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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 26, 2014

SUBJECT: **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) INSTALLATION OF "DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION" SIGNS ALONG STATE ROAD (S.R.) A1A/5TH STREET AND S.R. 112/41ST STREET**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide a status update regarding a FDOT project consisting of the installation of "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs along S.R. A1A/5th Street and S.R.112/41st Street corridors. This project originated as a result of a request from City Commission. Subsequently, the Administration submitted a formal request to FDOT for the installation of the signs.

FDOT conducted a study along S.R. A1A/5th Street to observe peak hour traffic conditions. The data collected during the study found that drivers traveling westbound consistently block intersections. As a result of the study, FDOT recommended the installation of ground mounted and mast arm mounted "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs in the westbound direction only. On Monday, June 16, 2014, FDOT began the installation of "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs along westbound S.R. A1A/5th Street. The installation of the signs on the mast arms will require brief lane closures between 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Since there are a total of eight (8) signs to be installed, FDOT anticipates the work will be completed in less than one (1) week.

In May 2013, FDOT conducted a traffic safety study along 41st Street. One of the recommendations of the study was the installation of "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs along 41st Street in both directions. However, since the recent roadway project completed by FDOT has not been inspected for final acceptance by Miami-Dade County's Traffic Signals and Signs Division, FDOT has advised that the recommended "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs will be installed once the final inspection has been completed. The installation of the signs along 41st Street is anticipated to begin in six (6) weeks.

The City's request also included the installation of a supplemental sign including the applicable state statute and the fine amount. However, the Administration has been advised that it is FDOT's policy to not install fine amounts on signs because it poses an additional burden on the maintaining agency given that fine schedules are subject to change. As such, the City will independently pursue permitting and installation of the supplemental sign. The City anticipates the installation of the supplemental signs to occur approximately six (6) to eight (8) months after the installation of the "Do Not Block The Intersection" signs by FDOT. The maintenance of the supplemental signs would be the responsibility of the City. The total cost of the installation of the supplemental signs would be approximately $8,000. I have directed staff to proceed with the installation of the signs.

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

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