

MBNA & City of Miami Beach Virtual Meeting Summary

“MIAMI BEACH PROMENADE”

June 2, 2025

Summary

The meeting between the Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association (MBNA) and the City of Miami Beach focused on the current status, timeline, and community involvement regarding the feasibility study and long-term master planning for the Mid-Beach Promenade. It was clarified that the feasibility study only began in May 2025, not earlier as previously thought. A timeline of one year is projected for the completion of the master plan. Participants emphasized the urgent need for short-term safety and maintenance improvements due to flooding and ADA inaccessibility, which fall outside the scope of the feasibility team. Community representatives requested better communication, interim fixes, and a clearer commitment on scheduling, funding, and public engagement moving forward.

Detailed Meeting Notes

- Feasibility Study Scope: Started May 2025; includes civil engineering, utilities, environmental conditions, landscape resilience, lighting, signage, and community input. Duration: ~90 days.
- Clarification: Study had not begun in January as previously reported; only initiated recently.
- Responsible Team: Curtis + Rogers leading, with subconsultants. Will handle feasibility through master plan development.
- Community Engagement: Key request is accurate timeline updates. Workshop expected by late summer 2025. MBNA suggests Zoom for wider participation.
- Outreach Tools: Proposals include surveys (online, paper, and QR-based), signage at promenade ends, liaisons from each condo, and community canvassing.
- Ownership Clarification: The city legally owns the promenade strip between 23rd and 29th Streets.
- Interim Improvements: Residents stressed ADA access issues, poor drainage, and unappealing aesthetics requiring short-term fixes, independent of the long-term visioning.
- Budget & Timeline: \$500K allocated for feasibility + master plan; about \$140K may remain. Master plan delivery expected mid-2026. Post-plan phases (design, budgeting, procurement, and construction) could extend completion to 2028 or later.
- Design Visioning: Residents encouraged a non-linear design with more public art, shaded areas, better landscaping consistency, and effective vehicle access controls (bollards). Flood-prone areas and aging infrastructure were highlighted as major concerns.
- Next Steps: Team to deliver a detailed project timeline including feasibility, community engagement, design phases, and construction milestones.