

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item G-2**  
**October 26, 2021**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

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**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Works Director, Hermes Diaz**

**Assistant Public Works Director, Jose Olivero**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item G-2 [12:26 a.m.]

Discussion regarding the maintenance of bridges in the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago: G-2. This is my item. It's a discussion regarding the maintenance of bridges in the City of Coral Gables. I wrote all of you a memo. How are you doing? I wrote all of you a memo and the Administration, just pointing out some items of concern in regards to beautification. This is about beautification. I mean, I'm not talking about spending significant amounts of monies here. I'm talking about simple things, like pressure cleaning. If it requires a simple, you know, one-off paint job, fine, but I'm not talking about, you know, making these things to a point where they look brand new. You know, that's the County's responsibility.

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City Manager Iglesias: Just the super structure is what you're talking about.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, the super structure. I'm just talking about when you look at when you drive by a bridge, it shouldn't be moldy. The sidewalks should be clean. You know, it should be appealing at least to a certain standard. Do we have those pictures? Or I don't know if we included them.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Good morning.

Mayor Lago: Good morning.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Members of the Commission, I'm Jose Olivero, Assistant Director of Public Works for Capital Improvements. And basically, I'm here to show you the 11 locations of the bridges that the City owns...

Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: In the public right-of-way with a few pictures and a summary of the maintenance work that we have done recently, and what's planned for the future.

Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: So, if I can have the PowerPoint, please.

Mayor Lago: It's up.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Okay. So, the bridges that belong to the City are the ones that you see in the orange dots or hexagons. And the first one that we're going to see is the

one in Alhambra. Hold on, give me just a second. They one in Alhambra Circle close to Taragona. And that's the actual picture of the bridge. I'm going to go from north to south. The next bridge is the one in Granada...

Mayor Lago: Can we go back to that bridge if you don't mind?

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Which one?

Mayor Lago: The one you just showed me on Alhambra.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: The picture?

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Okay.

Mayor Lago: So, that bridge right there, there was an accident there...

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Mayor Lago: About six months ago, where a car hit that bridge.

City Manager Iglesias: It hit a palister.

Mayor Lago: Yeah. I know that they fixed it, but there's several issues on that bridge. Number one, obviously the maintenance of obviously the bridge, the aesthetic maintenance. Number two, the road surface there as you go north, right when you pass that bridge is in terrible condition. And I've mentioned it several times, and I've gotten a lot of calls from residents. And I'm not sure if maybe that's up for resurfacing in the near future, but I mean, it's really bad.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, correct. And after the accident, we actually went ahead, and we painted the bridge.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Public Works Director Diaz: We fixed some cracks, and we took care of little things. The before and after -- in fact, we have as part of the traffic calming program...

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Public Works Director Diaz: There's some features that are going to go before and after, and it makes sense to do it all together. I believe there's also a sidewalk that is being proposed.

Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Public Works Director Diaz: So...

Mayor Lago: Yes, no, no. We need a sidewalk there too please.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, yes, but it makes sense to do it in one shot as opposed to doing it piecemeal because then you're bringing one thing before you do the other.

City Manager Iglesias: I believe there's a median, Mayor -- that will be done altogether.

Mayor Lago: And by the way since you brought up the issue of the sidewalks -- and I included this in my memo to my colleagues. Every bridge -- the good thing about these bridges is that they're not like in front of people's homes in most of the areas; for example, Blue Road. Those bridges are like on people's side yards, so there's no reason why there shouldn't be a sidewalk, even

to the corner. There should be a sidewalk because you have these bridges that literally is grass, then it's about a one-foot to a one-and-a-half-foot elevation, and then it gets to the bridge, and it's a sidewalk. It just doesn't make sense. So, you're asking people who are handicapped, people who are -- you know, with strollers to go up the bridge on the actual road. So, that's something that I've been saying that it's -- like, for example, the one on Blue Road, near the Blue Road open space, you know, the park...

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

Mayor Lago: That's prime to do a sidewalk there.

Public Works Director Diaz: Correct, and obviously -- well, first of all, it's a County road, so it's something that we have to engage the County on. And in addition to that, obviously, there's no sidewalks anywhere in that vicinity, so we will have to do the residents one sidewalk in front of their homes, but it's certainly something that we need to work on.

