



## ***City of North Miami Beach, Florida***

City Manager's Office

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July 31, 2015

Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor  
Miami-Dade County  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 NW 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

Re: Roadway Project PW000764 - West Dixie Highway: NE 163rd Street to NE 173rd Street - North Miami Beach

Dear Ms. Hudak,

The above referenced County road project is currently in the consultant selection phase, and is expected to be moving forward in the coming months. This project is extremely important to the City of North Miami Beach, especially in light of the new growth and development expected to be happening within our City. On March 17, 2015, the Mayor and Council adopted our new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning amendments designed to transform this area of the City into a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented urban village. We are very pleased that our Mixed-Use Comprehensive Plan Initiative has been selected by the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter for an Award of Merit. Our new planning approach features an emphasis on compact mixed-use urban development, and encourages walkability and a robust mix of transportation alternatives.

The initial concept for the West Dixie Highway roadway project was simply to widen the road from two to four lanes. However, after engaging in the planning process, it is now the City's desire to modify that concept, and to strive to emulate more of a "complete streets" model, to improve the capacity for pedestrian/bicycle traffic and more efficient parking (please see attached schematic of the proposed Urban Greenway). The goal would be to promote overall livability of the surrounding neighborhood, rather than simply widening the road to provide slightly more roadway capacity. Flooding has also been a problem along this corridor and is another issue to be addressed with this project.

The City would like to engage with the appropriate County staff in a timely manner in order to ensure that we are all moving towards the same positive goals and to make sure that the roadway project is aligned with the goals of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. Richard Lorber, our Director of Community Development, will serve as the point person for the City in order to coordinate the planning for this project. We are preparing to discuss the West Dixie Highway project with our Redevelopment Advisory Board on August 20<sup>th</sup> to seek their recommendation, and with our Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board on August 27<sup>th</sup> to reaffirm the City's policy direction. Following these meetings, we will advise you as to our official position on the direction the City wishes to take regarding this most important project.

As always, thank you for your continued support and assistance in such matters affecting the City of North Miami Beach.

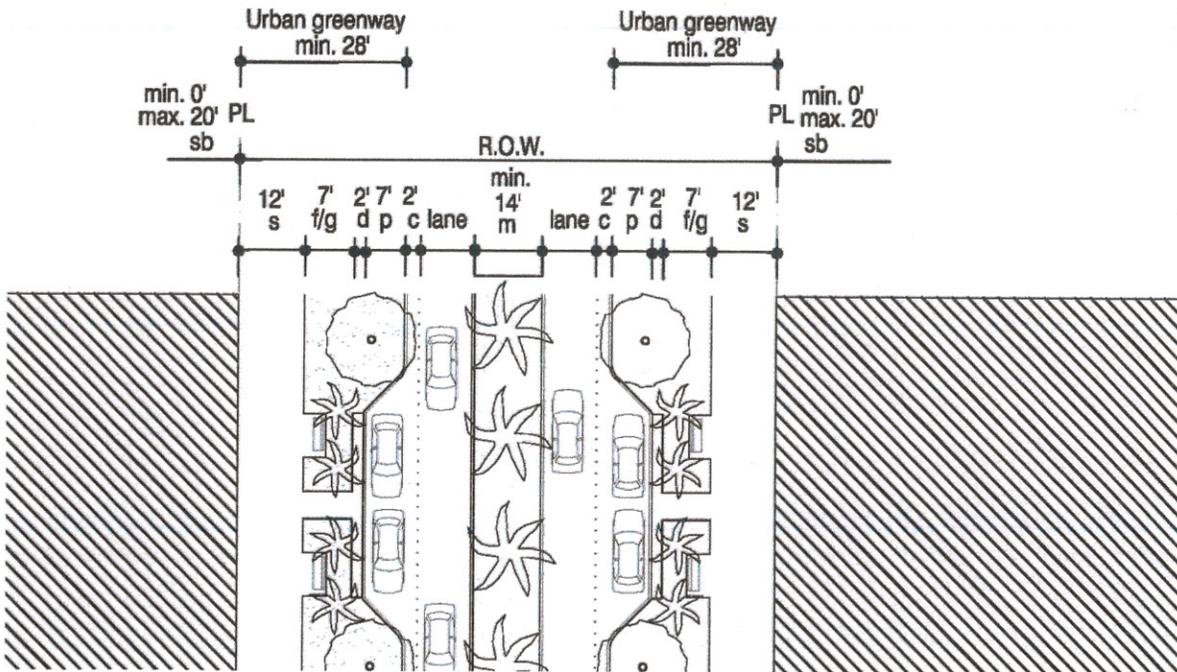
Sincerely,

Ana M. Garcia  
City Manager

C: Mayor and City Council

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FIGURE MUNC 5: URBAN GREENWAY



**Key:**

- ug: Urban Greenway
- sb: Setback
- f/g: Furnishings/green area
- s: Sidewalk
- g: Landscape Strip/tree grates
- c: Curb and gutter
- p: Parking
- d: Door zone
- min: Minimum
- R.O.W.: Right-of-way