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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: September 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Port of Miami Tunnel Project Update

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

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: September 21, 2010

SUBJECT: PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL PROJECT UPDATE

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Transportation and Parking Committee met on September 13, 2010 and were provided with the below update on the Port of Miami Tunnel Project:

- Parrot Jungle Trail (Frontage Road) will be reduced to one lane just west of the entrance to Miami Children's Museum to west of the entrance to Jungle Island (continuing through Monday, September 20th).
- Other closure includes: Exit to Parrot Jungle Trail from eastbound McArthur Causeway from 10p on Monday, September 13th until Tuesday, September 14th at 5a.
- Flagmen will be directing traffic from west of entrance of Miami Children's Museum to the west of entrance of Jungle Island (under bridge).
- Road kept open, leading to great Labor Day Weekend; stopped all traffic, everybody off road and all construction shutdown by noon on Friday.
- Temporary closure beneath McArthur opened and everyone off road (Jungle Island Road/Circumference Road/Frontage Road) – there was complete capacity.
- Wednesday night, September 15th through the morning of September 16th, will open up eastbound Jungle Island Road and be on new part of that road; hope by Tuesday of following week to open up the rest.
- Once open, continue utility work; only shutdown will be in October with continuation when heading on westbound lane, bus stop in front of Jungle Island will be moved back 10 feet, putting in utility drainage (other than this, no other impacts).
- Currently seen: New cranes as you come off McArthur on right side eastbound lane are cranes from Malcolm Drilling which is specialty drilling company that will be doing 7 foot bore holes, 120 feet down which will continue for the next two (2) weeks.
- When both roads are open, Malcolm Drilling will be company that will do support walls and pad for beginning of tunnel.
- In approximately three (3) months, cranes will be flipped over into median and all construction work currently seen to right, will then be in median; move McArthur 50 feet to right, looking to do this during last week in October and should be seamless transition.
- Summer responsibility has been keeping capacity, flow and ensuring needs of Miami Beach and others are met.
- Only complaint has been on Jungle Island Road.
- Hired all local flaggers who are doing terrific job.

- All flaggers who pass drug and background checks, are then placed in OJT Program, go on to become laborers; no one stays a flagger/part of moving up and with the exception of 27 people they came in with, all hires have been local, up to 117 people and this will peak at 500.
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Sincerely,
Transportation and Parking Committee