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The Honorable Rhonda Anderson
Vice Mayor
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: Pedestrian Safety and Street Improvement Initiatives

Dear Vice Mayor Anderson:

Thank you for your letter dated August 21, 2025, and for your on-going leadership in advancing pedestrian safety and mobility in Coral Gables. We appreciate your recognition of FDOT's recent efforts.

I am pleased to report that last year we completed a road safety audit along S.R. 953/ LeJeune Road from US-1 to S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street. The audit recommended introducing a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) at the University Drive intersection as requested in your letter. We also included your request for audible pedestrian signals at the Miracle Mile and Alhambra Circle intersections in the recommendations from last year's audit. These, along with other recommendations will be incorporated as part of an upcoming resurfacing project (FDOT Project No. 447829-1) along LeJeune Road from Altara Ave. to S.W. 8 St., which is scheduled for letting (bidding) in September 2028.

FDOT also acknowledges the need to assess the traffic and signal operations at The Underline intersections within the City of Coral Gables. This review is essential to ensure a smooth and safe environment for all users, particularly considering the expected increase in pedestrian and cycling activity along The Underline path once additional segments are constructed. Our strategic vision is to propose feasible countermeasures that follow a comprehensive approach to ensure safety, consistency, and predictability among all road users.

The evaluation of exclusive pedestrian phases must be conducted on a case-by-case basis to determine where such intervals provide the greatest benefit. These assessments will carefully balance the demand for pedestrians and cyclists with the operational needs of vehicular traffic. Similarly, the evaluation of right-turn-on-red prohibitions must be performed individually at each location. In some cases, a more effective and balanced approach may involve targeted restrictions, such as prohibiting turns only during peak

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pedestrian and bicycle hours or by using dynamic “blank-out” signs that activate only when pedestrians or cyclists are present in the crosswalk.

Our team appreciates your invitation for a site visit and walking tour of The Underline and would be happy to participate. This will allow our team to observe current conditions firsthand and discuss the feasibility of these potential improvements in context. Our Traffic Operations office will coordinate with your staff to identify a suitable date/time.

FDOT values its strong partnership with the City of Coral Gables and The Underline team. Together, we can continue to deliver solutions that improve mobility, connectivity, and safety for all roadway users.

Thank you again for your leadership and collaboration. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ramon Sierra at (305) 470-5336 or email at ramon.sierra@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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