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Good afternoon-

My name is Jessica Keller, resident of Coral Gables.

I apologize for not providing a more thought-out message but I am only recently learning about this discussion item.

Installing sidewalks on the streets throughout the Gables is incredibly important for the health and safety of residents of Coral Gables and I am glad to see the start. While we know there are people in this City who will never walk anywhere or bike anywhere, there are plenty of us who enjoy the benefits of safe walking and bicycling infrastructure.

As mentioned in the presentation, the County will need to approve construction of the sidewalks because Blue Road is County right-of-way. The 2019 Miami Dade County bicycle master plan identifies Blue Road as a roadway for bicycling infrastructure. As you all know, the 2014 Commission adopted Coral Gables Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan also identifies Blue Road as a roadway for bicycle infrastructure.

The section of shared use path that is being constructed in front of Riviera Country Club is consistent with both of the plans I have mentioned.

The questions I pose to you: Are the residents aware that Blue Road is slated for a bicycle facility on this County owned road? Do they know what the roadway will look like if you build 6' sidewalks today and the County builds bicycle infrastructure, in their right-of-way, in the future? Why not continue a 10' shared-use path that has already begun? If the answer is "trees", a solution was designed in 2019 to construct shared use paths in order to preserve trees. A 10' shared-use path will preserve green space rather than constructing a 6' sidewalk in addition to the potential widening of the roadway that would come with bike lanes. I urge you to work with Miami Dade County and get ahead of future issues when the County comes to build their infrastructure.

Again, I am glad to see some safe pedestrian infrastructure built however you are not looking at this holistically.

Thank you.