

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Transportation Advisory Board

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A ZERO CONCURRENCY
POLICY FOR COLLECTOR STREETS FOR THE CITY OF
CORAL GABLES**

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Sustainable Complete Street policy in order to provide a safe, convenient, accessible and context-sensitive facility for all modes of travel and for users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires increased opportunities for improved mobility for people with disabilities as their needs are specifically considered; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide safe routes to schools for all children in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote and encourage use of its parks through non-motorized means in a safe and convenient way; and

WHEREAS, collector streets – which handle 8,000 or more cars daily – are in need of consistent and contiguous sidewalks that make walking safe for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, collector streets were not impacted by the reduction to 25 MPH on local roads; and

WHEREAS, the City currently requires 2/3 resident approval for sidewalk construction in public right-of-way, creating an unnecessary barrier to implementing the adopted ordinance 2010-29 comprehensive plan, adopted ordinance 2016-47 strategic plan, adopted resolution 2017-151 active design policy, adopted age-friendly resolution 2018-142 and complete streets resolution 2018-80; and

WHEREAS, lack of sidewalks presents a danger to the public, reduces opportunities for physical activity and often requires pedestrians to walk in traffic; and

WHEREAS, the disabled, elderly and youngest members of our community have the most exposure to harm due to the lack of sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, there have been occurrences where needed sidewalks have not been constructed due to concurrency requirements; and

WHEREAS, while it is the city's policy to fully fund sidewalk construction on collector streets, the need for two thirds or more of affected residents to agree, creates an unnecessary barrier for residents wanting to improve public safety in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Coral Gables' Comprehensive Plan supports the construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to provide safe, active mobility opportunities; and

WHEREAS, an age-friendly resolution was passed by City Commission making a commitment towards creating safe, affordable modes of private and public transportation, complete streets and "hospitable built environments" conducive to keeping older adults physically active; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. 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 adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Transportation Advisory Board does hereby request that the City Commission adopt a resolution replacing the existing concurrency sidewalk policy and removing concurrency requirements for sidewalk construction on collector streets.

SECTION 3. The Transportation Advisory Board does hereby request that the City Commission adopt a resolution that will instruct the Department of Public Works to continue engaging communities through public involvement processes for all proposed sidewalk construction on collector streets in lieu of concurrency requirements.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adopted herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTYSIXTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2018.