

THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION, MIKE.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE CAVA – IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING.

I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, ALICE BRAVO, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAREERSOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA, RICK BEASLEY.

ALICE AND RICK'S LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION ARE WHAT'S ALLOWING US TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND DEMO WE'RE MAKING TODAY. SO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING FOR OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MIAMI-DADE'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, DIRECTED BY ANGEL PETISCO, FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR VENDORS -- BRASS STAR L.L.C. AND GEOGRAPHIC SOLUTIONS INC.

THEIR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS ARE HELPING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BETTER SERVE OUR 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS AND MILLIONS OF VISITORS.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, E-GOV AND E-MERGE AMERICAS IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR THIS MORNING'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

WHEN MANNY MEDINA FIRST ENVISIONED THIS EVENT, HE TOLD ME THAT HE WANTED E-MERGE TO BE A VEHICLE FOR INTRODUCING INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT SO THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS COULD BETTER SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH MANNY.

I'VE BEEN COMMITTED TO INNOVATING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SINCE I FIRST BECAME YOUR MAYOR IN 2011.

AND, TODAY, I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE'RE TAKING AN EVEN BIGGER STEP TOWARD INNOVATING THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO OUR RESIDENTS.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS ABOUT MAKING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SAFER FOR OUR MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. AND IT'S ABOUT HELPING PUT OUR RESIDENTS TO WORK.

PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION AND JOBS ARE MY BIGGEST PRIORITIES AS MAYOR. SO I'M EXTRA EXCITED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF TWO NEW MOBILE APPS -- ONE THAT WILL HELP MAKE MIAMI-DADE'S TRANSIT SYSTEM SAFER FOR OUR PASSENGERS, AND ANOTHER THAT WILL HELP

OUR RESIDENTS SEARCH AND APPLY FOR LOCAL JOBS.

THE COUNTY'S NEW, FREE, "TRANSIT WATCH" APP ALLOWS OUR METRORAIL, METROBUS, AND METROMOVER RIDERS TO INSTANTLY AND ANONYMOUSLY SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO OUR CENTRAL CONTROL SECURITY OFFICERS.

TRANSIT AGENCIES SUCH AS L.A. METRO IN CALIFORNIA AND R.T.D. IN DENVER HAVE BROUGHT SAFETY TO THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH SIMILAR APPS. AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT OUR "TRANSIT WATCH" APP WILL BRING GREATER SAFETY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND TO CONNECT MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS WITH JOBS IN THE AREA, WE'VE ALSO PARTNERED WITH CAREERSOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA TO LAUNCH AN APP THAT ALLOWS CAREER SEEKERS TO SEARCH AND APPLY FOR JOBS, MAP JOBS BY CURRENT LOCATION AND SHARE JOBS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA.

SINCE KICKING OFF “EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE” IN DECEMBER 2014, WE’VE TRAINED 395 WORKERS WHO LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AND PLACED 371 OF THOSE WORKERS IN JOBS IN THE CONSTRUCTION, HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY INDUSTRIES.

AND NOW THAT OUR EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE APP IS READY TO GO, WE’LL BE WORKING WITH CAREERSOURCE TO PLACE RESIDENTS IN EVEN MORE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO MIAMI-DADE’S ECONOMY – INCLUDING I.T., TRADE AND LOGISTICS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I’M GOING TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO ALICE, RICK AND OUR VENDORS SO YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW MUCH OUR NEW “TRANSIT WATCH” AND “EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE” APPS CAN DO.

BOTH OF THESE APPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE APP STORE FOR IPHONES OR GOOGLE PLAY FOR ANDROID DEVICES. SO AFTER THE PRODUCT DEMOS, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO

DOWNLOAD BOTH APPS, EXPLORE THEIR FEATURES, AND PUT THEM TO GOOD USE.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR COMING TODAY.

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

