conditions of approval for approval, they need to have those as well. So that's my update and my request from staff that we bring that forward to change the process to require the traffic studies early on. They also requested the traffic study for the Publix project on LeJeune, so they can address the "Do Not Block the Box," the audible signals, the various things that we've requested, so that it's not an after the fact item that gets forgotten. And that's the update. And thank you again, Commissioner Orbis and Senator Garcia for the willingness to work with us as well as Secretary Iglesias and former Secretary Stacey Miller.

Mayor Lago: Madam Vice Mayor, thank you for undertaking this. I know it's a lot of work. I always see how many meetings you have in regard to this effort, and it's paying off. So, thank you. Thank you for that.

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Vice Mayor Anderson: You're very welcome. Thank you for doing it. I mean, it takes a team.

Mayor Lago: It's a pleasure. I know you're out there grinding, so it means a lot. Thank you. By the way, maybe you can use some of your expertise, and I mentioned it before. I don't know if you caught it. I know you probably did catch it. I shouldn't say that, but maybe you'll take care of it later. But when we had our resident here from the TAB, and we were talking about the meeting with the Manager and the board, that's a major intersection. We can always work on that, figure out a way how to make it even more pedestrian-friendly.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.