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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager   
DATE: April 13, 2009  
SUBJECT: **Collins Park Project Construction Schedule Update Report**

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you of the recent activity and the current status of the Collins Park project and to provide information concerning the construction schedule for the park and the 21<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot.

The last of the permits needed to begin construction of the project was received on March 24, 2009 and construction is now ready to commence. In consideration of the Bass Museum, ArtBasel, the "W" Hotel and other surrounding property owners and the general parking needs of the community, the project will be constructed in two phases.

Phase 1 will be all work east of Collins Avenue (the 21<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot and the on-street parking) and the restoration of the Rotunda structure. The construction duration of this phase is expected to be approximately 3 to 4 months. Construction activity began on this phase on March 6, 2009. Full closure of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot and on-street parking east of Collins Avenue between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets will occur on May 4, 2009. The Phase 1 construction schedule is intended to ensure that all work in Phase 1 is completed prior to the start of ArtBasel 2009.

Once Phase 1 is completed, general construction activity will be demobilized until after the move-out of ArtBasel. Several specific activities are planned to continue up to the opening of ArtBasel; undergrounding of overhead utility lines on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, the Children's feature near the coral rock wall on the east side of the parking lot and possibly some ROW work on the west side of Collins Avenue.

Immediately after ArtBasel, construction of Phase 2 (all work west of Collins Avenue) will begin. Construction of Phase 2 is currently anticipated to take approximately 9 to 10 months to complete. This schedule will ensure that all construction is completed for the entire project before the opening of ArtBasel 2010.

The project construction sequencing and scheduling was reviewed with and agreed to by the Bass Museum, Regional Library, Miami City Ballet, Collins Park Oversight Committee, Collins Park Neighborhood Association, the "W" Hotel and representatives of ArtBasel. Every effort will be made to complete all construction on-time or ahead of schedule. If for whatever reason the schedule should change, all parties will be kept advised.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to let me know.

  
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