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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: October 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Middle and North Beach Bus Circulator

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of the status of the proposed Middle and North Beach neighborhood circulators. As a result of budgetary constraints, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) announced that they will discontinue, truncate, and/or consolidate approximately 2,000,000 miles of Metrobus service countywide. MDT also announced that they will discontinue the Route K and Route R as part of these bus service changes (see Attachment 1 Route K and Route R).

Initially, it was thought that the loss of these routes would provide an opportunity for the City to partner with MDT to establish new circulators in the North and Middle Beach neighborhoods. These new circulators would provide transit service within routes which would have been otherwise impacted by the elimination of the Route K and Route R and they would also provide a higher quality transit service through a reduced fare and more frequent headways.

City staff had been in discussions with MDT for several months for the establishment of a North Beach circulator. However, after MDT announced its plans to establish a combined Middle and North Beach circulator as a replacement to the Route K and Route R service, the Administration decided to wait until MDT has implemented its transit service reductions and the City has monitored its effect on transit riders in North Beach and Middle Beach. At that time, the City will be in a better position to potentially negotiate additional and/ or modified transit services that improve transit service quality in Miami Beach.

In the interim, as part of the transit service reductions, MDT is planning to implement a new combined Middle and North Beach circulator that would travel from 17th Street to 88th Street (see Attachment 2, MDT Middle and North Beach Circulator). This proposed route will provide a direct connection from Stella Maris to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The new MDT circulator is proposed to be bi-directional with a fare of $2.00 and would operate Monday through Sunday from 5:50 a.m. to 10:20 p.m. During the weekday peak hours from 5:50 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., four (4) buses will operate to provide headways of 20 minutes in North Beach and 40 minutes in Middle Beach. During the weekday off-peak hours from 6:00 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. and during weekends, three (3) buses will operate to provide headways of 30 minutes in North Beach and 60 minutes in Middle Beach. The route will utilize mini-diesel buses that are 30' in length, as opposed to the standard 40' buses. These types of buses are less intrusive and less polluting than the standard buses, and are therefore preferable for residential neighborhoods.

MDT estimates that the Route K and Route R will be eliminated in December 2009, at which time the new circulator would be implemented. If the City wishes to enhance service quality by decreasing the headways or the fare, MDT will require a contribution for a portion of the circulator's operating costs.

The next opportunity for the City to contribute funding to provide these enhanced services is scheduled to be in June 2010.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Attachments:

