

GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

**IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR THE
GROUNDBREAKING OF THE STATE ROAD
836/DOLPHIN EXPRESSWAY CAPACITY AND
INTERCHANGE PROJECT.**

**IT'S NO SECRET THAT TRANSIT AND MOBILITY ARE
CRITICAL ISSUES FOR OUR 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS.**

**SIMPLY STATED -- WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF
THEM. MY ADMINISTRATION IS DOING ALL IT CAN BY
TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT EXPRESS BUSES, BUS
RAPID TRANSIT AND OTHER WAYS WE CAN REDUCE
CONGESTION ON OUR ROADWAYS, AND IMPROVE
THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS...**

**BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW TOO WELL THAT THE TIME
WE SPEND IN TRAFFIC IS TIME WE ARE NOT
SPENDING WITH OUR FAMILIES, AND IS ALSO
DETRIMENTAL TO OUR ECONOMY.**

**BUT ONE CHALLENGE WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST IS
TO PLAN FOR AND COMPLETE PROJECTS WITH THE
MULTIPLE AGENCIES WHO PLAY A ROLE FOR
IMPROVING THE WAY WE MOVE AROUND IN MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY.**

IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE LACKED COORDINATION.

A BIG REASON WHY ALICE BRAVO WAS BROUGHT ON TO LEAD MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT IS BECAUSE I WANTED BETTER COORDINATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND YES, THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, AS WELL AS OTHERS.

THAT IS WHY I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN WORK BETTER TOGETHER -- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ALL AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL -- TO INTRODUCE AND IMPROVE TRANSIT AND MOBILITY OPTIONS, AND BETTER CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE IS NO SILVER BULLET TO SOLVING OUR ISSUES, BUT TODAY IS A SMALL STEP TOWARDS THOSE GOALS.

THE PROJECT WE ARE HERE TO UNVEIL TODAY WILL RUN FROM JUST WEST OF NW 57TH AVENUE TO NW 17TH AVENUE, WILL BENEFIT THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF THREE VITAL PROJECTS ALONG THE 836 THAT WILL BETTER MANAGE THE TRAFFIC FLOW AND MODERNIZE THE EXPRESSWAY TO ACCOMMODATE EXPRESS BUS SERVICE AND FUNCTION AS A MULTI-MODAL FACILITY.

SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUMMER OF 2018 WITH MDX AND NOT COUNTY FUNDS, THIS PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,620 OF THE 10,400 JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHICH WILL BE CREATED BY MDX'S WORK PROGRAM BETWEEN 2015 AND 2020.

THAT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS BECAUSE AS I HAVE SAID SINCE FIRST BEING ELECTED MAYOR FOUR YEARS AGO, MY ADMINISTRATION HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO SET THE CONDITIONS FOR JOB GROWTH.

WHEN THOSE JOBS ARE CREATED AS A RESULT OF IMPROVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, ALL THE BETTER!

A FUTURE INNOVATIVE PROJECT INCLUDE POSSIBLE, INTERCHANGES ON 27TH AVENUE AND 57TH AVENUE, AND A NEW FLYOVER BRIDGE TO CONNECT COUNTY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO MIA.

WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MDX FOR PROJECTS TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER COUNTY'S NEEDS WITHIN THE SR 836 CORRIDOR, SUCH AS THE ENVISIONED MIAMI DADE TRANSIT BUS LANES ALONG 836.

THIS PROJECT CONTINUATION FROM THE 836/826 INTERCHANGE WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC CAPACITY TO AND FROM THE 826 AND EVENTUALLY COMPLETE THE CORRIDOR WITH THE I-395 SIGNATURE PROJECT.

THIS PROPOSED ALIGNMENT WILL FACILITATE ACCESS TO OUR TOP ECONOMIC GENERATOR, MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND FROM THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN AREA AND THE BEACHES MAKING ACCESS EASIER FOR OUR COMMUTERS AND VISITORS.

AND ANOTHER PROJECT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS EAGER TO SEE HAPPEN IS THE ADDING OF A 12-FOOT INSIDE CONTINUOUS SHOULDER THAT WOULD BE USED AS A TRAVEL LANE FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT'S EXPRESS BUS SERVICE. THIS IS CRITICAL TO PROVIDE TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS FOR OUR EXPRESS BUS RIDERS. BUSES WILL TRAVEL NON-STOP FROM NEAR FUTURE PARK & RIDE LOTS OUT WEST VIA THE 836 TO DOWNTOWN AND THE

MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER. AND I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE PROJECTED TO BE AVAILABLE IN LATE 2017.

I'M HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY PROJECTS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ITS PARTNERS LIKE MDX CAN COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE TODAY AND COLLABORATING WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU HERE IN THE SUMMER OF 2018 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT!

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

