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Mayor Manny Diaz and Commissioner Michelle Spence Jones, District 5, Hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Buena Vista Heights Road Improvements Project, Phase I

(Miami, Florida)—City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and Commissioner Michelle Spence Jones, District 5, will join city administrators, civic leaders and area neighbors for a groundbreaking ceremony, Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 10:30am to mark the start of the Buena Vista Heights Road Improvements Project—Phase I. The press conference will take place at the intersection of NW 39 Street and NW 1st Avenue.

The project location is bounded by the area of NW 38 Street from North Miami Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue, NW 39 Street from North Miami Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue, NW 40 Street from North Miami Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue and NW 1st Avenue between NW 38 – 40 Street.

The roadway improvement project will involve a number of improvements including street milling and resurfacing, sidewalks repairs, ADA ramps, re-sodding swale areas, reconstruction of curb and gutter, pavement markings, limited landscaping and storm drainage as needed.

The estimated cost of the project is $695,357 with funding provided by the Local Option Gas Tax and Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond Dollars.

The community will participate in the groundbreaking with a tree planting ceremony of a Golden Shower Cassia along the SE corner of NW 1st Avenue and NW 39 Street.

The City will start the second phase of this project next year at the area bounded by NW 45 Street to the North, NW 40 Street to the South, North Miami Avenue to the East and NW 2nd Avenue to the West. The anticipated scope of work will include milling and resurfacing of existing roads, new 6” curbs, re-grading and re-sodding swale areas, limited landscaping, new drainage as needed, pavement signing and markings, ADA ramps and sidewalk repairs. The future cost of the second phase has been estimated at $5.5 million with funds provided by the Street Bond Program.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Capital Improvements, Danette Perez (305) 416-1286 or Zimri Prendes (305) 416-1284.

WHO: Mayor Manny Diaz, District 5 Commissioner Michelle Spence Jones, civic leaders, area neighbors and city administrators

WHAT: Groundbreaking ceremony and community tree planting to announce the start of the Buena Vista Heights Road Improvements Project—Phase I

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