Commissioner Menendez: I want to mention the -- I know that's Alhambra. That's to the south part of Alhambra -- no? -- the exact location?

Public Works Director Diaz: Can you pull up the aerial view?

City Manager Iglesias: Just north -- it's just north of Bird, Commissioner.

Commissioner Menendez: North of Bird, okay.

Public Works Director Diaz: There.

Commissioner Menendez: Yeah. Because, yeah, definitely, I mean, I've walked that area. And the particular bridge -- there's like a block or so with no sidewalks, so you get off the bridge and it's just grass.

Public Works Director Diaz: Correct. The sidewalk has a pedestrian path that is separate from the automobile version, but there's no sidewalk before and after.

Commissioner Menendez: Yeah. And yeah...

Public Works Director Diaz: So...

Commissioner Menendez: And there's -- I think there are five houses on the south end. There are five houses that -- but there's the sidewalk a block later, like it's -- that patch -- so you have a bridge, a block with no sidewalk, and then sidewalk starts all the way to Sevilla, so it makes no sense to have...

Mayor Lago: So, let me show you. Okay, you see what the Commissioner is saying, if you're going south on Alhambra -- right? -- on the left of that photo...

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Where the sidewalk is, there's a little sliver of grass, and then it's a street that goes towards 57th Avenue.

Public Works Director Diaz: It's a dead-end street, Taragona.

Mayor Lago: Dead-end street. So, we could finish that sidewalk off right there. It's literally 10 feet.

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

Mayor Lago: Finish that sidewalk off right there. It's in nobody's yard. It's public property. And that way you have a transition from the street to the sidewalk, not a one-foot drop-off. On the other side of that bridge, you have a side yard of a house. Finish the sidewalk to the corner, so when somebody wants to use it, the sidewalk, they could just walk across the street on Alhambra and get on the other sidewalk that already exists, like Commissioner Menendez mentioned. So, those are like non-invasive sidewalks that require minimal, minimal community input because they're on side yards, or they're on public property. Let's just finish those sidewalks off so that we can kind of make it as easy as possible for people to traverse and not be confronted with traffic. Can you imagine running or walking, or being disabled and crossing that bridge as cars are coming? Because they can't under any circumstances -- they cannot under any circumstances -- if you're in a wheelchair -- get up on that sidewalk because they can't. It's grass, then it's about a foot elevation to the slab, and then the slab continues, which is your sidewalk. So, we could do that over a weekend, just like I mentioned...

City Manager Iglesias: We will look at transferring up and down.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, it's simple, just like I mentioned to you before.

City Manager Iglesias: Especially when there's no residential in front.

Mayor Lago: Yes, there's nothing.

Commissioner Anderson: Right, right.

Mayor Lago: Just like I mentioned to you before.

Commissioner Anderson: And try to maintain it in like a 1 to 12 slope so it's compliant. And to the Mayor's point on the roughness of the asphalt, it's between that bridge and Sevilla where you've got major patches of asphalt...

Mayor Lago: Major, major.

Commissioner Anderson: Missing.

Mayor Lago: Major, major.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yeah, the asphalt's delaminating in some areas.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, so another point that I mentioned before and that the Manager told me he was going to take care of it was the issue of on the Granada golf course, where the Granada golf course meets on Segovia -- isn't that on Segovia? It's Segovia, correct? The one where the flower is. There's a sidewalk and the sidewalk just dies, and then it becomes a dirt patch to the other side, behind the fountain. Do you understand?

Public Works Director Diaz: We've looked at that. There is -- we'll have to reconstruct that intersection to make that crossing. We have to do a midway crossing on Greenway.

City Manager Iglesias: We could put the sidewalk, but not...

Public Works Director Diaz: But it's something...

Mayor Lago: No, no, no, no, no. Okay, can we open that up? Let's go to the bridge. Okay, *mira*. Right there, you're there. You're good. Yeah, there you go. Open it up more so people can see it.



Keep going, keep going, stop. Okay, you see the white? That's your sidewalk. Right there, where it says Coral Way.

Public Works Director Diaz: Correct, you're right.

Mayor Lago: Keep going. That's the sidewalk.

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

Mayor Lago: All I'm telling you is to finish the sidewalk, tuck it next to the fountain, and finish it off on North Greenway Drive, just finish it off. Just so that -- right now somebody in a wheelchair or somebody in a baby carriage rides -- uses that sidewalk and then it becomes a dirt -- a mud patch.

