

THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION, ALICE.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR TODAY'S RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

BUENOS DIAS A TODOS Y GRACIAS POR ESTAR CON NOSOTROS!

I ENJOY EVENTS LIKE THIS BECAUSE THEY SHOW THE CONTINUED PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING TOWARD IMPROVING MOBILITY FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND I'M HAPPY TO BE JOINED BY COMMISSIONER JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ, WHO I KNOW IS EQUALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE'RE ALLEVIATING TRAFFIC IN HIS DISTRICT -- AND THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY -- WITH THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER WE'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE THIS MORNING.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR RESIDENTS HERE IN DISTRICT 12, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA IS ALSO WITH US THIS MORNING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL, COMMISSIONER.

IMPROVING MOBILITY THROUGHOUT OUR 2,400-SQUARE-MILE COUNTY TAKES COORDINATION WITH SEVERAL PARTNERS. SO, I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING...

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

QUIERO AGRADECER EL APOYO DEL COMISIONADO DEL DISTRITO 12, JOSÉ "PEPE" DÍAZ. YO SE QUE EL COMISIONADO ESTÁ MUY INTERESADO EN ALIVIAR EL TRÁFICO EN SU DISTRITO Y ESTE CENTRO NOS AYUDARÁ A LOGRAR ESTO.

TAMBIÉN AGRADEZCO A LA COMISIONADA DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA QUE TAMBIÉN ESTA CON NOSOTROS, A NUESTROS COLEGAS ESTATALES Y LOCALES, Y A NUESTRA DIRECTORA ALICE BRAVO.

GRACIAS A TODOS POR ESTAR AQUI Y POR SU APOYO!

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE DIRECTOR ALICE BRAVO AND HER TEAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS. SINCE ALICE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR IN FEBRUARY, SHE HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN TERMS OF BRINGING GREATER MOBILITY SOLUTIONS TO OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

IT'S BEEN A BUSY SIX MONTHS, HASN'T IT ALICE?

JUST LAST WEEK, ALICE AND I HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE RE-LAUNCH OF OUR TRANSIT TRACKER APP TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE CONVENIENT FOR OUR RESIDENTS

AND VISITORS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND WE'VE BEEN ROLLING OUT SEVERAL OTHER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS – LIKE OUR TRANSIT WATCH APP THAT ALLOWS RIDERS TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

WE'VE ALSO LEGALIZED APP-BASED RIDE-SHARING SERVICES – LIKE UBER AND LYFT – HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND WE WERE THE FIRST COUNTY IN FLORIDA TO PARTNER WITH THE WAZE “CONNECTED CITIZENS PROGRAM” TO PROVIDE COMMUTERS WITH REAL-TIME UPDATES ABOUT ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC DELAYS.

BY THE WAY, THAT WAZE PARTNERSHIP WILL HELP THE ENGINEERS IN OUR RENOVATED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ACROSS THE COUNTY.

AND WE'RE GETTING EVEN CLOSER TO IMPLEMENTING MOBILE TICKETING SO THAT PEOPLE CAN PAY FOR TRANSIT JUST BY HOLDING UP THEIR SMART PHONES TO THE

FARE READER ON OUR METROBUS OR METRORAIL.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE'RE CONTINUING TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITY.

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, TECHNOLOGY IS CRITICAL TO MY VISION OF INCREASING ACCESS TO SERVICES LIKE TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL MIAMIANS.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE EVEN MORE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES UP OUR SLEEVES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WILL HOST OUR FIRST SMART CITY INITIATIVES ROUNDTABLE IN THE FALL SO ALL OF OUR PARTNERS CAN GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT OF SMART CITY TECHNOLOGIES ACROSS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

I WANT TO THANK ALICE AND HER TEAM FOR CONTINUING TO BRING THE VERY BEST TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

MI ADMINISTRACIÓN SE HA ENFOCADO EN USAR LA TECNOLOGIA PARA MEJORAR LOS SERVICIOS QUE OFRECEMOS A NUESTROS RESIDENTES INCLUYENDO AL TRANSPORTE.

DE HECHO, LA SEMANA PASADA, REVELAMOS MEJORAS A NUESTRA APLICACIÓN PARA TELEFONOS INTELIGENTES, LEGALIZAMOS A UBER Y LYFT, TENEMOS UN ACUERDO CON WAZE Y MUCHO MÁS.

