

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager  
Letter to Commission No. 240-2004



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** September 8, 2004

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge", written over the printed name of the City Manager.

**Subject:** **FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY THIS WEEK**

This shortened week presents a very busy schedule as Miami Beach plays host to two feature films in the area. Here is a breakdown of what is planned:

**Wednesday, September 8 through Thursday, September 9**

"National Lampoon's Pledge This" is making up dates lost last Thursday and Friday due to Hurricane Frances inside their location at the Aldon Condominiums, 2925 Indian Creek Drive. The production is entirely inside the building, with the exception of one establishing shot on Indian Creek which will not interrupt traffic. The production is using nearby meters and City and private lots to park production vehicles and crew. They have obtained approval from the affected residents, businesses and condominium managers, who will issue notification to all residents. Per their signed approvals, the production hours are scheduled from 6AM until 11PM each day.

**Friday, September 10**

"Transporter 2" is coordinating a multi-jurisdictional chase scene between a bus which takes a route east on the Venetian Causeway onto Dade Boulevard followed by a wave-runner and prop police boats in Biscayne Bay and along the Collins Canal. The bus will drive at a normal rate of speed (35 mph). Filming the scene will require seeing the bus at the bridges between each island from various vantage points. The production will not close the Venetian Causeway at any time. The City of Miami Beach off duty police will coordinate Intermittent Traffic Control (ITC) along each island stretch (never the entire causeway) for maximum five minute lengths. The production will also minimize any ITC during rush morning and afternoon rush hours. The use of the wave-runner, police boats and camera boats in Biscayne Bay will not come close enough to our residents on the Venetian to cause major impact. The production is placing message boards on the Venetian Causeway today to alert residents and working with the Film and Print Office to reach out to the affected residents. In addition to coordinating with the City of Miami Beach Film and Print Office, Off-duty Police Office and Fire Department, the production has made similar coordination with The City of Miami Police, Fire and Marine Patrol, Miami-Dade County Police, MDTA, DERM, FDOT, Coast Guard, Fish and Wildlife (they have approval letters to have faster boats in manatee areas) and FAA for their use of helicopters for camera purpose. The production is during daylight hours only, beginning at 6AM.

**Sunday, September 12**

"Transporter 2" performs arguable their most ambitious stunt of the production on Collins Avenue at 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The scene is the end of the wave-runner's pursuit of the bus, where the wave-runner runs out of canal at Indian Creek and jumps onto the street. The production is breaking this action into three beats: 1. the wave-runner jumps from the water into water in Indian Creek, using a stationed ramp, 2. a crane lifts the wave-runner in the air from the water onto the street, 3. the wave-runner comes to a stop on Collins and the rider races to catch the bus. To perform this action and ensure safety, we will close southbound Collins Avenue from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 26 Street, re-routing southbound traffic onto the western lane of northbound Collins Avenue, which will become two-way traffic. Indian Creek drive will still run south through the eastward curve, but will reroute southbound onto this rerouted lane. During the actual takes, police will coordinate five minute maximum Intermittent Traffic Control (ITC) of both sides of Collins from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Street for safety. The production is obtaining signed approvals from the businesses along Collins from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> and sending notifications to all residents on the other side of Indian Creek at this area, as well as the buildings north along Collins and Indian Creek Drive to 41 Street. Message boards alerting drivers will be places on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and northbound Collins and 41<sup>st</sup> Street and southbound Indian Creek Drive. In addition to police, fire and the Film Office, the production is working with DERM to dredge the floor of Indian Creek and station a permitted ramp in the water. The production is during daylight hours only, starting at 6AM.

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