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LETTER TO COMMISSION
No.: 07-2025

To: Mayor Charles W. Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, and
Members of the Town Commission

From: Mark Blumstein, Acting Town Manager *MB*

Date: January 8, 2025

Subject: **Town of Surfside Street Closures and Traffic Flow Modifications –
Miami-Dade County Letter from the Mayor dated November 7, 2024**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you that we have a scheduled meeting tomorrow, 9 January 2025, at 4:00 p.m., with Miami-Dade County, Department of Transportation and Public Works, to discuss the subject letter and related matters.

You will recall that the subject letter directed the Town to take immediate action as to some items, while providing a window of time by which to address other items, all of which is expected to be addressed during this scheduled meeting.

I will keep you apprised of developments as warranted. A copy of the subject letter is enclosed for your ready reference.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me.

Enclosed: MDC Letter dated November 7, 2024



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

November 7, 2024

Charles Burkett, Mayor
Town of Surfside
9293 Harding Avenue
Surfside, FL 33154

RE: Town of Surfside Street Closures and Traffic Flow Modifications

Dear Mayor Burkett:

From our July 19, 2024, meeting with Town of Surfside (“the “Town”) leadership, the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) understands the Town’s commitment to safety and reduction of cut-through traffic through the Town. As agreed during the meeting, DTPW staff completed a survey of all roads within the Town to determine the extent of traffic flow modifications and traffic control signage installed throughout the network without proper County approval. The survey revealed that 12 traffic flow modifications—such as closures, diverters, and speed humps—were implemented within the Town without County approval. Additionally, 17 multi-way stop control signs were installed without authorization from the County, and the Town unilaterally reduced the speed limit to 20 miles per hour (mph) on all roads within the Town with the exception of Harding Avenue and Collins Avenue. Two arm gates were also erected to restrict traffic on 88th Street and on Abbott Avenue, contributing to multiple unapproved modifications over time (Exhibit A).

In 2022, DTPW reviewed several proposals from the Town documented in a Traffic and Pedestrian Safety report submitted through the County’s permit portal. These proposals included several full closures or partial closures including Bay Drive at 96th Street (currently temporarily closed), Carlyle Avenue between 93rd Street and 94th Street, 95th Street at Abbott Avenue (west leg), and Abbott Avenue between 92nd Street and 93rd Street. Further the report proposed traffic circles on 91st Street at Emerson Avenue, Froude Avenue, and Abbott Avenue and Carlyle Avenue at 88th Street. Speed tables or raised crosswalks were also proposed at Byron Avenue and 95th Street, Abbott Avenue between 92nd Street and 93rd Street, Carlyle Avenue between 93rd Street and 94th Street, and Emmerson Avenue between 90th Street and 91st Street. Upon review, the report was disapproved with several comments, including a request for the Town to provide to the County documentation substantiating whether existing street closures within the Town had received County approval.

On November 4, 2024, DTPW was made aware of another unapproved traffic modification restricting westbound, southbound, and northbound traffic on 95th Street, which was actively being enforced by Town police. On November 5, 2024, DTPW staff visited the intersections to observe the operation and document conditions. Based on the observations and the comprehensive review of all street closures and traffic flow modifications, the County requires the immediate removal of the unauthorized gates and

street closures on 88th Street and on Abbott Avenue. Further, the Town's police shall immediately cease operations related to limiting traffic flow. Further, the Town is required to complete and resubmit the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study within 8 months to demonstrate viability of the existing closures and diverters on:

- Carlyle Avenue at 96th Street
- Abbott Avenue at 94th Street
- Abbott Avenue at 95th Street
- Abbott Avenue and 88th Street
- Byron Avenue and 88th Street
- 94th Street and Abbott Avenue

Failure to secure approval from the County of said closures and diverters will result in the immediate need to remove some or all of the closures and/or traffic control devices.

As part of the assessment and based on the traffic flow characteristics of the Town's network, the following traffic calming measures can be maintained without additional analysis:

- Retain existing stop signs as depicted in Exhibit A;
- Implement previously approved but uninstalled traffic flow modifications;
- May maintain a reduced speed limit on all local residential roads within the Town; however the speed limit must be modified to 25 mph, as opposed to 20 mph, to ensure consistency with Countywide analysis;
- Retain speed humps installed on local residential streets throughout the Town as depicted in the attached map;
- Maintain existing traffic circles at Bay Drive and Abbott Avenue; however, design should be compliant with traffic circle standards and current best practices; and
- All road closures or diverters associated with the circles must be removed.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at any time.