Public Works Director Diaz: Right. The question is, once we get to Greenway Drive, where does it go? We have to do a midway crossing.

Mayor Lago: But let me tell you what we do. At least you got to Greenway.

Public Works Director Diaz: True, true.

Mayor Lago: And later, we'll worry about another day.

Public Works Director Diaz: Okay.

Mayor Lago: But we got to Greenway.

Public Works Director Diaz: Fair enough.

Mayor Lago: We got to Greenway, which is at least you got them to -- you got them off the grass and off the mud, which is something that I get this call from residents -- guys, I'm at the point where I told the Manager, I'll build it myself with my own team.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, we're going to put that sidewalk in.

Public Works Director Diaz: We'll take -- we'll do it.

City Manager Iglesias: The only thing is that we cannot -- that area doesn't lead itself to a crossing, where we can put that sidewalk in, tuck it back...

Mayor Lago: But don't worry about the crossing.

City Manager Iglesias: Tuck it back suddenly west...

Public Works Director Diaz: And extend it and tuck it back.

Mayor Lago: You know what they do? You know what you do? The Manager just -- by him explaining the crossing. If you want to go and cross there, it's perfectly simple. Just cross North Greenway Drive. There's a sidewalk there already. But you can't get to North Greenway from that sidewalk because it just abruptly ends, just like what happens on the bridge; it abruptly ends.

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

City Manager Iglesias: We will tuck it -- we will bring it north and tuck it west, Mayor, and have that little intersection there.

Mayor Lago: Please, please. That'll be a big victory for this Commission.

Commissioner Menendez: And could -- whenever it's ready, could you come back and sort of give an update on those two items...

Public Works Director Diaz: Sure.

Commissioner Menendez: The bridge and North Greenway?

Public Works Director Diaz: Absolutely.

Mayor Lago: So, getting back to the bridges. I'm sorry about that.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: No, no worries.

Commissioner Anderson: A little detour.

Mayor Lago: A little detour, but it's fine. Take advantage of it.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: The second bridge is the one in Granada Boulevard by Jeronimo.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: And...

Commissioner Anderson: That's not it.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: That's the picture.

Commissioner Anderson: That's it.

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Commissioner Anderson: That's a fun one to cross.

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Let's see, the third bridge is the one in Ponce, that one here. That's the picture of that one. Then we have the one in Pisano, which is that one here. And we do have a sidewalk -- correct? -- on the Pisano bridge.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. But you see that -- you see -- look, you see? You see, done, nothing. That's right by my house. I use that bridge all the time. Pick one side; finish the bridge. That's a side -- that's somebody's side yard.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Mayor Lago: The one to the right. Where that white car is, you see the sidewalk, that grass? Finish the sidewalk. Go all the way to the corner, and then we'll worry about the other stuff later, but at least you got to the corner.

City Manager Iglesias: The south side, Mayor, is next to a school, so it'll be easy (INAUDIBLE)...

Mayor Lago: That'd be great. You could finish (INAUDIBLE)...

City Manager Iglesias: Easy way to -- because there won't be a resident there on the south side. So, that's where West Lab is.

Mayor Lago: Easy.

City Manager Iglesias: So, it's an easy fix.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah. I mean, trying to traverse that with a stroller or something is impossible.

Mayor Lago: Those are easy wins. Easy wins for us and we look great. Easy wins.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: The next one is Hardee, between the...

Mayor Lago: See, look, okay, stop there. Look to the right. That is a two-foot drop...

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah.

Mayor Lago: From that bridge. Nobody's going to use that.

Commissioner Anderson: No one.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, Hardee actually -- there's already a sidewalk on the north side of Hardee. There's no pedestrian ramps at the corner, so we're building that out. There's some issues with building that out. It's not impossible, but you're looking at possibly a retaining wall, handrails.

City Manager Iglesias: I believe isn't that one of the gondola bridges, one of the high bridges? I think that could be one of the high bridges.

Mayor Lago: So, let me ask you a question. Because I hear -- let's answer this because I don't have the answer to this, okay. Let's leave the right as is, just clean the floor, pressure clean it, make it look nice, maintain it.

Public Works Director Diaz: Correct.

