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May 30, 2024

Mr. Randall D. Overton
Seventh Coast Guard District
909 S.E. 1st Avenue
Miami, FL 33130-3050

Dear Commander Overton,

The Palm Beach Civic Association, the largest civic-focused organization in Palm Beach, is in favor of the newly proposed federal rule that would make permanent the reduced bridge openings during workday peak rush-hour travel times on the Flagler Memorial, Royal Park, and Southern Boulevard bridges.

We believe that the reduction in rush-hour openings on the three bridges has helped to alleviate vehicle congestion.

When the bridges go up during peak travel times, the result is gridlock on both sides. The traffic congestion results in travel delays and often blocks intersections, causing safety concerns.

The Civic Association appreciates the Coast Guard's willingness to work with the Town of Palm Beach, surrounding communities, and other regional transportation partners to propose a solution that can benefit traffic on the town's three major arterial roadways.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,



Michael J. Pucillo
Chairman and CEO
Palm Beach Civic Association