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Theodore J. Marshall
Vice-Chairman
Surfrider Foundation
9 Island Avenue, Suite 501
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

RE: Parking and Beach Access at Haulover Bridge

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The Department of Transportation is in receipt of your letter of November 17, 2006, where you on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation, South Florida Chapter address the closure of public access and related parking on property owned by the Department and leased to the Village of Bal Harbour. Your letter further enumerates an extensive summary of alleged violations by the "Village" and/or the private developer at One Bal Harbour.

Let me assure you that these allegations are being investigated fully and that the Department has already met with officials from the "Village" to address your concerns and to ensure that the Department's property is put to its intended use.

Furthermore, The Department has demanded that public access to the beach and parking be made available immediately, and that no charge should be assessed to the public for such parking in that area. The Department is closely working with the "Village" to handle these issues and concerns and will keep the Foundation informed of our progress.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Paul Wilson of our Property Management Section at (305) 470-5178.

Sincerely,

John Martinez, P.E.
District Secretary

cc: Javier Rodriguez, Director of Transportation Development
Gus Pego, Director of Operations
Michael Schloss, General Counsel
Alejandro Casals, District Right of Way Manager
Paul Wilson, District Right of Way Administrator, Property Management