

Attachment A



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October 10, 2023

Alina Hudak, City Manager
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

RE: Ocean Drive Temporary Pedestrian Plaza (Application No. 2022001803)

Dear Mrs. Hudak,

Since my last correspondence in March of 2023, the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) has coordinated closely with the City of Miami Beach's Department of Transportation with relation to the Ocean Drive pedestrian plaza that is currently in place along Ocean Drive between 13th and 14th Streets. Unfortunately, despite this coordination, a permit submittal to Miami-Dade County to authorize Miami Beach's desired pilot study to evaluate the impacts of traffic flow modifications and ensure public safety has not been received.

In previous correspondence to the City, our Department highlighted several geometric and safety constraints associated with the use of the Ocean Ct. alleyway for re-routing of general traffic. We have also communicated the various hazards that the City's closure of Ocean Drive and re-routing of traffic along the Ocean Court alleyway creates with relation to limiting access by emergency vehicles and creating of several conflict points for pedestrians and motorists.


At this time due to the aforementioned conditions DTPW, under its authority within Miami-Dade County Code Sections 2-95.1, 2-96.1, is hereby directing the City of Miami Beach to immediately remove barriers installed along Ocean Drive which impede general vehicular traffic and reinstate normal traffic flow in the area. Please note that this action is necessary to preserve public safety and ensure that current conditions do not persist.

Should the City of Miami Beach wish to pursue the closure of Ocean Drive in the future, on a temporary or permanent basis, we ask that a comprehensive plan of study be developed, and complete application submitted to DTPW for engineering review. Any pilot project would require monthly reviews of impacts to traffic, safety, and unforeseen conflicts, as well as observations gathering of feedback from affected residents and businesses.

I have directed my team to support this effort and work with your staff at the appropriate time to facilitate any future application by the City of Miami Beach with relation to Ocean Drive.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eulgis Cleckley', written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

Eulgis Cleckley, Director & CEO
Department of Transportation and Public Works

atch: Correspondence 032823 – Ocean Drive Temporary Pedestrian Plaza

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