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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners:

RE: Buoy Improvement Project, Key West, Florida.

Thank you for allowing us to meet with your senior staff regarding the Southernmost Point Buoy Plaza project. I left the meeting with a clearer understanding of the work and confidence that the City is committed to addressing our drainage and safety concerns.

I respectfully request that the following items be included in the final plan:

#### Buoy/ Tourist Controls:

- Relocate the visitor line from the front of my property on South Street to the sidewalk along Whitehead and possibly provide shade for the people waiting to take buoy photos.
- Consider keeping the “new” Buoy in the Duval St Pocket Park to reduce the pressure on the Southernmost Point by allowing for an alternative photo opportunity/location.
- Remove benches in the plaza area to discourage evening/ nighttime loitering.
- Remove a couple of parking spaces on Whitehead, on the Navy side near the buoy, to widen the sidewalk and make the buoy line safer.

#### Stormwater:

- Install a double check valve on the outfall pipe and a one-way flow opening near the buoy to prevent water from flowing back into the neighborhood.
- Add a secondary pipe on South and Whitehead to the outfall to provide backup if the primary pipe clogs and to increase water storage capacity, especially since the roadway is already being replaced.

#### Parking/ speeding:

- Designate some residential parking spaces in front of the homes on South Street, as there are several homes on this block and no residential parking.
- Reduce the speed limit in this area to 10 mph.
- Move the planned signage near my neighbor’s gates so it does not block their gate.
- Relocate the parking pay-station near Sandy’s lot further toward Duval Street to reduce conflicts between cars entering the lot and people near the machine.

I support this project and ask that you approve the Toppino & Sons bid with the above changes so the work can proceed without delay. Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry A. Olynger, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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