

LETTER OF INTENT

TO: City of Miami Beach Planning Department: Design Review Board

FROM: Ariel Guitian, Senior Project Manager, CIP

DATE: August 29, 2024

SUBJECT: West Avenue Phase II Improvements Project, West Avenue Right-of-Way

The Office of Capital Improvement Projects hereby submits an application to the Design Review Board, of the West Avenue Phase II Improvements Project, Right-of-Way Improvement, which will extend from 14th Street to the Collins Canal along the North-South axis and from just west of Alton Road to Biscayne Bay, along the East-West axis, including all side streets in between.

The West Avenue Phase II Improvements Project will be a Design/Build project which includes installing a Storm Water Treatment System (SWTS) and raising the elevation of the roadway to minimize street flooding, as part of the City of Miami Beach Rising Above Resiliency Strategy. The City has contracted Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc., in association with CES Consultants, as Design/Builders to perform the work.

This Right-of-Way Improvements project, along with its associated SWTS, represents a comprehensively defined Neighborhood Improvement program, focused on resolving challenges associated to climate impacts and ancient infrastructure and as such, it will include new infrastructure improvements, such as; storm water drainage system, fire hydrants, sanitary sewer main, water main and service lines, as well as elevating the roadway, constructing new curb, gutter and sidewalks, installing new crosswalk pavers at various intersections, installing new signage and pavement markings, installing new protected bicycle lanes along West Avenue, installing new street and pedestrian lighting and traffic signals, repaving Alton Ct. St., harmonizing the new roadway elevations to adjacent properties, constructing a section of the Baywalk and seawall at the Lincoln Rd. street end, beautifying the street-ends at 16th Terrace, 16 Ct., Bay Rd. and Lincoln Rd. to be converted into small parks and installing new landscaping on the entire site.

The West Avenue Phase II Improvements project was most recently presented to the Design Review Board on April 5, 2022 with respect to the above ground features that will be installed with the project including new emergency generators, street lights, and the other items listed above. Subsequently to this presentation a DRB Order was issued that required further development of landscape screening of the emergency generators and samples of the street lights as such, a new DRB hearing is warranted. Based on the above information, the applicant respectfully requests your favorable review of this application. If you have any questions or comments regarding the application, please contact me at (Phone Number),

Sincerely,

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Cc: David Martinez, P.E, Director CIP
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