



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Councilmember Tony Lama

Subject: Miami Lakes Traffic

Date: February 2, 2016

Recommendation:

I'm increasingly getting frustrated...as are the residents...with the traffic situation in Miami Lakes. We conducted a traffic summit. Councilman Rodriguez and I met with FDOT. We have sent letters to each agency with our recommendations and requests. We have 484 new homes being built in Miami Lakes. We have a Mega Mall being constructed in our back yard. All I can tell residents is what we have done thus far and the ideas that have been floated, but I have no REAL concrete answers on how we are going to solve the traffic and congestion issues in Miami Lakes. People are talking about moving out of our town because of our traffic. If I were considering moving my business to Miami Lakes, I would NOT do it based on the situation today. Frankly, if I had to wait 20-30 minutes to leave my neighborhood, I'd be as angry as the residents that continue to rightfully email and message us WEEKLY!

I don't want to sit idly any longer. I don't want to continue to tell residents that we have ideas and no concrete plans. I don't want to continue to have our quality of life erode. I am NOT going to assume that bureaucrats outside of Miami Lakes have our best interest at heart. I will NOT put our future in their hands and assume they will take care of us!

This is a serious conversation we need to have. I want to discuss with my colleagues how else we can send a firm and strong message to all of the respective agencies that we want a plan, that we want it soon, and that we will NOT have our quality of life taken from us in Miami Lakes. Our residents deserve better. I will no longer accept the answer that "it's a problem countywide" and we have to accept the status quo. We need commitments, we need ownership of this issue, we need accountability, and we need a plan to resolution.

Update:

In addition to the serious traffic concerns of our community. I would also like to discuss this article (link below) with my colleagues. Lennar or Lennar affiliates have acquired 130 acres of land directly west of I-75 and of Miami Lakes.

While I am a free market advocate, I am extremely concerned, as are the residents of our town, with the traffic that this will generate in NW Miami Dade County. We need to discuss and take a strong position on the opening of NW 154 Street and NW 170th Street and make our position unequivocally clear to our legislators, FDOT, and our residents.

<http://therealdeal.com/miami/2016/01/26/lennar-adds-to-area-holdings-with-41m-land-buy-in-hialeah/>

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments:

Lennar adds to area holdings with \$41M land buy in Hialeah Article