Mayor Lago: On the left-hand side, can you assure me that if I go visit there today, that there is a connection to the street where the actual sidewalk goes somewhere?

Public Works Director Diaz: So, on the north side, there's a sidewalk that goes the length of the block. What you don't have is ramps at the corners on Riviera and Granada, and that's what we're planning on building, so you can go ahead across and close the loop.

Mayor Lago: Perfect, good.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, that's what we're planning on doing at Hardee.

Mayor Lago: Perfect, good. But let's see -- but you see that side, where those sidewalks have to be cleaned, they have to be maintained?

City Manager Iglesias: That's a tough bridge, Mayor, because of the gondola issue. The...

Mayor Lago: I know.

City Manager Iglesias: It's a high bridge.

Mayor Lago: I don't have to have both sides of it done, just one side so somebody can traverse it. Especially -- I mean, listen, we said disabled, you know, people with young children, what about the elderly? How about elderly that walk every single day, that go out there for exercise? It's impossible for them. You know, if you have an accident, it could happen on one of those bridges.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Public Works Director Diaz: Next bridge, the one in Granada between Alfonso and South Alhambra Circle. And that's one of the bridges that is on our next to-do list. This bridge, about 10, 11, 12 years ago, was painted as like a limestone based paint. It was called the renaissance program, and it's supposed to mimic...

Mayor Lago: Limestone, lime rock or something.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes, a limestone type paint. So, it's supposed to mimic the weathering of all the bridges. It's actually one of our older bridges from the 1930s, so it's -- that one is one of the ones that we have next in the books to basically touch up and address. And we're going to put back the same type of paint that was there before.

Mayor Lago: Which is which colors?

Public Works Director Diaz: It's what you see. Can you go to Google, find that bridge? You can actually go back in 2008. You can show what it looked like.

Mayor Lago: That's fine.

Public Works Director Diaz: I'm sorry?

Mayor Lago: You like that color?

Public Works Director Diaz: Well, that's what it looks like now. Go to Google -- wait, wait. And that bridge looks like that because of the Commission action 10-12 -- I want to say 2009, give or take. There's an actually nice Google picture that captured it right almost after it was redone.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Where do you want to go, to Riviera and...?

Public Works Director Diaz: That's the one (INAUDIBLE). We have the world at our fingertips now.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: What year do you want to go?

Public Works Director Diaz: (INAUDIBLE). So, that's what the bridge looked like in 2011. And the idea with that paint is that it would weather over time. And...

Mayor Lago: Okay.

Public Works Director Diaz: So...

Mayor Lago: Okay.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, but the specific purpose of that paint is like it looks worn when it rains, and it's going to get some -- so we can continue.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: So, the next bridge is Prado, the one on Prado Boulevard. Cocoplum Road. That's the picture of that one. Then we have the eastbound and westbound Cocoplum Road bridges; they have it separate.

Public Works Director Diaz: And those bridges were done a couple of years ago before we started the sewer project at that location.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: So, that is the eastbound, and that is the westbound.

Public Works Director Diaz: They were painted, sealed up.

Mayor Lago: Okay.



City Manager Iglesias: So, Mayor, I think we understand you want pressure cleaning, paint the...

Mayor Lago: That's it.

City Manager Iglesias: Upper structure, and then take advantage of any sidewalk that can be done...

Mayor Lago: For example...

City Manager Iglesias: On either side.

Mayor Lago: Did you see Blue Road? Did we look at Blue Road already? Let's go to Blue Road really quick.

Public Works Director Diaz: Blue Road is not one of those bridges but put up the (INAUDIBLE).

Mayor Lago: It's -- what we're seeing here is that the City bridges are maintained.

Public Works Director Diaz: Right.

Mayor Lago: And I understand that, and you guys are doing a great job with that. But if the County is not willing to maintain the bridges, we have to do something at least to keep them so that someone who's walking up the bridge doesn't slip on the mildew and crack their head open because that -- when you see Blue Road, like the pictures that I included in my memo last week, it gets to the point where it becomes a hazard. And I walk that bridge consistently, and it's -- you don't feel like you're in Coral Gables. And that one right there could have a nice sidewalk that would not result in any intrusion in the neighborhood.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, that's the Blue Road bridge by Biltmore near the Coral Gables -  
- the Blue Road open space.

