

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust

Notes from the Intergovernmental Task Force Meeting

June 6, 2005

The Intergovernmental Task Force meeting at Key Biscayne City Hall was relatively small with only approximately one dozen members participating. (See Sign-in Sheet)

Highlights:

- The meeting reviewed the Memorial Day traffic situation during the three-day weekend on Virginia Key and Key Biscayne. Traffic peaked during mid-day and at some points during the weekend traffic reached such heavy levels it backed up on I-95 South and US1 West to 27th Avenue. Most of the heavy traffic on US1 was from boaters. (See Graphs)
- Crandon Park closed at Noon on Sunday and Monday due to heavy visitor ship. Bill Baggs state park closed twice and had traffic so heavy that for a 90-minute period the gridlock in the state park required 1 hour and 15 minutes to leave just the state park property.
- Everyone at the meeting agreed some forms of electronic signs are needed to warn of the beach closing due to capacity. However, it is understood that signage is needed on I-95 South and US-1 to stop traffic before it gets to the Key toll road.
- The Miami-Dade County Public Works Toll Road department spoke of a possible hike in toll costs from the current fee of \$1 to approximately \$1.50. It is agreed that this hike will probably not deter anyone from visiting Virginia Key or Key Biscayne.