



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **312-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 22, 2016

SUBJECT: **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EAST VENETIAN CAUSEWAY REHABILITATION**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide an update of work to be undertaken by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), Capital Improvements Section. The County will perform rehabilitation work to the East Venetian Bascule Bridge (874474) as well as the easternmost Bridge (874481) near Purdy Avenue. The cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately two million dollars.

The Scope of Work includes but is not limited to mechanical/ electrical repairs to the East Bascule Bridge (874474) such as replacing motors, brakes, switches, wiring and tread plates. Work also includes repairs to the concrete deck on the easternmost Bridge (874481). To date, the County has obtained all permits except the Class 1 RER permit which requires written concurrence from the Building as well as the Zoning Departments of the City of Miami Beach stating that they have no regulatory authority over this bridge rehabilitation.

Due to United States Coast Guard (USCG) restrictions, the work on the East Bascule Bridge (874474) must be substantially completed within 120 days after the Work Order is issued. The project was advertised on May 12, 2016. It could not be advertised earlier due to funding issues which delayed the advertisement process two months. Bids opened on June 15, 2016 and the preconstruction meeting was held on July 20, 2016.

CURRENT STATUS

At a July 20, 2016 preconstruction meeting, the DTPW provided information available for the project. The Contractor has yet to provide a firm schedule for the 45 day lockdown; however, the lockdown will not begin until the parts arrive. The delivery schedule for the parts is now expected to take place early November. Should the work extend into Art Basel, the County emphasized its commitment to open the bridge to traffic during this high impact period. A public meeting has been scheduled for August 2 and a Notice to Proceed is currently scheduled for August 8. Requests for further information may be directed to Karla Damian, Miami-Dade County Public Information Officer for the project via email: kdamian@miamidade.gov.

In addition, the Miami Beach Police and City of Miami Fire and Police have formalized an agreement that says the following: In the fall of 2016 for approximately (45 days), the easternmost bascule bridge on the Venetian Islands Causeway will be inaccessible due to construction. During this time; the City of Miami Fire Department will provide Fire and EMS services and City of Miami Police Department shall provide Police Services to all the islands west of the bridge; some of them falling under City of Miami Beach territory.

If the Miami Beach Public Safety Access Point (PSAP – Dispatch Center/Alarm Office) receives a 911 call and the address is within the city limits of Miami Beach, the Miami Beach PSAP shall request Mutual Aid from the City of Miami in the way of a police, fire or rescue dispatch assignment from the City of Miami.

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