



CITY OF CORAL GABLES

MAYOR
VINCE LAGO

Dear Mayor Levine Cava,

I trust this message finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention, some matters of great importance to the City of Coral Gables. The City Commission has noticed that certain Miami-Dade County responsibilities and/or County-owned assets within the City suffer from an ongoing lack of maintenance and have fallen into a state of disrepair that is unacceptable to our City's admittedly high standards.

As a community, we are making a concerted effort to improve cleanliness and aesthetic conditions throughout our jurisdiction. For example, I recently sponsored legislation to require commercial property owners to deep clean their facades and pressure wash adjacent sidewalks at least every six months. Through heightened Code Enforcement efforts and educational campaigns, the City is doing a better job of policing trash pits and engaging residents in the upkeep of their property. The City Commission is applying these same strict standards to City-owned properties and rights of way as well- you'll notice our major thoroughfares have been, or are being, freshly landscaped and the exterior of municipal buildings and parking lots are being cleaned more frequently.

We as a City are improving our image to deliver the quality of life, we believe our residents pay for and deserve; and we need Miami-Dade County to do its part considering the City provides the county with approximately \$112,412,000 in taxpaying dollars. Below is a high-level list of items we need your help to address, our staff can work with your staff on a more detailed description, timeline, and deliverables for each request.

1. Provide regular maintenance to the five (5) county owned bridges within City limits including pressure cleaning and painting.
 - Blue Road (874302) – between University and Granada Boulevards.
 - Blue Road (874303) – between Orduna and Biltmore Drives.
 - Maynada Street (874278) – between Alfonso Avenue and S. Alhambra Circle.
 - Le Jeune Road (874275) – Le Jeune Road over the Coral Gables Waterway (This bridge is scheduled to be replaced).
 - Old Cutler Road (874295) – Old Cutler Road over the Snapper Creek canal.

Miami-Dade County is also responsible for the Cocoplum Road pedestrian bridge over the Coral Gables Waterway which also requires ongoing maintenance.



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2. Consistent lack of maintenance under the Metrorail in the Underline development area including the missing light posts that were knocked down and never replaced. During several site visits over the last two years, including our latest visit on February 9, 2023, my team noticed broken parking bumpers at the parking lots under the Metrorail, broken curbs, Metrorail walls needing to be pressure cleaned, poorly maintained landscaping and a significant amount of trash and debris throughout the area managed by Miami Dade County, including trash and debris inside swale areas.
3. Outdated and worn signage throughout the city that is under County jurisdiction (replace and update as needed).
4. Milling and resurfacing of County-maintained roadways such as Maynada Street between US-1 and S Alhambra Circle as well as portions of SW 72nd Street (Sunset Drive) and Old Cutler Road within City limits.
5. Signalization or intersection improvements at key intersections such as Blue Road and Granada Blvd. Granada Blvd. and Ponce de Leon Blvd., and Coral Way and Alhambra Circle.
6. New crosswalks at locations such as the intersection of Blue Road and Alhambra Circle and the intersection of Salzedo Street and Palermo Avenue.
7. Installation of traffic calming along County roads falling within City limits such as traffic calming that has been requested at Blue Road.
8. Review appropriate signage and striping at roundabout locations such as within the Italian Village, the intersection of Maynada Street and Hardee Road, and the intersection Barquera Street and South Alhambra Circle.
9. Maintenance of the historic trees on Old Cutler Road.

As a full-service city, I take great pride in the fact that Coral Gables is extremely self-reliant. However, we need Miami-Dade County's cooperation on these pending matters, and I hope to count on your assistance in moving things forward and resolving any unwarranted delays. Thank you as always for your partnership and for your consideration of these requests. Please feel free to call me directly anytime at 305-303-0115.



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Figure 1

Sign shown in photo has been faded and now illegible.



Figure 2

Sign shown in photo is peeling, cracked and faded.



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Figure 3

Sign shown has fallen.



Figure 4

Sign is leaning over and dirty.



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Figure 5

Parking bumps are cracked, misaligned, and a hazard to vehicles causing potential damage.



Figure 6

Parking bump shown in photo has exposed wiring causing extreme potential hazard to pedestrians and vehicles.



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Figure 7



Figure 8

Curbs are extremely damaged creating cracks and the surrounding pavement to be uneven.



Figure 9

Curb shown above is cracked.



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Figure 10

Visible stains on Metrorail track need to be pressure washed.



Figure 11

Visible stains on Metrorail track need to be pressure washed.



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Figure 12
Visible stains on pillars need to be pressure washed.



Figure 13
Visible stains on pillars need to be pressure washed.



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Figure 14
Lack of landscaping in curb.



Figure 15
Lack of landscaping in parking curb.



Figure 16
Lack of landscaping on side median.



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Figure 17
Over grown hedges growing over debris and unkept landscaping.



Figure 18
Lack of landscaping in parking curb.



Figure 19
Lack of landscaping in parking curb.



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Figure 20

Various plastic bottles left in hedges and a considerable amount of litter.



Various plastic bottles and trash left in hedges.



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Figure 22
Various plastic and aluminum bottles in hedges.



Figure 23
Trash visible from a distance under pilar underneath the Metrorail.



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Figure 24

Various plastic bottles and shoe with debris and dirt left in hedges.



Figure 25

Plastic bottles and debris left in hedges.



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Figure 26
Trash along the embankment of Blue Road
Bridge (874302).



Figure 27
Overgrown landscaping in embankment of
Blue Road Bridge (874302).



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Figure 28
Unfinished sidewalk on Blue Road Bridge
(874302).



Figure 29
Overgrown landscaping in embankment of
Blue Road Bridge (874302).



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Figure 30
Abandoned construction signage left on Blue Road Bridge (874302).



Figure 31
Debris left in embankment behind Blue Road Bridge (874302).



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Figure 32
Trash along the embankment of Blue Road
Bridge (874303).



Figure 33
Overgrown and unkept landscaping in
embankment of Blue Road Bridge (874302).



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Figure 34
Overgrown landscaping in embankment of
Blue Road Bridge (874303).



Figure 35
Overgrown and unkept landscaping in
embankment of Blue Road Bridge (874302).



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Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "V. Lago", written in a cursive style.

Vince Lago
Mayor