Mayor Lago: That's a prime example. Okay, look how busy -- that's a very busy street, as everyone  
is aware. There's no sidewalks. You know, people are constantly traversing...

City Manager Iglesias: And Mayor, I believe we actually painted that...

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

City Manager Iglesias: A while back for the County because they would not do it.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, and that picture right now is an old picture, obviously.

Public Works Director Diaz: It's from February.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, and we see the new now. It looks completely different. And also, you have  
the one -- you have the bridge, which is...

Public Works Director Diaz: I think there's three bridges on Blue Road.

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

City Manager Iglesias: And I believe that's work that we did for the County actually.

Mayor Lago: I would really like to see us finish off that sidewalk. And if you -- look, if you keep  
going -- go -- keep going, keep going, going, keep going. Look at this. Okay, stop right there.  
See? Look, it has -- okay, right there...

Commissioner Anderson: Trash.

Mayor Lago: You see -- pick a side. Those are both side yards. Pick a side -- there's no oaks in the way; there's no trees in the way -- and finish the sidewalk.

City Manager Iglesias: And we can use -- and the guardrail will actually buffer it. We can stop within the guardrail area, and it should be no problem.

Mayor Lago: Finish the sidewalk on one side. Finish the sidewalk. I'm pretty sure we can get the support of somebody in that neighborhood.

City Manager Iglesias: Well, but Mayor, if you see that there's a guardrail on...

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: The left-hand side, and if we do something within that guardrail, I don't think it'll be a problem because you got that guardrail buffering it. So, I think we can transition it.

Mayor Lago: That's not a problem, okay.

Vice Mayor Mena: But he wants to take it all the way to the corner.

Mayor Lago: I do.

City Manager Iglesias: That...

Vice Mayor Mena: Just to be clear.

City Manager Iglesias: That is something different.

Mayor Lago: I want to take it all the way to the corner.

City Manager Iglesias: And but that's a neighbor there, so there's...

Mayor Lago: No, it's fine. But we have...

City Manager Iglesias: But at least, Mayor, we...

Mayor Lago: You need to go and speak with them. I can do it if you want. I live right there. I can go do it, and I'll go speak with them. And I'll knock on their door, and I say, "Listen, would you mind if we put a sidewalk all the way to the corner?" Again...

City Manager Iglesias: We can work with that.

Mayor Lago: It's our swale.

City Manager Iglesias: We can work with that.

Mayor Lago: It's the City swale. People need to be able to traverse the neighborhood. Okay, this is not a bike lane. This is not -- we're not taking -- this is a -- people need to be able to walk on the sidewalks, okay. This is -- I understand it. I understand people may not want sidewalks. But this is not in front of somebody's house. This is on their side yard, where the person to your right and the person to your left have 6-foot mural walls that you can see that are built out of CBS block. You can see it on the right-hand side. Why would they care if there's a sidewalk there?

Commissioner Anderson: They shouldn't. And you know, it's a major transportation route. I mean, people wanting to get to the high school and other places need a safe way to go.

Mayor Lago: What I would like in the December Commission meeting, I would like -- and I want to do this as a test run, okay? I would like for the residents in this neighborhood to be notified. We're going to run this sidewalk all the way to the Riviera sidewalk that's coming. Pick a side, whichever side you want because you got another bridge over there. And I would like to see a sidewalk...

City Manager Iglesias: That's going towards Granada, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes, to Granada, excuse me, but all the way to Riviera Country Club.

Public Works Director Diaz: One thing, even if the City -- just want to make you aware. Even if the City were to fund the sidewalk, we still need to get County permits.

Mayor Lago: I'll get you the County permit.

City Manager Iglesias: That's a County road.

Mayor Lago: Remember, Hermes...

Public Works Director Diaz: It is a County road.

Mayor Lago: Hermes, remember they said the other day that we couldn't put pavers on Blue Road? Remember that?

Public Works Director Diaz: I just got off the phone with them and...

Mayor Lago: No, but who got the...

Public Works Director Diaz: You did.

Mayor Lago: Who got the email?

Public Works Director Diaz: You did.

