

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **480-2018**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 31, 2018



SUBJECT: NORTH BEACH LOOP TROLLEY SERVICE ROUTE ALIGNMENT MODIFICATION

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to report on a proposed minor modification to the North Beach Loop trolley route intended to improve service accessibility and reduce passenger walking distance through the addition of a new trolley stop.

The current North Beach Loop trolley service consists of 41 stops along its seven (7) mile route, resulting in an average spacing between existing stops of approximately 900 feet. The route currently operates southbound along Hawthorne Avenue between 81 Street and 77 Street, resulting in a distance of approximately 2,000 feet between the nearest existing stops at Hawthorne/81 Street and Tatum Waterway/77 Street (more than double the average spacing between stops along the remainder of the route). The Transportation Department has received a few complaints from trolley users with regard to the long walking distance to either of the two closest existing stops. However, given the high amount of driveways along this section of Hawthorne Avenue and the limited number of on-street parking spaces, an additional trolley stop between these two existing stops is not feasible.

In response to these concerns, the Transportation Department is proposing to implement a minor modification to the current route consisting of operating eastbound on 79 Street and then southbound along Crespi Boulevard (in lieu of Hawthorne Avenue) between 79 Street and the Hawthorne Avenue/Crespi Boulevard intersection; and, additionally, to create a new trolley stop on Crespi Boulevard (Attachment). This proposed route alignment and new trolley stop will help improve passenger convenience by reducing walking distance and better serving the community in the vicinity of Crespi Park while not adversely affecting service performance.

The Transportation Department staff will monitor the performance of the proposed operational change and additional updates will be provided via LTC as needed.

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

Attachment: Revised North Beach Loop Trolley Service Route Alignment and New Trolley Stop


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North Beach Loop Modified Route Alignment



Legend

- Existing trolley stop
- New trolley stop
- New route segment
- Route segment to be discontinued



Crespi Park