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Dear Mayor Slesnick:

To encourage use of the public transit system, I propose a "Public Transportation Day" for the City Commission. On this day, you and the other City Commissioners will use the Miami-Dade County and Coral Gables public transportation systems to get to City Hall. I am hopeful that this will publicly demonstrate the City's interest in energy conservation by reducing the carbon footprint.

This event could be highly publicized and, at the same time, other city services highlighted. Parking garages could be marked by banners with a guide stationed in front of each garage. Public parking lots could be made more visible, and newspaper and public channel television announcements could promote the event.

To show how to use the public transportation system, I have enclosed appropriate route maps and an itinerary indicating the route suggested by Miami-Dade Transit. This material was obtained by Mr. Guido Valdes, a Coral Gables resident, from the Miami-Dade Transit Department. (Please note: Miami-Dade Transit material does not indicate Coral Gables Trolley services.)

I hope this material will be of interest to you. With rising fuel prices and higher private-parking costs, the public should be interested as well. In the end, a greater use of the public transportation system should reduce the City's parking needs.

Combined with the Commission's usage, a "Public Transportation Day" should show concern for the public's needs and identify areas where more service might be needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alfred G. Smith