MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My sincere congratulations on our recent step forward of review of the 6-lane alignment. State Sen. Steve Farley has stated on TV that private investors are interested in the expansion of the Modern Streetcar. I believe we need to prepare Broadway for that future with full improvements. We cannot allow those funds to disappear or be delayed. Here is the link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fyvvd3ruEC0&feature=youtu.be

As noted at our recent meeting, below here is “food for thought” on the series of recommendations I believe we should seriously consider in addition to the alignment to fulfill the vision of our individual and communal goals and needs of Broadway and its businesses. Yes, I have extensive description of these motions to share when appropriate or as applicable to your suggestions.

BROADWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT;
A UNIQUE BOULEVARD REQUIRES A UNIQUE DESIGN SOLUTION
“If you build it, they will come”

Project Vision:
Imagine a Design solution where the majority of buildings are retained with wide sidewalks at entries at the front wall of each building at both sides of the boulevard (the “Broadway Village concept” but with SHADE trees!). Imagine a Design solution where the roadway elements fit between these entry sidewalks (our “baseline location for design”) as practical.

BRIEF LISTING OF MOTIONS OF SUGGESTED DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

Main Motion Request, Directive: 6-Lane Alignment Design Selection.

Second Motion Request, Directive: Transit Implementation Timetable.

Third Motion Request, Directive: Required Parking Creation & Assistance.

Fourth Motion Request, Directive: Site/Building Personalization: Identify & Retain (as possible).

Fifth Motion Request: 3-D Drawings, Movie of our Design Vision (sim. to Modern Streetcar film).

Sixth Motion Request: Full Agency/Owner Cooperation, Confirmation of Funding in Writing

Seventh Motion Request: Create an Overlay Zone with Design Guidelines to incentivize, promote & retain the Sunshine Mile Design Integrity & compliment the PC Bond Program

Eighth Motion Request: Contractor Notice to Businesses: Scheduling, Coordination of the Project Construction

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