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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE: August 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Upcoming Filming Impacts in Miami Beach

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform you of a film shoot taking place this Sunday, August 12th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Although the actual filming takes place entirely in the City of Miami jurisdiction, five-minute traffic holds on the MacArthur Causeway in both directions will impact our residents and visitors.

Fox's "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," a feature film sequel in its family franchise, will be filming a scene of a solitary car without any nearby boat or car traffic on the big bridge, on the Miami side of the MacArthur Causeway. FDOT, City of Miami, FAA, and the tunnel project have all approved this use, and are allowing a maximum of five-minute traffic holds in both directions, at the mainland, and on Watson Island. The shot will be filmed from a low-flying helicopter. They expect to need to do this twice at sunset, releasing traffic in-between takes. We are requiring the production to use Variable Message Signs starting on Friday. We are also sending information about the traffic impacts to residents on the directly affected islands, and through the City's e-blasts and social media alerts.

Additionally, on Monday, August 13th, Fox/USA's "Burn Notice" will be filming at the Bass Museum and in Collins Park. 22nd Street will be closed to accommodate a simulated car explosion and controlled fire. Police and Fire personnel will be present at all times, along with staff from the City's film office. The Bass Museum, Miami City Ballet, Miami Beach Regional Library and the Collins Park Neighborhood Association have all signed off on this production.

As with all productions, the City's film office works to ensure all affected residents and businesses are properly noticed and that the productions are monitored as needed.

If any Commissioners or their staff members are interested in set visits, please contact Graham Winick at 305-673-7070 and arrangements will be made, if possible.

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