

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **490-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOTION

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of a motion passed by the Budget Advisory Committee.

The Committee approved a motion in support of the Beach Corridor Connection Project, but recommends that Miami Beach place priority on the completion of the MacArthur Causeway portion of the project, that having greater impact on traffic congestion, and not pursue an interim agreement with the Alstom Group: Greater Miami Tramlink Partnership on a fast track basis. Instead, the Committee believes it would be in the best financial interest of the City of Miami Beach to include the South Beach Light Rail as part of the bid package for the county's Beach Corridor Connection project. This should result in a lower construction cost, provide access to additional funding sources and reduce the risk of technological incompatibility with other sections of the project.

The Committee's recommendation was approved unanimously at their November 8, 2016, meeting.

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City of Miami Beach
Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting of November 8, 2016

Members Present: Jonathan Beloff, Jonathan Fryd, Brian Harris, Joseph Landesman, Carl Linder, Susan Rosenthal, Ronald Starkman, Steve Zuckerman

Members Absent: None

Motion made by: Jonathan Fryd
Motion Second by: Jonathan Beloff

Motion Text:

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) approved a motion supporting the overall transportation goals of the City of Miami Beach however recommends that the Commission consider slowing the negotiation timeline of the Light Rail/Modern Street Car project in order to provide more time for the exploration of financial sources, community impact, and conclusion of environmental and other pertinent surveys.

Motion Passage: Vote 8-0-