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Mr. Eulois Cleckley
Director and CEO
Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works
701 NW 1st Court, 17th Floor
Miami, FL 33136

RE: Venetian Causeway Bridge Replacement
FY 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Projects

Dear Mr. Cleckley,

Please accept this letter signifying the City of Miami Beach's support for the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)'s 2022 Venetian Causeway Bridge Replacement application.

The Causeway includes ten fixed span bridges and two bascule leaf span bridges over the Intracoastal Waterway (ICWW) (Bridge Identification No.'s 874459, 874460, 874461, 874463, 874465, 874466, 874471, 874472, 874473, 874474, 874477, and 874481) extending from North Bayshore Drive (City of Miami) to Purdy Avenue (City of Miami Beach). For ease of identification, the bridges are numbered 1 through 12, with Bridge 1 being the westernmost bridge and Bridge 12 the easternmost bridge.

The proposed project will be implemented in accordance with the approved Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E Study) that was conducted on the causeway to address identified structural and functional deficiencies of the twelve existing bridges through potential alternatives such as replacement or rehabilitation. The resulting Preferred Alternative from the PD&E Study is to replace bridges 2 through 12 of the Venetian Causeway in the following manner:

Concrete Arched Beams for the fixed spans of Bridges 2 through 12

A double-leaf bascule bridge for the movable span at Bridge 10

The project will increase the safety and resiliency of the bridges, maintain the aesthetics of the causeway, and enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

I appreciate your consideration of this worthy project which will significantly improve safety and resiliency, as well as enhance mobility options and quality of life for the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works