



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agency Agreement between Miami-Dade County (MDC) and the City of Coral Gables (City) to perform traffic engineering functions.

Sections 2-95 and 2-96.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code mandate that all traffic control and traffic engineering services in Miami-Dade County are under the exclusive jurisdiction of MDC. In order to address quality of life and safety issues, the City of Coral Gables' Public Works Department has requested to assume certain traffic engineering functions pertaining to its local municipal streets only and has requested MDC to allow it to perform the function of conducting engineering studies for the feasibility of traffic calming devices and installing traffic calming.

MDC has approved the City's traffic calming criteria that will be used for the analysis to determine if a street qualifies for traffic calming. The proposed traffic calming criteria provides a greater ability to incorporate traffic calming within the City of Coral Gables than what is presently available. The focus of the criteria is pedestrian safety and it places a greater emphasis on motorists' speeds. This aligns with research on a pedestrian's risk of severe injury or fatality increasing with increased speeds. Additionally, the proposed criteria allows lower volume and lower speed streets to qualify if there are limited or no sidewalks on the street and if there are pedestrians generators nearby.

Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) requires the City enter into an Intergovernmental Agency Agreement to install and maintain the approved traffic calming devices. Upon full execution of this Agreement, or as in the attached substantial form, Public Works will obtain construction permits to allow for the construction of eligible projects.