

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EXPEDITE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A UNIFORM TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY AND/OR PREEMPTION SYSTEM FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING FOR FIRE RESCUE, POLICE, AND TRANSIT/TROLLEY OPERATIONS, AND TO COMPLETE SUCH APPROVAL BEFORE THE END OF 2026; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is committed to enhancing pedestrian safety, improving emergency response, and expanding mobility options for residents, visitors, and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, improving the safety of intersections around the Underline for pedestrians is a priority objective of the City, particularly in areas where pedestrian activity, vehicular traffic, transit operations, and emergency response needs intersect; and

WHEREAS, traffic signal priority and/or preemption technology can assist emergency response vehicles by helping move traffic out of intersections and allowing fire rescue and police vehicles to respond more safely and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, expedited approval of a uniform system would benefit fire rescue and police operations, improve intersection safety, and support future mobility improvements; and

WHEREAS, signal prioritization may also assist future trolley service expansion, including potential connections between Coral Gables, South Miami, and the Underline at the University area, by improving the feasibility of crossing and operating near U.S. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that urging Miami-Dade County to expedite approval of such a system before the end of 2026 will advance the City's objective of making intersections around the Underline safer for pedestrians and is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby urges Miami-Dade County to expedite its review and approval of a uniform and interoperable traffic signal priority and/or preemption system that may be used by municipalities, including the City of Coral Gables, for fire rescue, police, and transit/trolley operations.

SECTION 3. The City Commission further urges Miami-Dade County to complete such review and approval before December 31, 2026, so that municipalities may proceed with implementation, planning and coordination.

SECTION 4. The City Commission encourages Miami-Dade County to consider priority locations and corridors where such technology may enhance public safety, pedestrian safety, and mobility, including but not limited to intersections around the Underline, U.S. 1 crossings, Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and other locations identified through coordination with municipalities, fire rescue, police, transportation officials, and other relevant stakeholders.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Florida Department of Transportation District Six, and such other officials as may be appropriate.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIFTH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
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