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TO: City of Miami Beach Planning Department: Design Review Board

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SUBJECT: Stormwater Pump Station Screening

The Department of Public Works is submitting an application to the Design Review Board seeking the approval for the construction of various types of screening for the current and future storm water pumping stations.

On July 7, 2015, City Administration conveyed to the City Commission (LTC 276-2015) that the staff is working on ways to provide architectural and landscape screening features to help the pump stations blend into the neighborhoods that they are being installed.

It was envisioned that there would be a matrix of design elements that could be incorporated into each of the pump stations going forward based on a specific set of common site specifics. These design elements would then be presented to the Design Review Board (DRB) for approval.

Once this process was completed, construction specifications and details for each of the design elements approved would be developed and incorporated into the Public Works Manual. The designing engineer would choose from the approved menu of elements to complete the landscaping or screening of a pump station in accordance with the prescribed uses.

To this end, the city engaged with two architectural firms; Pininfarina and William Lane to provide conceptual designs of how to screen the above ground control panels. Attached are the complete proposals from each of the firms.

If approved by the Board, it would be the intent of the Department that during the design phase of each future pump station control panel that a plan and architectural sketch or rendering will be developed for each pump station identifying the proposed pump station location and specific treatment. The approved plan and architectural sketch or rendering will be presented at a public meeting prior to the commencement of the proposed work. Notice of the public meeting will be provided in writing to any registered Neighborhood Association prior to the meeting. In the event that there is no Neighborhood Association, the adjacent property owners directly abutting the above ground components will be notified directly.