Mayor Lago: You know what it took me? It took me making a simple phone call to the County and asking Mr. Director, how does this happen? And what he did was he told me, "I'll respond to you in an email." I got that email, and I sent it over to the City Manager. Guys, we can do this. I have full faith and confidence in our staff and our leadership team that we can deliver this. If you need help, this is my neighborhood. We can get this done. This is a nightmare for people to traverse. You have multiple bridges. Let's take advantage of the Riviera Country Club, which is coming now with a sidewalk, which is only two blocks away. We can do this. We'll find the funding for it.

City Manager Iglesias: This is actually a collector, so there would be -- it's City funded.

Mayor Lago: I got it. We can do it.

City Manager Iglesias: Yeah, we can do it. We have...

Mayor Lago: I know we can.

City Manager Iglesias: We have money.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, I'm still waiting for -- on the corner of Blue Road and Granada -- an answer to those residents that live there that their front yards are limestone potholes in regards to what we're finally going to do there.

Public Works Director Diaz: So, the Blue Road and Granada, there was a conversation about the signal, about talking to the County about moving the -- improving the activation on the signal and the turning movement. So, we reached out to the County to make sure that we don't want to do some improvements there only to have the County say, "No, we need a turning lane," or something like that. So, we're going to reach out to the County and see where they are on that.

Mayor Lago: Okay, so...

City Manager Iglesias: The way to resolve that, Mayor, would be going south -- going north would be a turning lane.

Mayor Lago: Exactly. And guess what, it would eat into a person's -- a little bit of the grass. But I think that people would allow you to eat up into their grass...

City Manager Iglesias: Encroach.

Mayor Lago: Instead of having a gigantic trench full of mud and rock right now. I mean, if you see what's going on there right now, it's unacceptable.

City Manager Iglesias: Because there are -- there's quite a number of cars making a left turn, and you have to go around, or you will be backed up to US-1. That's the issue.

Mayor Lago: So, in the first Commission meeting in December, the only Commission meeting we have, I would like an update in regards to this area. And I want this to be the test pilot on addressing the issue of sidewalks and delivering on sidewalks from this bridge to Blue Road -- excuse me, from Blue Road to the Riviera Country Club. And I would like to see -- when we bring this back -- an answer in regards to the Blue Road/Granada four homes in that area, and how we're going to address that turning signal issue. I would like that...

City Manager Iglesias: There is a right turn going south.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: The problem is there is no turn -- so it's widened on the north side; it's not widened on the south side of that intersection.

Mayor Lago: But Mr. Manager, I would ask you to please put that on the agenda for the December Commission. That gives us a month and a half...

City Manager Iglesias: We'll put it on the...

Mayor Lago: About a month and a half to find an answer, come with some sort of conceptual, and I will find the money.

City Manager Iglesias: No. Mayor, I think we have sidewalk money.

Mayor Lago: Thank you, thank you. Let's do this. Let's see if we can do this. This is a great project. So, what you're telling me is that the City of Coral Gables bridges look great; the County bridges not so great.

Public Works Director Diaz: We're working on them.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, I wish you had Alina Hudak there who could resolve those issues for us, but she's no longer there.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Mr. Mayor, out of the eleven that we have, we can work on four. We have two more coming, and we're planning to work on two more. So, out of the eleven, we're going to have probably eight being worked on.



Mayor Lago: Okay. Can we figure out some sort of joint agreement with the County so we can pressure clean their bridges at least? I'm not asking them to do maintenance, just pressure clean them at least maybe once a quarter so that they look -- once every six months -- so they look a little bit more respectable. Case in point...

Public Works Director Diaz: We can reach out.

Mayor Lago: The Blue Road bridges *están* unacceptable, unacceptable.

City Manager Iglesias: Maybe we can work something out, Mayor. I think...

Mayor Lago: Oh, I know. And I just don't want to spend a lot of money, and I don't want to -- I mean, they got to step up. But they're not going to step up and do it.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yeah, fortunately, yeah.

Mayor Lago: I'm going to send that memo to my Commissioner Regalado to see if she will potentially engage us.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, can I discuss this with you?

Mayor Lago: Yeah, okay.

City Manager Iglesias: Afterwards.

Mayor Lago: Okay, perfect.

City Manager Iglesias: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Gentlemen, thank you so much for your time.

Assistant Public Works Director Olivero: Thank you.

Public Works Director Diaz: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: I appreciate it.

Commissioner Menendez: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Very, very informative, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

Public Works Director Diaz: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Great work.