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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: *Hilda Fernandez for*
Jorge M. González, City Manager

DATE: December 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – maintenance of McArthur & Julia Tuttle Causeway Walls

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation and Parking Committee regarding the above subject.

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Transportation & Parking Committee

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

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

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McArthur & Julia Tuttle Walls

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Transportation & Parking Committee met on December 7, 2009, and held a discussion regarding the wall conditions of the McArthur and Julia Tuttle Causeways; a representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was present.

The Committee was informed that FDOT supervises two (2) contracts for the amounts of \$120k and \$130k, which can be used for the removal of graffiti. The Committee is concerned with the manner in which this work is being done, as the paint colors used for the patchwork do not match, making these most scenic roads for tourists, unsightly.

Question was raised as to the feasibility for the City of Miami Beach to take over the funds from FDOT and City to conduct the work, as it will be done in a much more satisfactory manner.

The Committee would also like the Beautification Committee made aware of this issue as well as alerting the Police Community Resource Office to assign officers to these areas to aid in the apprehension of these violators.

As an Advisory Committee, we sincerely ask that this issue be addressed.

Sincerely,

Transportation and Parking Committee