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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Enhancements to Transit Services

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of a letter from Mayor Carlos Alvarez dated January 5, 2009 regarding the funding issues pertaining to enhancements to transit services and how this may impact the implementation of the Coastal Community Transit Study recommendations in Miami Beach.

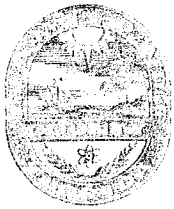
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment

1. Letter from Mayor Alvarez dated January 5, 2009

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CARLOS ALVAREZ
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January 5, 2009

Mr. Xavier Falconi
Transportation Manager
City Hall
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mr. Falconi:

Thank you for attending the People's Transportation Plan Summit at the Miami Mart Airport Hotel on November 15, 2008. During the public comments portion of the meeting, you noted that the Coastal Communities Transit Study, a joint project of the City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade Transit, calls for the implementation of bus circulator service in the north and the middle beach areas of the city, patterned after the successful South Beach Local.

I have been informed that Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) staff has been meeting with you and other City officials and residents to review the options delineated in the study. However, it is important that you keep in mind that the central issue presented at the Transit Summit was the lack of available funding to expand and enhance the existing transit system. Prospective transit improvements, such as many of the recommendations in the Coastal Community Transit Study, need to be evaluated within this context.

Again, I would like to thank you for attending the Transit Summit and for providing information on your work with the Coastal Communities Transit Study.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Alvarez
Mayor

c: George M. Burgess, County Manager
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
Ysela Llort, Assistant County Manager
Harpal S. Kapoor, Director, Miami-Dade Transit