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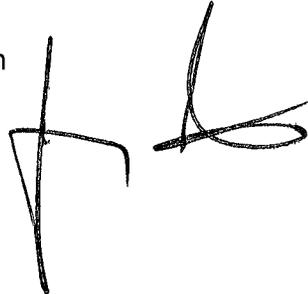
LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and  
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **TPBPF Committee Letters**



The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee regarding the below:

- Flamingo Park Parking Lot
- Motion re: Parking Issues/Construction Workers
- Venetian Causeway
- North Beach Trolley

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# *Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee*

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Madeleine Romanello  
Deborah Ruggiero  
Seth Wasserman

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair  
DATE: June 4, 2014  
SUBJECT: Flamingo Park Parking Lot

*Members Present: Jo Asmundsson; Ray Breslin; Scott Diffenderfer; William Hahne; Madeleine Romanello; Deborah Ruggiero; Seth Wasserman; Al Feola and Mark Weithorn*

*Members Absent: Del Fruit*

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

On June 2nd, the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities (TPBPF) Committee met and listened to a resident express her frustration about the lack of available parking in the Flamingo neighborhood.

In order to alleviate some of the shortage in parking, the residents within the zone, are allowed to utilize the Flamingo Park parking lot during the nighttime.

The TPBPF would like for City staff to explore the possibility of building a parking garage on site, looking as an option to tear down the PAL and rebuild the facility as part of the new garage. In using the PAL footprint, it may provide enough space to build a parking garage and give an opportunity to upgrade the aged PAL facility.

Sincerely,

Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee

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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: TPBPFC Motion re: Parking Issues & Construction Workers

*Members Present: Jo Asmundsson; Ray Breslin; Scott Diffenderfer; William Hahne; Madeleine Romanello; Deborah Ruggiero; Seth Wasserman; Al Feola and Mark Weithorn*

*Members Absent: Del Fruit*

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

On June 2nd, the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities (TPBPF) Committee met where several residents attended to express their frustration with finding residential parking during the day in their respective neighborhoods. A large part of the problem stems from the construction workers parking in residential areas.

The TPBF Committee passed the below motion in regard to the issues addressed:

The TPBPF Committee requests for the Mayor and Commission to pass an ordinance requiring all contractors to provide parking for their employees. The contractor shall also be required to provide shuttle service for their employees from the parking facility to the work area.

As an advisory Committee we would greatly appreciate your consideration on this motion.

Sincerely,

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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Venetian Causeway

*Members Present: Jo Asmundsson; Ray Breslin; Scott Diffenderfer; William Hahne; Madeleine Romanello; Deborah Ruggiero; Seth Wasserman; Al Feola and Mark Weithorn*

*Members Absent: Del Fruit*

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

On June 2nd, the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities (TPBPF) Committee met and discussed the disrupted South Beach Local (SBL) bus service to Belle Isle.

Due to the structural problems with the west bridge, the County has prohibited all heavy vehicles from using the entire causeway. Therefore, the SBL is unable to service Belle Isle. The Miami Beach Mayor and Commission approved having the Alton-West Trolley service Belle Isle, but due to red-tape at County Hall this has not happened.

The Committee requests that the Mayor and Commission contact the county and expedite the following:

1. Ask the County to finish their survey of all bridges on the causeway; particularly the east bridge. If it is determined that the east bridge has an adequate weight-rating, the SBL should resume service as soon as possible.
2. Ask the County Mayor to allow the City to use the east bridge for trolley service to Belle Isle.

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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: North Beach Trolley

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*Members Absent: Del Fruit*

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

On June 2nd, the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities (TPBPF) Committee met and discussed the North Beach Trolley. The new trolleys have been ordered by the contractor (operator), but the trolley manufacturing time can take up to six (6) months. The operator has advised that they can provide a total of four (4) white cutaway vehicles that can accommodate twenty (20) passengers and two (2) wheelchairs, equipped with tracking units and branded with City's logo for a period of three (3) months. They can provide these cutaway vehicles as early as July, upon City's approval.

The TPBF Committee strongly urges the Mayor and Commission to allow the interim use of the cutaway vehicles, as we feel this new bus service would greatly revitalize the neighborhood and should commence as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee