

The City of Coral Gables



Coral Gables City Commission

City Hall 405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

The City Beautiful

April 16th, 2024

Stacy L. Miller, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation
District Six Secretary

Re: FDOT Street Improvement Request

Dear Secretary Miller:

This year, the City of Coral Gables has experienced an abnormally high number of car-crash fatalities: we have endured as many fatalities from roadway incidents in the first quarter of 2024 as any of the prior seven years. Further, as an example of the cost of these accidents, we have suffered the loss of a beloved young college student—Daniel Bishop—who showed leadership potential well beyond his years. Daniel and the others who unnecessarily lost their lives on our roads deserved better. Therefore, we as the city commission are working diligently with our city staff and residents to safeguard our roadways for all motorists and non-motorists. Even so, we cannot solve this problem on our own and are in urgent need of your help.

As you are well aware, several state-owned roads run through our City Beautiful. And much to your credit, the Florida Department of Transportation has made significant efforts to protect our roads, including various completed and ongoing infrastructural improvements along Tamiami Trail and South Dixie Highway. We thank you for these improvements and sincerely recognize the efforts you have made for us; but more must be done.

There are concerns amongst our commission, staff, and residents that drivers speed along state roads in our city and create hazardous conditions for other drivers and non-motorists. Additionally, there are many vulnerable people like students, the elderly, and those with disabilities that use the roads and sidewalks. To rectify this, the commission has worked with city staff to identify key intersections where safety counter measures would help control traffic speeds, protect motorists and non-motorists, and better direct the flow of traffic.

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To this end, we the commission respectfully request that you conduct traffic studies along these corridors and their intersections, and if you see fit to do so add our recommended counter measures to your road system. These recommendations are in the exhibit attached to this letter.

We thank you for your prior efforts and continued support of our city. We look forward to working with you to make not only Coral Gables safer, but our surrounding communities as well.

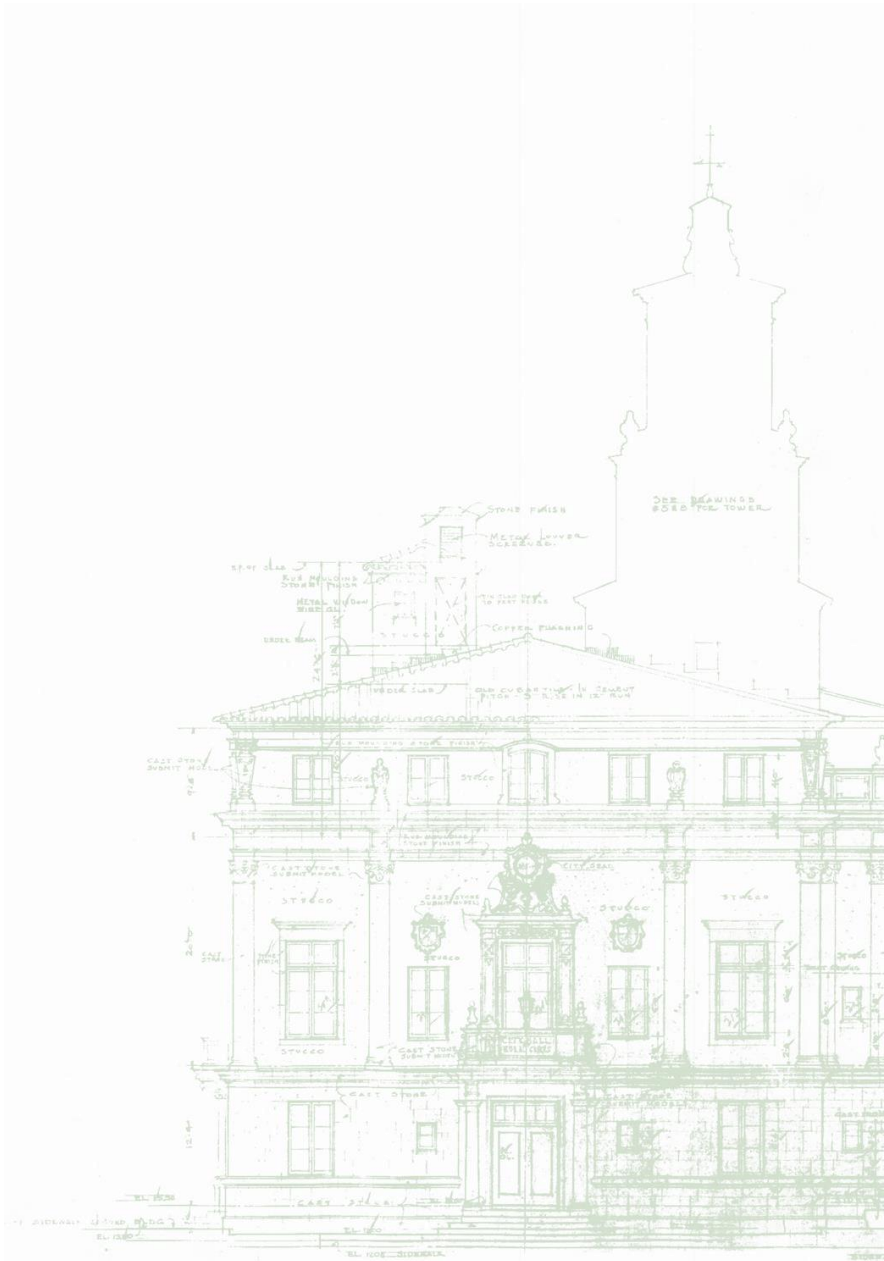
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Exhibit: *Recommended Countermeasures*

A. Countermeasure(s):

1. Lead Pedestrian Intervals with Push Buttons
2. Audible Push Buttons

Intersections:

1. Le Jeune Road & Coral Way
2. Le Jeune Road & Tamiami Trail
3. Bird Road & Granada Boulevard
4. Tamiami Trail & Ponce De Leon Boulevard
5. South Dixie Highway & Maynada Avenue
6. South Dixie Highway & Granada Avenue
7. South Dixie Highway & Riviera Avenue
8. South Dixie Highway & Douglas Road
9. South Dixie Highway & Le Jeune Road
10. South Dixie Highway & Red Road

B. Countermeasure(s):

1. No Left Turn

Intersections:

1. Le Jeune Road & Navarre Avenue
2. Le Jeune Road & Majorca Avenue
3. Le Jeune Road & Madeira Avenue
4. Le Jeune Road & Zamora Avenue

C. Countermeasure(s):

1. Speed Feedback Signs
2. Repainting & Restriping

Intersections:

1. Wherever necessary for traffic studies and road maintenance

- ❖ Locations where the Florida Department of Transportation has planned projects:

Intersections:

1. Le Jeune Road & Bird Road
2. Le Jeune Road & Andalusia Avenue
3. Le Jeune Road & Valencia Avenue
4. Le Jeune Road & Minorca Avenue

