

## Re: Venetian Causeway Bridge Replacement Project

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Joe,

See below. Sorry for late reply.

Let me know if this is what you had in mind or need any additional comments.

"VIHA is supportive of the Venetian Causeway Bridges Project, as proposed in the PD&E and modified in the refined drawings released Dec. 16, 2021. We fully support replacing the ten fixed bridges as proposed in the PD&E and replacing the East Bascule with the refined profile released Dec. 16, 2021.

The revisions of the original plan for this project as to the East Bascule provide for a replacement double leaf bascule at or about the height of the existing bridge, with all efforts to preserve the size of the Causeway spoil islands and minimal diminishment in the access or views related to these spoil islands. In a meeting between the Project leadership of FDOT and DTPW, the neighborhood resident representatives were assured that the final design will use Best Efforts to further minimize the encroachment of railings onto the adjacent spoil islands.

The resident representatives were additionally assured that the State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the revised plans and has rendered the opinion that the revised plan does not adversely affect the National Register of Historic Places designation of the Venetian Causeway Resource Group.

We gratefully give our support to the creative and responsive leadership of the FDOT and DTPW for presenting a plan for a safe, beautiful, and historic Venetian Causeway.

This support may be rescinded, should the plans be modified in such a way as to materially change the design, height, or length of the East Bascule or to increase the encroachment of railings onto the spoil islands, further decrease access to the spoil islands, or to reduce the size of the spoil islands."

On Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 9:50 AM Gomez, Joe <[JoeGomez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:JoeGomez@miamibeachfl.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, Melissa, I hope all is well. There is an item at the upcoming Land Use and Sustainability (LUSC) Committee meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> "Discuss the Position of the Venetian Island's Residents Regarding the Venetian Causeway Bridge Renovations" and would like to get yours and our organizations position on the upcoming projects. We have been working closely with

MDC DTPW to accelerate the replacement of our water and sewer lines that are attached to the bridges with new subaqueous lines. The idea is for us to complete our work before the bridge replacement takes place so we are out of their way.

It is my understanding from discussions with EAC the consultant who id the PD&E Study and is now engaged by DTPW to perform the final design that their has been extensive coordination with your organization. I'm preparing a memo for the LUSC committee and would like to include language on VIHA's position on the project. Any comments you can provide would be extremely helpful.

Please let me know if you have any questions and as always thank you.

Joe

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