AND SPEAKING OF THE VERY BEST, I'M EXCITED TO UNVEIL OUR NEWLY RENOVATED \$1.3 MILLION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER THIS MORNING.

YOU KNOW, BACK IN 1975, WHEN IT WAS FIRST BUILT, OUR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER WAS THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE NATION, AND A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WE'VE UNFORTUNATELY FALLEN A BIT BEHIND SINCE THEN. BUT WITH OUR RENOVATED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER, WE'RE STEPPING BACK UP TO RECLAIM OUR STANDING.

WE'VE UPGRADED AND MODERNIZED OUR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER TO PROVIDE INCREASED TECHNOLOGY AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT TOOLS.

AND WE NEED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND TOOLS BECAUSE OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN MIAMI-DADE.

THAT'S NEARLY 3,000 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND MORE THAN 4,000 TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OPERATES AND MAINTAINS.

WE AREN'T, HOWEVER, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RED-LIGHT CAMERAS THAT GO ALONG WITH THOSE SIGNALS.

I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP BECAUSE I HEAR A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS WHEN THEY RECEIVE TICKETS FROM THOSE RED-LIGHT CAMERAS.

I'M ACTUALLY AGAINST THOSE, BY THE WAY, BUT THAT'S A TOPIC FOR ANOTHER TIME.

LA RENOVACIÓN DE ESTE EDIFICIO QUE FUE CONSTRUIDO EN 1975 NOS COSTÓ \$1.3 MILLONES. ESTA RENOVACIÓN FUE NECESARIA PARA MODERNIZAR NUESTRO SISTEMA Y PARA OFRECER MEJOR SERVICIO A NUESTROS RESIDENTES. ESTO ES SOLO UN PASO ADELANTE EN NUESTRO TRABAJO PARA USAR NUEVA TECNOLOGÍA. CON ESTA MODERNIZACIÓN NUESTROS SEMÁFAROS SERÁN MÁS INTELIGENTES. VAMOS A MONITOREAR AL TRÁFICO EN ZONAS CON MUCHA CONGESTIÓN.

AUNQUE EL CONDADO CONTROLA TODOS LOS 3,000 SEMAFAROS, NO SOMOS RESPONSIBLE POR ESAS CAMARITAS EN LAS LUCES ROJAS. ÉSTAS SON CONTROLADAS POR LAS MUNICIPALIDADES Y YO PERSONALMENTE ESTOY EN CONTRA DE SU USO.

MY POINT IS WE HAVE A LOT OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO MANAGE, AND THIS NEW CENTER IS GOING TO HELP OUR ENGINEERS PROACTIVELY MANAGE AND ADAPT BETTER TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN REAL-TIME.

WE'VE ACTUALLY ADDED NEW WORKSTATIONS FOR THE TRAFFIC OPERATION ENGINEERS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY. AND WE INSTALLED A NEW VIDEO WALL THAT DISPLAYS FEEDS FOR TRAFFIC MONITORING CAMERAS INSTALLED AT OVER 400 LOCATIONS ALONG INTERSECTIONS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTY.

WE'RE ESSENTIALLY USING SMART TECHNOLOGY TO BE EVEN SMARTER ABOUT HOW WE MANAGE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND SOON, OUR TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL CONNECTED AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES, AND HELP THEM NAVIGATE OUR BUSY ROADS.

THE NEW 2070 L.X. CONTROLLERS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED COUNTYWIDE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO IMPLEMENT ADAPTIVE SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS. THIS WILL ALLOW OUR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TO ADAPT TO REAL-TIME TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ARE STOPPED AT A RED LIGHT AND THERE'S NO OTHER TRAFFIC ON THE CROSS-STREETS? THIS TECHNOLOGY DETECTS THAT AND WILL MAKE AUTOMATIC CHANGES TO THE TIMING TO ALLOW THOSE VEHICLES THAT ARE STOPPED TO GO THROUGH.

YOU'LL HEAR MORE LATER ABOUT ALL OF THE WAYS THAT OUR ENGINEERS WILL USE NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE MOBILITY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

I'M GOING TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO ALICE NOW.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR COMING TODAY.

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

MUCHAS GRACIAS A TODOS Y QUE DIOS LOS BENDIGA Y QUE DIOS BENDIGA AL CONDADO DE MIAMI-DADE!