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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 1, 2016

SUBJECT: **Historic Pine Tree Drive Australian Pine Tree Scheduled Pruning**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with information regarding the pruning of the Australian Pine Trees in the medians and Right of Way (ROW) along the Historic Pine Tree Drive corridor. Miami-Dade County owns and operates Pine Tree Drive. Pine Tree Drive was designated as a historic site by the City of Miami Beach Commission on June 6, 2001 (Ordinance No. 2001-3310).

On January 8, 2014, the City retained Chuck Lippi, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist to complete a tree risk assessment. The report evaluated the current conditions of all the Australian pine trees along Pine Tree Drive from 30th Street to 46th Street. The report included risk mitigation recommendations. The Risk Assessment Report concluded all 276 trees along the corridor need structural pruning.

In November 2016, Miami-Dade County Right-of-Way Aesthetic and Assets Management will begin structural pruning of all the Australian pine trees. Over the duration of the project the City's Urban Forester will be documenting the pruning process to identify tree decay, the types of pruning cuts made and any other risk factors for inclusion in future tree risk management assessments.

Work is anticipated to begin the week of November the 6th and be complete by the beginning of January 2017. The work will commence with the northern segment. Note that no tree pruning work will occur on official City holidays or during Art Basel from December 1st through December 4th. The County shall be providing standard Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) while the tree pruning is occurring. Occasional total road closures will take place on a block by block basis during the project. The City will be conducting door to door outreach for all impacted properties, including distribution of flyers summarizing the pruning project along with applicable road closure information (Attached).

Should you have additional questions, please contact Mark Williams, City Urban Forester, (305) 673-7722.

Attachment: Project Notice

SMT/ESW/MW

CC. Historic Preservation Board
Attachments: Chuck Lippi Report

TRAFFIC IMPACT ALERT

PINE TREE DRIVE

Miami-Dade County will begin the process of pruning the Australian Pines on the Pine Tree Drive medians from 30th to 46th street. The project's anticipated time frame will be 40 days. This project will commence at the northern section at 46 street and will work its way south to conclude at 30 street.

Tree pruning activity will require a total closure of all the northbound and southbound lanes on a block-by-block basis as the project progresses. Miami-Dade County will reroute traffic around the work area(s) in order to minimize any delays. While tree pruning work is ongoing within a particular block, all on street parking will be restricted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in order to prevent any potential damage to parked cars from falling tree debris. Please note that no tree pruning will occur during official City holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.) or during Art Basel from December 1 through December 4.

For questions or concerns, please contact Mark Williams, Urban Forester of the Environment and Sustainability Department, Urban Forestry Division at 305.673.7722.