

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

TO: Honorable Commissioner Xavier Suarez
FROM: Commissioner Vince Lago 
DATE: February 28, 2018
SUBJECT: Temporary Traffic Diverters Algardi, Cantoria and Garcia

A multitude of residents who reside in the City of Coral Gables within your district have approached me regarding the temporary traffic diverters on Algardi, Cantoria and Garcia. Since 2014, these residents have vocalized their primary concern relating to public safety. These temporary diverters were installed by the City of Coral Gables with the intention of reducing the amount of speeding vehicles on these streets. Prior to the installation of these diverters, the residents in this area have met on numerous occasions with Coral Gables City staff and have submitted an application subject to the county's review for permanent diverters.

Currently, Miami Dade County's Public Work's Department have mandated the City to remove the temporary diverters as they claim that these diverters are the route cause in traffic delays of approximately one minute on Red Road (57th Ave). There are many reasons which I believe contribute to the 1-minute delay for example, the construction on Bird Road and 57th Ave which has paralyzed that intersection for weeks while the study which concluded these diverters were causing delays was ongoing.

On behalf of the residents who reside in this area, constituents of your district, I would like to request a Sunshine Meeting hosted at Coral Gables City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Commission Chambers 2nd Floor at 9:00 am. It would be most effective if Miami Dade County Public Works staff is invited to join this discussion as well. The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss the reconsideration of the decision made by Miami Dade County Public Works Department to remove these diverters. The time for action is now. As elected officials, it is our duty to be the representing voice for our residents. We must take into consideration the public safety and the quality of life for the residents in our city.

We look forward to continued leadership and always making yourself available, especially on such short notice.

Cc: City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
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