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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: June 30, 2009

SUBJECT: I-95 Ramp Closure

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide you with an update on the upcoming full closure of the ramp connecting southbound I-95 to State Road (SR) 112 / I-195 / Julia Tuttle Causeway. The contractor for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will close the ramp continuously beginning in the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 7, 2009, and will remain closed for approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

As previously planned, FDOT will implement the following detour route for all motorists who wish to go east on S.R. 112 during the ramp closure:

- Exit southbound I-95 at NW 81st / NW 79th Street Exit
- Proceed across NW 81st Street and turn left (east) onto NW 79th Street
- Proceed east on 79th Street to Biscayne Boulevard
- Turn right (south) on Biscayne Boulevard
- Proceed south to NE 36th Street to access the S.R. 112 eastbound on ramp

I-395 / S.R. 836 / McArthur Causeway will be available as an alternate eastbound detour route. FDOT will delay the MacArthur Causeway Terminal Island Milling and Resurfacing Project until August 2009, in order that construction work does not occur at the same time as the ramp closure.

FDOT will place advance notice detour signs at various locations in Miami-Dade and Broward counties and along the Florida Turnpike. FDOT will also provide police support at key intersections throughout the detour, such as at the off-ramp at 79th Street, which is a high crime area. FDOT will coordinate with the County Traffic Signal and Signs Division for traffic signal optimization to improve traffic flow and reduce delays.

A traffic advisory on the upcoming ramp closure has been placed on the City's website with a direct link to FDOT's 95 Express Project website.

For more information about construction-related activities, please contact Tish Burgher at (305) 499-2391, via email at patricia.burgher@dot.state.fl.us or call the 24-hour Project Hot Line at 1-877-95X-FDOT (1-877-959-3368).

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