Sincerely,



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Office of the Mayor
Miami-Dade County

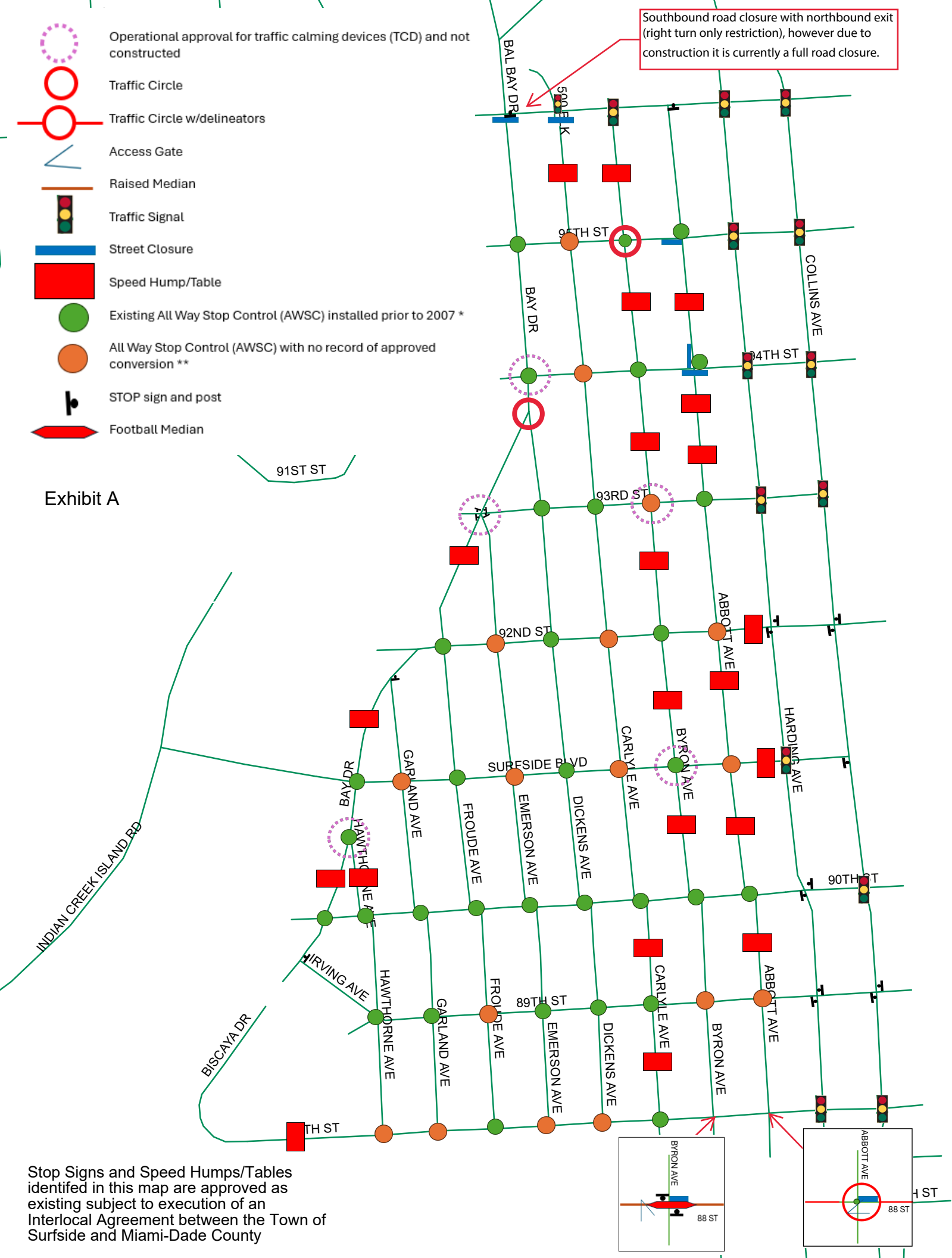
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-  Operational approval for traffic calming devices (TCD) and not constructed
-  Traffic Circle
-  Traffic Circle w/delineators
-  Access Gate
-  Raised Median
-  Traffic Signal
-  Street Closure
-  Speed Hump/Table
-  Existing All Way Stop Control (AWSC) installed prior to 2007 *
-  All Way Stop Control (AWSC) with no record of approved conversion **
-  STOP sign and post
-  Football Median

Southbound road closure with northbound exit (right turn only restriction), however due to construction it is currently a full road closure.

Exhibit A



Stop Signs and Speed Humps/Tables identified in this map are approved as existing subject to execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Surfers Paradise and Miami-Dade County