

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-10
October 28, 2025
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-10 [Start: 5:23 p.m.]

Update on the Bike Master Plan.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Mayor Lago: Mayor Lago: All right thank you. Moving on to the next thing, F-10, update on Bike Master Plan.

Commissioner Castro: This is my item as well. This is another subject that came up very often in the Gables Good Government Committee. Just a brief update where we are right now and what the future is looking like, I think that's basically what they want to know.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, if I may, Commissioner. So, the thing about this Bicycle Master Plan that most of our attempts to build bicycle infrastructure in the city have resulted in significant opposition from the abutting property owners and this goes back even before I started working in the city. There were some temporary bindings that were done in Salzado, you know a little bit of

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business in that area expressed significant opposition to the impact to on-street parking. There was an attempt to put bindings on Riviera. The Commission put a stop to that because of significant opposition from the abutting property owners. We have the bicycles on a section of Alhambra Circle. It ended up being the same result. We are actively, and this is something that was done through a petition process from the abutting property owners, on South of Alhambra, south of U.S.-1 and that's something that there's some details that we're trying to finalize with the plan, but we expect to get working on that next year, and that is one thing that we're implementing, but unfortunately our current experience has been that, you know, anytime you bring up a bicycle you end up having a significant opposition from the property owners that are immediately adjacent to that area.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, through the Mayor. I'll add to this because of your prior experiences and so forth, rather than have staff do a shiny presentation, I went door to door, along with some other volunteers and we got signatures on particular streets, between Blue road and basically U.S.-1, which is Ponce, and we do have support for Riviera, near the High School, and we do have support on South Alhambra, between University of Miami and Blue Road. There's been no opposition, but we need to update the plan in this section here, so that we can have an east-west corridor going where people are asking from the Adult Activity Center, past the parking garage, past the Publix, and designed, because it needs designed yet to go on Biltmore Way and then either turn up Hernando or turn up Segovia. However, the traffic, you know, the bicycle engineer feels it needs to be the current plan which was done back in 2014.

Public Works Director Diaz: Correct.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Was before the Aloft went in, before Villa Valencia went in, and because of that it was planned to go on Valencia from Douglas Road all the way through. It's incredibly dangerous to take that route now, because of the Aloft Hotel. It wasn't encompassed as part of the bicycle plan, so that needs to be revisited. I asked my appointee on the board to revisit it, they've had trouble making quorum, so hopefully this next time they'll be able to make quorum and start moving forward on it. So that's some of the thoughts on that, but this Commission has voted on the east-west next to Publix, has voted on the section on Salzado going north-south, in particular sections, so you have, you know for future development to encompass it, because it's some of the most dangerous corridors and areas to be able to bicycle through and it's some of the densest areas where getting people out of their cars would be beneficial. So, I do think there is a future, but we have to do it in a phased approach. We need to get the engineering done first, if it's shovel ready perhaps then we can get some grant money to support it, you know, but we got to start somewhere.

Commissioner Castro: Thank you for the update.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much.

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