

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE TRANSITION PLAN ENSURING THAT WORK IS PERFORMED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THAT THE TRANSITION PLAN IS UPDATED REGULARLY TO REFLECT NEW DATA AND THE PROGRESS TOWARDS FULL ADA COMPLIANCE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is committed to complying with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other disability rights laws, so that its activities, programs and services are accessible to individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA requires public entities to conduct self-evaluations of their facilities and services and to create a transition plan for making necessary modifications to improve accessibility; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 and 2017, the City evaluated the following facilities with applicable standards to provide a proposal for the remedial work necessary to address any compliance deficiencies with the ADA:

- 14 City buildings;
- 33 City-owned and operated parking garages and parking lots;
- 42 City parks and recreation facilities; and
- 55 stops for the City's trolley services.

**WHEREAS**, the survey of the above named facilities (collectively referred to herein as "the Facilities") included an accessibility evaluation of the adjacent public right-of-way, including parking (for buildings and parks), public transportation and pedestrian pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City developed an ADA Transition Plan that outlines specific strategies, timelines, and funding mechanisms to address the Facilities' identified barriers and to work towards compliance with ADA requirements by 2029. The original cost of removing the identified barriers was \$1.5 million. The City is currently in the process of updating the projected cost for removing the remaining barriers of the Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City in 2023 also inspected the public rights-of-ways, sidewalks and parking spaces (collectively referred to as “ROW”) in its Central Business District (“CBD”) to identify barriers to access. In particular, the City inspected the curb ramps, sidewalks, cross slopes, changes in level, bus stops, pedestrian pushbuttons, accessible parking spaces, operable parts and benches within the CBD; and

**WHEREAS**, the City created a 9-year (2024-2033) time frame for the barrier removal of the ROW that is intended as a road map to achieve compliance while allowing flexibility depending on the City’s planning, administrative and funding processes. The projected cost to complete this project is approximately \$5.7 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is in the process of updating its 2019 Transition Plan to incorporate the ROW inspection and time frame for the barrier removal of the ROW and is also in the process of updating the 2019 Transition Plan to incorporate the progress it had made in removing the identified barriers to the Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Transition Plan will continue to serve as the path of compliance for the City and will be used for the planning and implementation of ADA modifications over the years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the City shall continue to prioritize the implementation of the ADA improvements as outlined in the Transition Plan, ensuring that the work is performed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and the Transition Plan will be updated regularly to reflect new data and the progress towards ADA compliance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION 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 City expresses its commitment to continue to prioritize the implementation of the ADA improvements as outlined in the Transition Plan, ensuring that the work is performed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and that the Transition Plan is updated regularly to reflect new data and the progress towards full ADA compliance.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: / Seconded: )

(Yeas: )

( :Vote)

(Agenda Item: )

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