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KFHA Resolution for the Kendall Community Regarding Traffic Improvement

In January of 2016, the Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations (“KFHA”) passed a Resolution calling for a Moratorium on new development in Kendall until the traffic problem was alleviated, or at least vastly improved. Sadly, the past four years have only brought us more traffic and our quality of life continues to diminish as we spend more and more time in our cars getting from place to place.

We agree that answers are not easy and, while Miami-Dade County has spent millions of dollars on studies these past years, development pressures continue and have not diminished, and our daily commutes grow longer by the day. Unfortunately, the Moratorium we suggested in 2016 was ignored and the past four years have seen no viable solution to our traffic, until now.

However, the KFHA Board of Directors strongly disagrees with the proposed solution by the Kendall Drive Rapid Transit Study. The idea of closing the right lane on Kendall Drive for Bus Rapid Transit, squeezing three lanes of traffic into two on Kendall Drive would be a nightmare even horror novelist Stephen King couldn’t imagine. County leaders have crushed us with overdevelopment and we implore you to **NOT** put the final nail in the coffin with this disastrous idea.

Instead, we offer the following suggestions.

IDEA #1

The KFHA would support Bus Rapid Transit with the following conditions:

1. Bus Rapid Transit **without** restricting the right lane from auto use
2. Providing:
 - A. Level boarding
 - B. Reduced headways (buses more frequent)
 - C. Bus signal priority
 - D. All-door boarding
 - E. Stations with air conditioning and lighting

3. Implementing high impact traffic and safety improvements to reduce travel time for buses and 94-97% of vehicle travel by autos, to include:
 - A. Intersection improvements to:
 1. Eliminate split-phase signals
 2. Increase green signal band width
 3. Increase capacity to reduce travel time
 4. Increased safety for vehicles and pedestrians
 - B. Left turn flyovers at critical locations
 - C. Grade separation or interchanges

IDEA #2

METRORAIL. We know it is expensive and we believe it is the *best alternative for the future*. The KFHA encourages Miami-Dade County to think forward to future generations and commit to funding this alternative so that our children and grandchildren will look back and thank today's generations for our foresight. This is our preferred choice.

LAST THOUGHTS:

If either Idea #1 or #2 cannot be implemented, then we suggest:

Work with what we have now to fully modernize our signal lights & intersections and “hope” that futuristic modes of transportation (smart cars and smart technology) provide a fix we never imagined.

In the meantime, we suggest the **Moratorium** we asked for in 2016 be considered until relief has been provided. We've had enough!!



Michael Rosenberg, *KFHA President*

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