1. Route K and Route R
2. MDT Middle and North Beach Circulator

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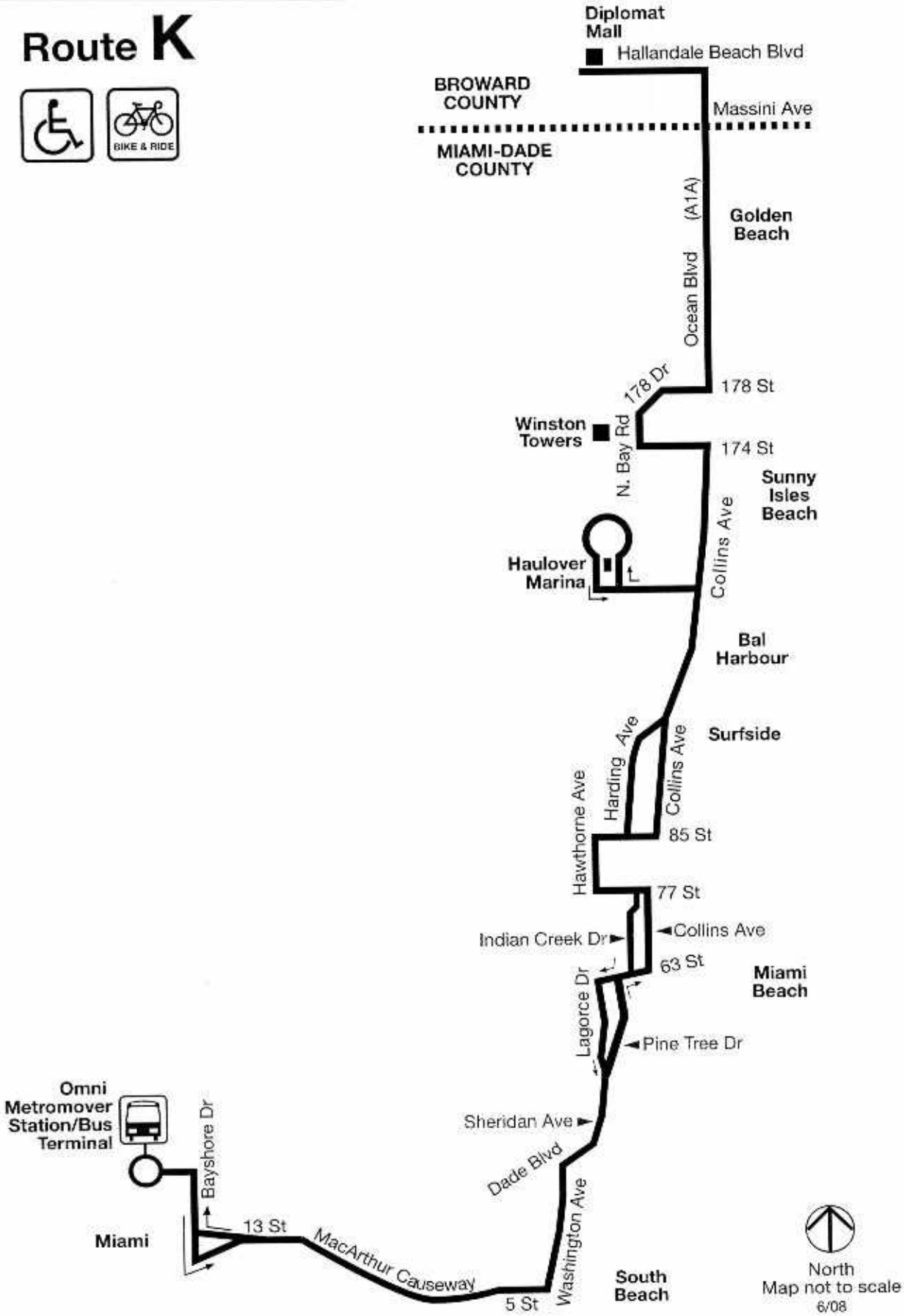
Attachment 1

Route K



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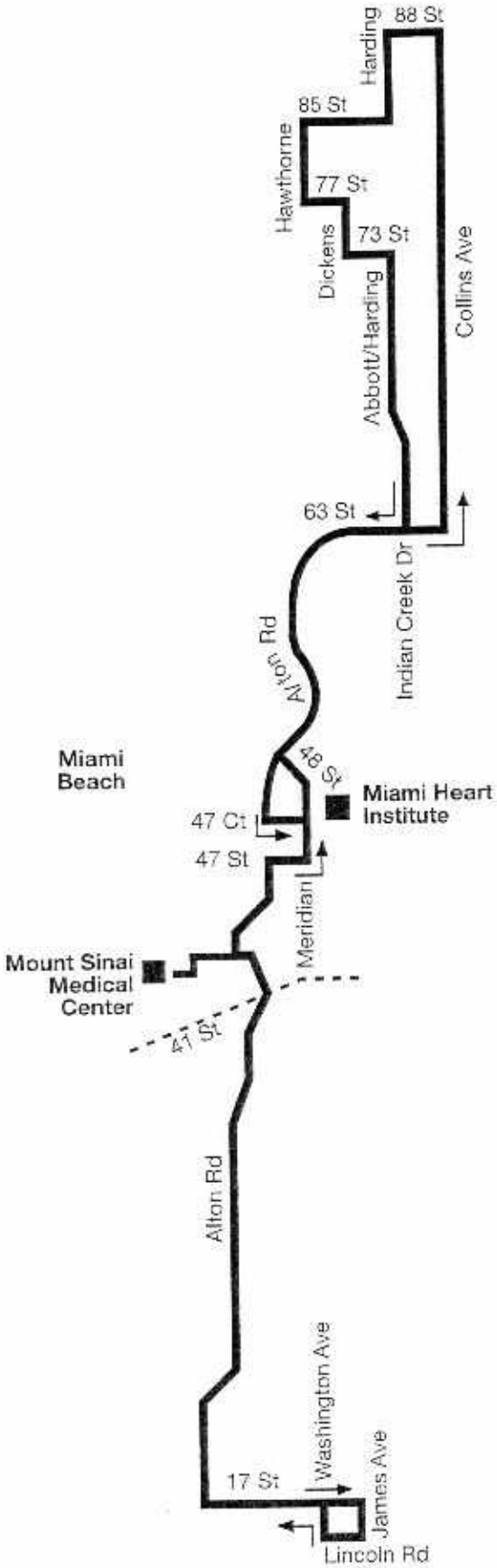

