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Madam Mayor and City Commissioners:

While I am completely in favor of the Phase I Sea Wall Project at the Southernmost Point, I want to go on record with concerns I have about Phase II of the Project.

Because I live at the corner of South Street and Whitehead Street, I have years of experience watching what happens at the Southernmost Point. The proposal to make the road and sidewalk all at the same level will encourage tourists to think this is a pedestrian plaza rather than a road and two sidewalks. The raised sidewalks signal to pedestrians that there is a difference between them and the road.

Already at the intersection of South Street and Whitehead, the road appears to be more of a pedestrian plaza that leads tourists to disregard the sidewalks. This is already a clear safety issue, and I don't think we want to extend the safety issue along the entire distance of South Street and Whitehead Street. I understand that the bollards at the intersection of the two streets will help contain pedestrians, but they do not extend the entire length of the street, and they are not the most beautiful addition to the Southernmost Point!

My other concern is with drains on our streets that don't work properly. The sea wall project will certainly have a positive effect on the amount of water in our streets, but adequate drains and/or pumps to remove water will add significantly to the attractiveness of the Southernmost Point.

I hope that my concerns will be addressed at a public meeting before Phase 2 is undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

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