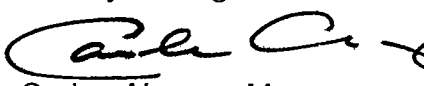




MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: September 14, 2005

TO: George M. Burgess
County Manager

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Short-Term Traffic Solutions

The County is currently undergoing several long-term projects to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion; however, the results of such projects will not be seen for several years to come. We must address short-term traffic relief solutions.

Following our recent Transportation Issues meeting, I am requesting that you identify 25 high risk and/or heavily congested sites that would be candidates for fast-track solutions.

By implementing short-term solutions, not only will the residents of Miami-Dade County experience immediate benefits, but commuters and visitors from other areas – and ultimately, our economy – will benefit from the improved traffic flow. I will leave the planning and design to our professional staff, but I recommend looking at signalization and synchronization, road striping, signage, traffic calming devices, median improvements, possible lane restriction to help traffic flows and any others methods available with adequate funding.

Please identify the sites and a plan of action within 30 days. I would like the 25 identified sites improved this upcoming fiscal year and monthly status reports on the 25 sites through their completion. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

c: Honorable Chairperson Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of Courts
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board