

# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 557-2017

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2017

SUBJECT: **SOUTH BEACH LOOP TROLLEY SERVICE OPERATIONAL MODIFICATIONS**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to report on operational modifications to the South Beach Loop trolley service effective November 20, 2017. The changes are intended to improve the South Beach Loop trolley service.

The South Beach Loop trolley service was soft-launched on November 1, 2017 with a limited number of 6 low-floor vehicles in service out of a full fleet of 10. Full service implementation commenced today, November 20, 2017, at 6:00AM with all 10 low-floor vehicles in service. During the soft-launch period, staff conducted observations and received feedback from passengers and the South Beach community. As a result of community feedback, staff determined that changes to the South Beach trolley service plan were warranted. The proposed changes were discussed with the South of Fifth Neighborhood Association (SOFNA) at its meeting on November 15 and with Rebecca Towers residents on November 17. Both groups responded favorably to the proposed changes.

Effective Monday, November 20, the South Beach Trolley service will consist of (3) distinct loops: 1) "Loop A" operating in a clockwise direction; 2) "Loop B" operating in a counter-clockwise direction; and 3) "Via 10 Street Loop" operating in a "figure 8" configuration to serve the Flamingo Park neighborhood and provide a direct east-west connection between Alton Road and Washington Avenue - via a temporary detour on 10<sup>th</sup> Street given that 11<sup>th</sup> Street is currently under construction. The portions of the South Beach Trolley route serving the Sunset Harbour and Belle Isle neighborhoods remain the same. Attachment depicts the modified South Beach Trolley loops in service as of Monday, November 20, 2017.

The frequency of service along the bi-directional loops (Loop A and Loop B) will be approximately 15 minutes while the frequency of service along "Via 10 Street Loop" will be approximately 35 minutes. It is worth noting that the "Via 10 Street Loop" duplicates either Loop A or B along most of its route, thereby increasing the overall frequency of service of the South Beach Trolley.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

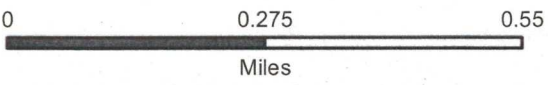
Attachment: Modified South Beach Trolley Loops

JLM/KGB/JRG/MM



New South Beach Loop A - Clockwise





New South Beach Loop B - Counterclockwise





S Pointe Dr



New South Beach Loop via 10 Street

