



Office of the Mayor and Village Council

Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1 Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

January 10, 2022

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

We, the Mayor and Members of the Village of Palmetto Bay Council, are reaching out to you about the bridging issue. Specifically, we oppose building a bridge on SW 87th Avenue over the C100 canal in Palmetto Bay. Past Village Councils have opposed the bridge. We oppose the bridge.

The county's often-stated transportation policy is to encourage people to take public transit. The Village Council shares the county's commitment by voting to support the Bus Rapid Transit. We are using our tax dollars to provide a commuter I-bus service and inter-village shuttle.

Spending on public transit instead of a vehicular bridge will greatly benefit our environment. Much of the county's air pollution is generated by cars and trucks. The county has pledged to reduce carbon emissions. In contrast, it will invite people to drive and avoid public transit. Our mutual goal of public transit and a clean, healthy environment is completely undermined by building the bridge.

We ask you to oppose the bridge. We ask that you do not support it in any way.

We stand ready to meet or discuss this issue with you at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Karyn Cunningham

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