



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 330-2015

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2015

SUBJECT: **COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON TRANSPORTATION**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide information on the ongoing Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP consultant team is currently in the process of finalizing the master plan, including refining the project bank which is comprised of multi-modal projects consistent with the modal prioritization strategy presented at the first Commission Workshop on Transportation on March 18, 2015 and formally adopted by Resolution of the City Commission on July 8, 2015 (i.e., Priority 1 - Pedestrians; Priority 2 - Transit, Bicycles, and Freight; and Priority 3 - Private Vehicles). Additionally, the consultant team is working with staff to finalize policy recommendations intended to protect the integrity of the existing transportation network and facilitate future mobility projects that align with the City's transportation vision and goals. In developing the project bank, the team is also reviewing the inventory of current freight loading zones and drafting policy recommendations intended to strategically increase freight loading zone inventory and reduce the impact that freight activity has on traffic flow. Furthermore, the consultant team is finalizing planning-level typical sections, project descriptions, priorities, estimated costs, and funding sources for each of the proposed projects.

Once the Draft Transportation Master Plan and Interactive Presentation are completed in the next couple of weeks, the Transportation Department and its consultant team will meet with regional transportation agencies (i.e., Miami-Dade County, Florida Department of Transportation, and Miami-Dade Transit) to obtain feedback on the proposed projects and policies.

Upon evaluating the duration of the remaining effort, in particular the interagency reviews, the Administration believes that it is in the best interest of the project to reschedule the Commission Workshop on Transportation originally scheduled for September 10th to a later date. Staff will be reaching out to your offices to coordinate your availability. In addition, individual briefings with your offices will be scheduled prior to the Commission Workshop. Following the Commission Workshop, the City will conduct a final Community Workshop. Subsequently, the Administration will bring the Transportation Master Plan for City Commission adoption.

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


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