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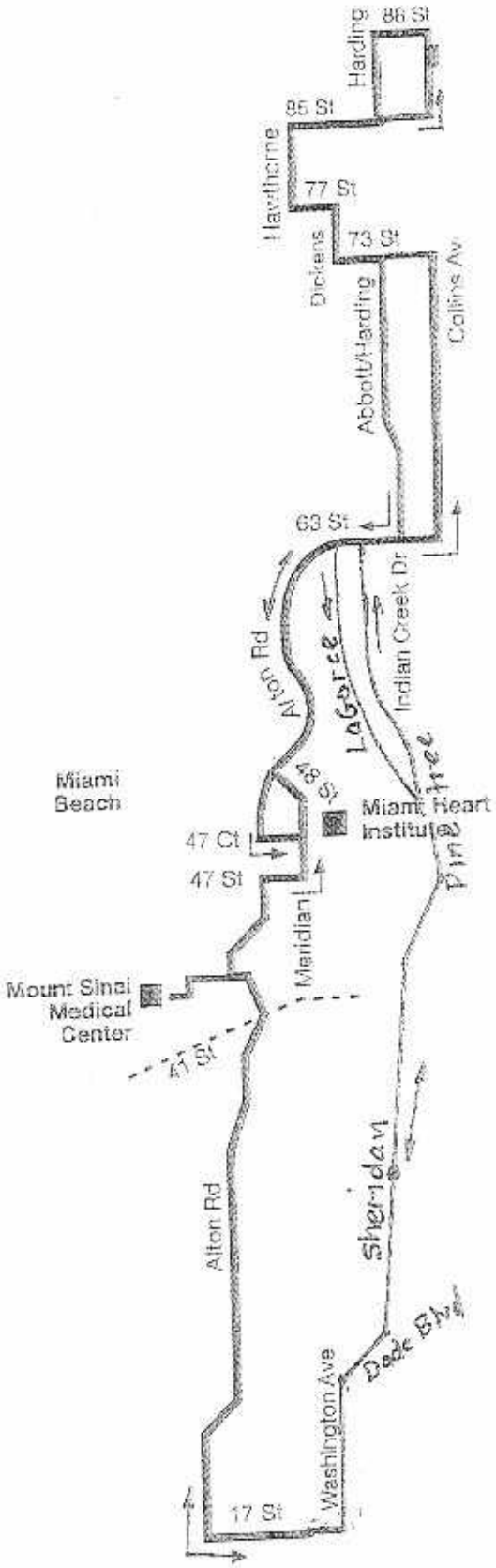
Attachment 2

Mid- North Beach Connection
Route 115



APC STOP SUMMARY - DAILY TOTALS
ROUTE K (111)
Weekday

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DIRECTION	UNIQUE STOP NO	SEQUENTIAL STOP NO	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	ON	OFF	TOTAL
NORTH								
	2715	21	WASHINGTON AV 20 ST	25.796895	-80.13188	12	13	25
	2716	22	WASHINGTON AV WASHINGTON	25.797859	-80.13181	27	19	47
	2717	23	PINE TREE DR 23 ST	25.799724	-80.13021	18	7	26
	2718	24	PINE TREE DR 24 ST	25.800995	-80.12970	8	3	12
	2719	25	PINE TREE DR 25 ST	25.802284	-80.12937	4	1	6
	2720	26	SHERIDAN AV 28 ST	25.804147	-80.12906	8	12	20
	2721	27	SHERIDAN AV 31 ST	25.807532	-80.12875	3	3	6
	2722	28	SHERIDAN AV 34 ST	25.809299	-80.12855	2	2	3
	2723	29	SHERIDAN AV 37 ST	25.810807	-80.12831	0	2	2
	697	30	SHERIDAN AV 40 ST	25.813107	-80.12761	27	29	55
	2724	31	SHERIDAN AV 42 ST	25.814472	-80.12736	44	22	66
	2725	32	SHERIDAN AV 44 ST	25.817015	-80.12689	3	2	5
	2726	33	SHERIDAN AV 45 ST	25.818737	-80.12651	3	3	7
	2727	34	SHERIDAN AV 46 ST	25.820443	-80.12600	3	4	7
	2728	35	PINE TREE DR 47 ST	25.821736	-80.12572	8	18	25
	2729	36	PINE TREE DR # 4777	25.823576	-80.12535	1	1	3
	2730	37	PINE TREE DR 51 ST	25.827712	-80.12470	9	14	23
	2731	38	PINE TREE DR 53 ST	25.830317	-80.12430	1	4	5
	2732	39	PINE TREE DR 54 ST	25.831746	-80.12417	1	2	3
	2733	40	PINE TREE DR 55 ST	25.833060	-80.12404	2	2	4
	2734	41	PINE TREE DR 56 ST	25.834827	-80.12390	1	2	3
	2735	42	PINE TREE DR 57 ST	25.836472	-80.12389	0	0	0
	2736	43	PINE TREE DR 58 ST	25.838287	-80.12403	2	1	3
	2737	44	PINE TREE DR 60 ST	25.840785	-80.12445	0	1	1
	2738	45	PINE TREE DR 61 ST	25.842134	-80.12474	1	1	1
	2739	46	PINE TREE DR 63 ST	25.843539	-80.12486	2	8	10
	2919	47	63 ST ALLISON RD	25.844096	-80.12343	1	3	4

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SOUTH								
	2860	58	HAWTHORNE AV STILLWATER D	25.868837	-80.12856	30	9	39
	2862	59	HAWTHORNE AV 81 ST	25.866599	-80.12858	65	11	76
	9889	60	77 ST HAWTHORNE AV	25.862013	-80.12745	27	10	37
	2947	61	77 ST TATUM WATERWAY DR	25.862033	-80.12603	25	7	32
	2948	62	77 ST CARLYLE AV	25.862090	-80.12433	46	10	56
	2949	63	77 ST ABBOTT AV	25.862105	-80.12276	41	4	45
	2666	64	HARDING AV 77 ST	25.861836	-80.12232	2	1	2
	2667	65	HARDING AV 75 ST	25.860350	-80.12229	33	26	59
	2668	66	HARDING AV 74 ST	25.858936	-80.12223	19	8	27
	738	67	HARDING AV 72 ST	25.857332	-80.12241	40	53	94
	663	68	ABBOTT AV 69 ST	25.854773	-80.12235	69	28	96
	2669	69	ABBOTT AV INDIAN CREEK DR	25.851484	-80.12208	29	13	42
	2916	71	63 ST ALLISON DR	25.844432	-80.12401	1	4	5
	2740	72	LA GORCE DR 62 ST	25.842525	-80.12582	4	3	7
	2741	73	LA GORCE DR 59 ST	25.839405	-80.12539	2	1	3
	2742	74	LA GORCE DR 57 ST	25.836258	-80.12513	1	2	2
	2743	75	LA GORCE DR 56 ST	25.834808	-80.12512	3	1	4
	2744	76	LA GORCE DR 55 ST	25.833279	-80.12518	1	3	4
	2745	77	LA GORCE DR 54 ST	25.831635	-80.12524	1	2	3
	2746	78	LA GORCE DR 52 ST	25.829095	-80.12523	1	0	1
	2747	79	LA GORCE DR 51 ST	25.827334	-80.12513	13	11	24
	2748	80	PINE TREE DR # 4900	25.825072	-80.12520	0	2	2
	2749	81	PINE TREE DR 47 ST	25.822109	-80.12591	23	13	35
	2750	82	SHERIDAN AV 46 ST	25.820441	-80.12618	1	2	3
	2751	83	SHERIDAN AV 45 ST	25.818470	-80.12667	3	2	5
	2752	84	SHERIDAN AV 44 ST	25.816964	-80.12700	1	3	3
	2753	85	SHERIDAN AV 43 ST	25.815442	-80.12730	1	1	2

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