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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR DWNTWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT-PHASE I

Downtown's Makeover: Improvements and Enhancements Ready to Begin!

(Miami, Florida)--City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, joined by City Commission Chairman, Joe Sanchez and District 2 City Commissioner, Marc Sarnoff along with board members of the Downtown Development Authority, city administrators, area merchants and neighbors will participate in the **groundbreaking ceremony for the DWNTWN Beautification Project-Phase 1, on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 10:30am, on SE 3rd Avenue and 1st Street-in front of Starbucks.**

The transformation of Miami's Downtown is ready to begin! The City of Miami in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) planned this much anticipated renovation which will breathe new life and bring about the economic vitality necessary to make Downtown a destination for tourists, merchants and residents alike. The proposed enhancements and improvements include: milling and resurfacing of selected streets and placement of new pavement markings. All cracked and/or broken sidewalks and curbs and gutters will be replaced and all pedestrian ramps will be replaced (except on Flagler St.). There will be new landscaping and hardscaping improvements throughout the project area to include trees, shrubs and benches; lighting conduit and pull boxes will be installed on the NE 1st Street from Biscayne Boulevard to NW 2nd Avenue and on SE 1st Street from Biscayne Boulevard to SW 2nd Avenue (the installation of light poles to utilize this newly installed conduit will be done as part of Phase II.)

The estimated project cost for this phase is \$4,000,000. The funding source is Street Bonds. The Miami DDA is working with the City of Miami on the design of the upgrades, the coordination of contractors and businesses and is contributing approximately \$200,000 toward the funding of the project. The estimated time of completion is June, 2008. Construction hours will take place Monday – Friday from 5:00pm to 6:00am.

For more information, contact City of Miami Capital Improvements Program at (305) 416-1286.

WHO: Mayor Manny Diaz, City Commission Chairman Joe Sanchez, District 2 Commissioner Marc Sarnoff, Downtown Development Authority board members, city administrators, area merchants and neighbors

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Where Community Comes First!

