

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-3
August 27, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-3 [1:48:15 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in support of S 2302
“America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019.”

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Item G-3 – American Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019.

City Attorney Ramos: Ms. Throckmorton can run everybody through that.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Good afternoon. Vice Mayor Lago asked to put this item on the agenda. It’s a resolution in support of a Bill that has been introduced in the Senate called, “America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2019.” I believe the Vice Mayor wanted to highlight some of the aspects of the Bill, including electric charging stations on certain highways.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you very much, by the way. Simply put, this is about the bi-partisan Bill which is moving its way up, hopefully it will get approved. And it’s a multi-billion-dollar Bill to really upgrade our aging infrastructure throughout the entire country and it deals with

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sustainability, it deals with resiliency. There are billions of dollars for resiliency and hopefully the little bit of monies it will be sent out to South Florida, we pray. It also deals with upgrading bridges, highways, ensuring that it cuts the red tape for proposed projects for federal projects. It reduces wild life vehicle collisions and there is a significant safety initiative program, it deals with carbon emission incentives program. So, it's a litany of opportunities to really upgrade our existing infrastructure, which is being dated for many years, and I'd just like to show a simple support and get as many cities to support this because we are a City that is in dire need of dealing with our backlog of infrastructure throughout the entire state.

Commissioner Keon: This is a federal.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes. It's a federal. Did you get a chance to take a look at it? I have another copy of it here if you want.

Commissioner Keon: We met with Donna Shalala to talk about it and was set to meet with Congressman Diaz-Balart also.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

[End: 1:50:21 p.m.]