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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Coast Guard to Change Operating Schedule for 63 Street Bridge** *– Big Win for Reducing Traffic Congestion on Miami Beach –*

**Miami Beach, FL:** After over a year of discussion with the City of Miami Beach and hundreds of residents providing public input, the United States Coast Guard is changing the operating schedule that governs the 63 Street Bridge across Indian Creek. This new rule implements a restriction that allows the bridge to remain closed during peak vehicle traffic times.

According to the Coast Guard's final ruling, "Bridge openings during peak vehicle traffic times cause major traffic jams that may be avoided without negatively impacting vessel traffic on the Indian Creek. Modifying the bridge operating schedule will reduce major vehicle traffic issues during rush hour times."

"We are thrilled with the Coast Guard's decision and thankful to the hundreds who weighed-in to support this initiative that will undoubtedly ease traffic congestion," said Commissioner Micky Steinberg. "This is truly a victory for the residents of Miami Beach."

This rule will be implemented 30 days from today. The bridge will not open for commercial or recreational vessels during morning and afternoon rush hour from 7:10 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. and 4:05 p.m. to 6:59 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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