



DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER

Board of County Commissioners

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY – FLORIDA

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 N.W. FIRST STREET, SUITE 220
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128-1963
(305) 375-5218

Mayor Karyn Cunningham
Village of Palmetto Bay
9705 Hibiscus St.
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Mayor Tim Meerbott
Town of Cutler Bay
10720 Caribbean Blvd. Suite 110
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

February 5, 2021

Dear Mayor Cunningham and Mayor Meerbott,

As you are aware, with the support of my colleagues, this week I passed a resolution that will bring the 87th Avenue connectivity project before the Transportation Planning Organization — the TPO — for a vote. During my campaign, I vowed to fight for real traffic solutions for the hardworking residents of South Dade and this is one of them. I have always been clear and consistent in my support of this project. I understand that there are varying points of view and it is important that my colleagues on the TPO are presented with both sides of this issue.

To that end, I am establishing the Community Connectivity Committee (CCC), a group of eight informed community residents - four on each side of the issue - who can meet in the same virtual space, to engage in substantive, meaningful discussion in a respectful manner. I will not be part of this committee and I will not select its membership. Instead, **I am inviting each of you, who lead the two municipalities most affected by this project, to choose who will best represent your residents' perspectives. Please submit the names and email addresses of your four committee members by Wednesday February 10, 2021 by email to Natalia Zea, Chief of Staff at District8@miamidade.gov.**

My office will provide the virtual platform, publicly notice the meetings, record the meetings and work to secure any County department officials who the committee would like to hear from during the meetings. The content of the committee meetings and structure of discussion is at the discretion of the committee. At the conclusion of these



DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER

Board of County Commissioners

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY – FLORIDA

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 N.W. FIRST STREET, SUITE 220
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128-1963
(305) 375-5218

meetings, each side is invited to submit a comprehensive detailed report outlining their positions, which I will submit for distribution to all TPO Board Members, in advance of the TPO meeting, where the item will be heard.

The zoom meeting schedule of the CCC will be (links to follow):

- **February 11, 2021 @ 7pm**
- **February 18, 2021 @ 7pm**
- **February 25, 2021 @ 7pm**
- **March 4, 2021 @ 7pm**

The CCC will allow our community to come together to speak **to** each other- not **at** each other. It will allow for the exchange of relevant facts and perspectives, in hopes of educating and reducing disinformation. It will provide a structured forum for the public to be heard. I look forward to your participation, as I know we all want the very best for South Dade.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle".

Danielle