


# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## --MEMORANDUM--



**TO:** Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., *City Manager*

**FROM:** Vince Lago, *Mayor* 

**CC:** Joe Gomez, *Deputy City Manager*  
Carolina Vester, *Assistant City Manager*

**DATE:** May 14, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Areas Adjacent to The Underline - Maintenance Issues

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Over the past several years, The Underline has become one of the most transformative public infrastructure and community enhancement projects in South Florida. The investment made by the City of Miami, the City of Coral Gables, the City of South Miami, Miami-Dade County, and community stakeholders is substantial and has significantly improved connectivity, mobility, public space activation, and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Coral Gables alone has made a multi-million-dollar investment in The Underline, and that investment should not stop at the right-of-way. During a recent site visit to the municipal parking lot at Ponce de Leon and Suarez St., our office observed several maintenance and cleanliness concerns including litter, little or poorly maintained landscaping, abandoned parking meter poles, and broken parking bumpers. While this segment of The Underline has not yet been constructed, it is an opportunity to make any necessary adjustments to ensure that when complete, the surrounding areas reflect the significant public investment and community pride associated with The Underline.

I would like to respectfully request staff to study opportunities for improvements, including landscaping improvements, addition of trash receptacles, replacement of broken parking bumpers, and complete removal of obsolete parking meter poles. The study should not be limited to this parking lot but rather should extend to all three miles of The Underline.

Please see the attached photographs documenting several of the maintenance concerns.

**City Parking Lot – Ponce de Leon & Suarez St.**  
*Photos taken May 13, 2026*



Large amounts of litter.



Area looks unmaintained.



Landscaping in poor health.



Broken and out of place parking bumpers.