



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 202-2009

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager *J. M. Gonzalez for*

DATE: July 28, 2009

SUBJECT: FDOT Construction Projects in Miami Beach

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide you with an update on the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) construction projects in Miami Beach. The southbound Interstate 95 (I-95) ramp onto the Julia Tuttle Causeway eastbound, as part of the FDOT I-95 Express Project, reopened on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, as planned. The milling and resurfacing of the Julia Tuttle Causeway is ahead of schedule and was completed on Friday, July 24, 2009. FDOT had originally delayed the MacArthur Causeway Terminal Island Milling and Resurfacing Project until August 2009 so that both projects would not overlap. FDOT has now advanced the start date of the MacArthur Causeway project to last Sunday, July 26, 2009 and estimates that it will be completed within five (5) months. Please see the attached MacArthur Causeway project fact sheet for more information (Attachment 1, MacArthur Causeway Fact Sheet).

The MacArthur Causeway Terminal Island Milling and Resurfacing Project will occur during two events in the Miami area in September; the Publix Triathlon on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 7:00 AM -10:00 AM and the Escape to Miami Triathlon on Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 7:30 AM -10:00 AM. FDOT has confirmed that no project activities are scheduled for either event and that their Project Engineer will ensure that the contractor cleans up the area for the events. City staff will continue to coordinate with the Special Events Office and FDOT to ensure minimal impact to any other major events in Miami Beach. City staff will also coordinate with the City's Public Relations Specialist to ensure the public is kept thoroughly informed.

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

Attachment:

1. MacArthur Causeway Fact Sheet

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CONSTRUCTION AHEAD! PROJECT FACT SHEET

Roadway Enhancement Project

MacArthur Causeway (State Road A1A)
From Watson Island to Terminal Island

www.fdotmiamidade.com

FIN No.: 414635-1-52-01

Begins: July 2009

Project Overview

On Sunday, July 26, 2009, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, will begin a Roadway Enhancement Project along the MacArthur Causeway / State Road (S.R.) A1A from Watson Island to Terminal Island.

This project includes:

- Repaving and re-striping the roadway;
- Reconstructing sidewalks and upgrading curb ramps at Fountain Street (Palm Island) and Bridge Road (Star Island) to meet Americans with Disabilities Act Standards (ADA);
- Replacing curb and gutter at several locations; and
- Installing new traffic signals at the entrance to Terminal Island.

Work will last approximately five months and cost an estimated \$2.2 million. Please note that bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances could impact this schedule.

Traffic Flow

It will be necessary to close travel lanes in order to perform this work safely. Lane closures shall occur during non-event days, nights and weekends as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday through Saturday
- 9:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights

At least one lane will remain open in both directions and access to bus stops will be maintained at all times.



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Always Put Safety First

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution and common sense when driving, walking or biking around any construction area.

The department strives to minimize construction-related impacts; however, you might experience one or more of the following while traveling through the project area:

- Lane closures and traffic shifts
- Increased dust and noise
- Heavy equipment and personnel moving around work zones

Helpful Tips

- Give yourself a little extra time to reach your destination
- Obey all signs posted within the construction zone
- Dial 511 or visit fl511.com for real-time traffic information

For more information about project construction, please contact Senior Project Engineer Enrique Tamayo at 305-762-7177, or Public Information Specialist Monica Diaz at 305-499-2410 or via e-mail at Monica.Diaz@dot.state.fl.us.

