THANK YOU, ALICE, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION, AND MY THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON THE PROJECT THAT WE ARE HERE TO UNVEIL TODAY.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE! I AM PLEASED TO JOIN YOU FOR THIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS BUS ROUTE!

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE CITIES OF MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH FOR THEIR COLLABORATION ON THIS PROJECT --WHICH WILL GREATLY BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMUTERS DURING ART BASEL.

ART BASEL IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST WEEKS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND THE GOAL OF THE MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS PILOT BUS ROUTE IS TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION DURING THIS TIME. MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS IS A <u>FREE</u> SERVICE, PROVIDING COMMUTERS AND ART-BASEL ATTENDEES A CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVING.

MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS WILL BEGIN SERVICE TOMORROW, DECEMBER 1st, AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th. AS PART OF THIS PILOT ROUTE, SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED EVERY 20 MINUTES DURING THE HOURS OF 11 A.M. UNTIL 11 P.M.

WHILE THE VENETIAN CAUSEWAY IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION, MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS WILL TRAVEL ALONG THE JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY -- ALSO AVOIDING HEAVY CONGESTION ON THE MACARTHUR CAUSEWAY.

BUS STOPS ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN FOUR KEY PLACES: THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, THE DESIGN DISTRICT, WYNWOOD AND MIDTOWN. THE 40-FOOT BUSES CAN EACH HOLD AS MANY AS 60 PASSENGERS AND HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY BRANDED AND WRAPPED WITH BRIGHT COLORS SO YOU CAN'T MISS THEM!

IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING A FREE RIDE ON MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAY CONNECTED, FREE OF CHARGE, WHILE ENJOYING ALL THAT ART BASEL HAS TO OFFER. TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE FOR OUR PASSENGERS, MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS OFFERS FREE WI-FI ONBOARD AND FREE MOBILE-DEVICE CHARGING STATIONS AT BUS STOPS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI!

MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE MANY WAYS THAT MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT IS HELPING TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING PEAK TRAVEL TIMES. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT IS ALSO EXPANDING OUR METRORAIL AND METROMOVER SERVICE TO 1 A.M. TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE CROWDS ATTENDING ART BASEL EVENTS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. I AM SO PLEASED THAT WE CAN OFFER THIS FREE, CONVENIENT SERVICE TO ART-BASEL ATTENDEES, AND HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY'S COMMUTERS.

DIRECTOR BRAVO, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF ARE DOING TO ADDRESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S TRANSIT AND MOBILITY NEEDS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ATTENDING ART BASEL, PLEASE TAKE A RIDE ON THE MIAMI-DADE ART EXPRESS ROUTE -- ANOTHER GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE OFFERED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

