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Re: South Alhambra Circle Bicycle Infrastructure Ballot Requirement –
Official Position of Bike Walk Coral Gables, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, and Commissioners:

Bike Walk Coral Gables envisions a community that values the safety of all people using the public right of way. Cycling and walking are healthy and sustainable forms of transportation and recreation. Bike Walk Coral Gables also advocates for the accessibility of streets and trails for bicycle riders and pedestrians so they may enjoy our City's beauty and lush canopy.

We assert that the City is responsible for ensuring that all users of the City roadways and rights-of way are provided infrastructure that allows them to walk, ride or drive safely. We continue to support the installation of facilities on City rights-of-way that provides safe passage for all users of those rights-of way.

1. BWCG supports the installation of infrastructure on South Alhambra Circle that would create safe passage on City rights-of-way for people who use bicycles and various forms of micromobility.
2. BWCG objects to the concurrence of adjacent property owners as a prerequisite for the installation of bicycle infrastructure on City rights-of-way as it is inconsistent with the existing policies and past practice.
3. In recognition of the importance of providing safe bicycle infrastructure, the City has never required concurrency for installation of any of the existing bicycle lanes, including Galiano Street in 2022, Sevilla Avenue in 2014, Segovia Street in 2012 or Alhambra Circle over 20 years ago.
4. BWCG recommends that the City adopt a policy for the installation of bicycle infrastructure on City rights-of-way that is consistent with the City policy for other public works projects.

5. Installing bicycle infrastructure is aligned with existing policy and regulation:
 - a. Ordinance 2010-09, passed unanimously, which is the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, that among other things says, "The City shall require private and public development projects to adhere to the City's Citywide Bicycle Lane Master Plan, the City shall promote (not deter) the safe movement of bicycle and pedestrian traffic"
 - b. Resolution 2017-151, which is the Active Design policy, passed unanimously, to encourage design and policy strategies for healthier communities.
 - c. Resolution 2018-80, adopted unanimously, which is the Sustainable Complete Streets resolution, which states among other things, "The City of Coral Gables strives to develop a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated, connected, and livable multimodal transportation system that best enables access, mobility, economic development, aesthetics, health, and well-being for people of all ages and abilities, and supports enhancement and sustainability of the environment.
 - d. Resolution 2018-142, adopted unanimously, which is the Age Friendly Resolution, encouraging among other things, safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation, "Complete Streets" types of initiatives and hospitable built environments;
 - e. Ordinance 2020-25, passed unanimously, which is the 2020 Strategic Plan that identifies a number of adopted objectives, amongst which is improve mobility and transportation safety. Further, it states the City will increase utilization rate on non-privately owned vehicle modes of transportation by 6% by 2022 and decrease vehicle trips within the city annually by 4.75% by 2022.
6. BWCG recommends that the City adopt a resolution for the installation of bicycle infrastructure that is consistent with the procedure for other public works improvements and does not require the concurrence of adjacent property owners.

Please place this letter in the official record for this project.

Respectfully,
Bike Walk Coral Gables, Inc.



Deborah Swain

cc: City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia