

GOOD AFTERNOON!

I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE FOURTH POLICY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PEC) MEETING FOR THE STUDY PHASE OF THE BEACH CORRIDOR PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT IS ONE OF MY KEY COUNTY INITIATIVES, AND I KNOW IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE CITIES OF MIAMI BEACH AND MIAMI; I APPRECIATE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL OF OUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AS WELL.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL MOBILITY OPTION FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS TRAVELING BETWEEN AND WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

THE PROJECT WILL TIE TWO OF THE MOST CONGESTED AREAS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. OUR COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE DENSE LAND USES IN THE CITIES OF MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH ARE PRIME FOR A PREMIUM LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE THAT WOULD PROVIDE FAST AND FREQUENT SERVICE FOR THE

MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THAT LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT THE AREA.

TODAY WE MUST SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF US TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS, PARTICULARLY COMMISSIONERS XAVIER SUAREZ, COMMISSIONER BRUNO BARREIRO, CITY OF MIAMI MAYOR TOMAS REGALADO AND CITY OF MIAMI BEACH MAYOR PHILLIP LEVINE.

TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS FOR THE FUTURE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ALL OUR CITIES.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INVITE THE MPO TEAM TO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU!