

May 6, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Planning Director Carmen Sanchez, cc: City Officials

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SUBJ: Evidence on Casino Traffic Congestion Impact and Recommended Addition of a "WHEREAS" Clause in Pending Ordinances

Attached are links to, excerpts and photographs from, press reports on traffic congestion caused by casinos of the magnitude that proposed Florida State legislation would authorize within Miami-Dade County, inclusive of the City of Miami Beach.

None of the locales reported on are as constricted in vehicular access as our one-mile square barrier island, accessible only by causeways of finite capacity from the mainland to the island, and a single roadway: A1A/Collins Avenue, at its northernmost entry point.

I request that you forward to the members of the Miami Beach Planning Board, for their May 11 special meeting on ordinances prohibiting gambling establishments citywide, referred by the city commission, C4A, May 3, the attached report and my recommendation that they include in their recommendation to the city commission an additional "WHEREAS" clause following the third "WHEREAS" clause in PB items PB17-0215 and PB17-0126, as follows:

"WHEREAS, large scale casinos attract high volumes of non-resident day trip patrons whose access in the case of Miami Beach gambling establishments would require travel over Biscayne Bay causeways of limited capacity and a single access arterial at the city's northern entrance, that would create significant degradation of levels of service on those arteries and unacceptable increases in commuting time, duration of commutes, increases in service vehicle and emergency vehicle response time, inclusive of Port Tunnel traffic and commercial vehicles serving the Miami Beach economy and the city's tourist economy; and"

TRAFFIC CONGESTION GENERATED BY CASINOS

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Searches Related to commuter traffic to casinos

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Web Results

[Ilani Casino hits parking capacity on opening day, clogs I-5 for miles ...](#)

http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2017/04/ilani_casino_hits_parking_capa.html

Apr 24, 2017 ... **Traffic** backs up on northbound Interstate 5 at Carty Road in Clark County north of Vancouver. (Washington State Department of Transportation).

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We're seeing an 8 mile back up on NB I-5 near La Center. Expect long delays in the area or



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Apr 24, 2017 11:35 AM PDT

1. [Risk of traffic tangles hangs over casino bids - The Boston Globe](#)



Route 1A traffic in East Boston, already an issue, could get worse if a casino is approved

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/04/05/both-greater-boston/K7QcvW5WkNavRx4qUEfCuL/story.html> Apr 6, 2014 ... Some **casino traffic** could affect the evening **commute**, especially on Fridays, but generally “the peak drive times are a little different. It's a little ...

2. [Fears of traffic gridlock as MGM casino is set to open; officials urge ...](#)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/fears-of-traffic-gridlock-as-mgm-casino-opens-officials-urge-patience-and-planning/2016/12/06/8e926b30-b7e9-11e6-959c-172c82123976_story.html Dec 6, 2016 ... Fears of **traffic** gridlock as MGM **casino** is set to open; officials urge patience and planning. The inside track Avoid the **commuter** rush. And be ...

3. [Prince George's to outline plans for managing MGM National Harbor ...](#)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/dr-gridlock/wp/2016/10/12/prince-georges-to-outline-plans-for-managing-mgm-national-harbor-casino-traffic/> Oct 12, 2016 ... could be deployed to manage **traffic** associated with the **casino** opening. ... The MGM National Harbor **Casino** under construction in Oxon Hill, Md. (J. She has recently written about the challenges of bus **commuting**, ...

4. [Hollywood Casino Grand Opening Causes Traffic Delays in Jamul ...](#)

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Hollywood-Casino-Grand-Opening-Causes-Traffic-Delays-in-Jamul-396590671.html> Oct 11, 2016 ... **Traffic** was at a standstill in the area near The Hollywood **Casino** in Jamul ... “We've already had a tough **commute** in the morning, so this is just ...

Traffic was at a standstill in the area near The Hollywood Casino in Jamul on Monday following the casino's grand opening.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) warned motorists of heavy traffic on the State Route 94 and State Route 54 junction, as well as between State Route 125 and Honey Springs Road. CHP officers were dispatched to the area to try and alleviate the traffic, which extended for several miles in all directions.

5. [REAL-TIME TRAFFIC NEAR THE CASINO | The Press Democrat](#)

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/2223300-182/real-time-traffic-near-the-casino> Nov 5, 2013 ... The **traffic** onslaught began at 9:30 a.m. and by noon the freeway backup peaked for about an hour, stretching 24 miles south to Highway 37, he said. . . At midafternoon, Sloat said he had no official traffic count but estimated that it topped the forecast of 10,000 additional vehicles on the freeway and streets leading to the casino on the western flank of Rohnert Park.” [Graton Resort & Casino in Rohnert Park.]

6. [La Center Residents React to New Casino | World Casino Index](#)

<http://www.worldcasinoindex.com/la-center-residents-react-to-new-casino/> 2 days ago ... [Home](#)

La Center Residents React to New Casino

Posted by: [Kyle Joseph](#) on May 3, 2017

[Ilani Casino Resort](#) located near Salem, Oregon opened its doors last week, and along with that came a load of visitors who were interested in what the casino had to offer. Apart from the joy that came along with the casino's opening also came a large amount of traffic, 8 miles of traffic to be exact.

At least through the first week or so, residents of La Center are mostly less than pleased that the casino is open. Not only did it cause traffic through the main thoroughfares in and around the city, it forced local residents off their normal commutes and onto back roads and other passageways that they might not be so familiar with.

7. [Double down: Huge crowds jam ilani Casino Resort - Koin 6](#)

<http://koin.com/2017/04/23/double-down-ilani-casino-resort-to-open-monday/> Apr 23, 2017 ... After years of lawsuits from various parties, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe opened their glistening new **casino**, ilani, on Monday. And people flocked to ...

8. [Opening of MGM National Harbor casino could mean traffic ...](#)

<http://www.fox5dc.com/news/221074449-story> Dec 2, 2016 ... The MGM National Harbor **casino** will open its doors on December 8th. ... but could also mean for **traffic** headaches if you're **commuting** in National Harbor, MD