## CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

## **RESOLUTION NO 2024-109**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR MATCHING GRANT **FROM** THE **FLORIDA** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM FOR THE DE SOTO AND **FOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR SAME.

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, the City Commission adopted Vision Zero thus demonstrating the City of Coral Gables' commitment to enhancing pedestrian connectivity and promoting safe and accessible transportation options for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offers the Local Agency Program (LAP) to provide financial assistance to local agencies for eligible transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Commission recognizes the importance of investing in transportation infrastructure to improve pedestrian access and safety, particularly around key pedestrian generators such as schools, parks, and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has identified a project, De Soto Fountain Improvement project, which focuses on enhancing pedestrian connectivity and accessibility within the city, aligning with the objectives of the FDOT LAP program; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDOT LAP requires local agencies to provide matching funds in order to be eligible for grant assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** securing funding through the FDOT LAP will enable the City to leverage resources and accelerate the implementation of transportation projects that benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the City to pursue external funding opportunities to support its transportation initiatives and enhance the quality of life for residents; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

**SECTION 1.** The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Staff to submit an application for a matching grant from the Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program for the De Soto Fountain Improvement project.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission acknowledges its commitment to providing the necessary matching funds as required by the FDOT LAP grant program guidelines, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

**SECTION 3.** The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to execute any and all contracts, agreements, or other documents necessary to secure the FDOT LAP grant funding and to carry out the De Soto Fountain Improvement project, including but not limited to grant agreements, reimbursement requests, and amendments thereto.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: H-6)

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

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