

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: December 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Ocean Drive Pedestrian Plaza ("Promenade") Pilot - Update #10

The purpose of this Letter to Commission ("LTC") is to provide an update on the permitting status of the temporary Ocean Drive pedestrian plaza (the "Promenade") located between 13 Street and 14 Place.

On August 23, 2024, the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") granted a 120-day extension to the Block Party Permit (the "Permit"), as of the initial submittal deadline date of July 28, 2024, to complete and submit a traffic operations and safety analysis and obtain written concurrence from a minimum of two-thirds of all property owners (who submit a ballot) within the Promenade and affected side streets (13 Street, 14 Street, 15 Street, and Ocean Drive between 14 Place and 15 Street).

I am pleased to inform you that, as of November 26, 2024, the City of Miami Beach ("City") complied with the Permit conditions and submitted to DTPW the traffic operations and safety analysis based on the approved methodology as well as the ballot/survey results of property owners within the Promenade and affected side streets. The traffic operations and safety analysis and ballot results are currently under review by DTPW. DTPW may take up to 30 days from the submittal date to complete the review.

Based on the methodology approved by DTPW, on November 12, 2024, the City mailed ballots to 452 property owners within the Promenade and affected side streets to obtain their feedback on the Promenade. Ballots were required to be submitted online by 11:59 pm on Monday, November 25, 2024. As of November 25, 2024, a total of 252 responses were received (representing a 55.75% response rate). Below is a table summarizing the ballot results.

Ballot Question	Answer	Respondent	Percent
Are you in favor of maintaining the current configuration of the temporary Ocean Drive Pedestrian Promenade?	Yes	173	68.65%
	No	79	31.35%

Based on the feedback received, 68.65% of property owner respondents expressed support for the Promenade, whereas 31.35% of property owner respondents do not support the Promenade. Therefore, DTPW's minimum requirement of concurrence from two-thirds of all property owners who submitted a ballot was met. The Administration will provide an update via LTC once DTPW finalizes its review of the traffic operations and safety analysis and ballot results.

To view the nine (9) prior LTC updates regarding the temporary Ocean Drive Promenade, please click here.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Rickelle Williams, Assistant City Manager, or José R. González, P.E., Transportation and Mobility Director/Interim Parking Director.

