

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO:

- 1) **COLLABORATE WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OVERTOWN GREENWAY PROJECT, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE FUTURE DEDICATION OF A STRIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND**
- 2) **REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING WITH AN UPDATE AND CORRESPONDING ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING DETAILS ON THE DEDICATION OF LAND, ONCE THE CITY CONCLUDES ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The City of Miami (City) is contemplating the implementation of the Overtown Greenway Project (Greenway Project), along NW 11 Street, between NW 3 Avenue and NW 7 Avenue. The Greenway Project, which lies within the historical Overtown community, has as its main objectives to provide the community with: safe greenways paths; a more direct pedestrian and bicycle route through the area; lighting improvements; and supervised play areas to encourage outdoor physical activity by the community. The Greenway Project is planned largely within the existing right-of-way, although portions of it would seem to require some land participation from the School Board, specifically along the southern boundary of Booker T. Washington Senior High.

The safety components of the Greenway Project will complement proposed infrastructure improvements at Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary Schools, which are participants in a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program award, endorsed by the School Board in April 2009, under an agenda item proffered by School Board Chair, Perla Tabares Hantman. The SRTS improvements will be incorporated in the Greenway Project so as to make it safer for students to walk and bicycle to school and to the surrounding community activity centers.

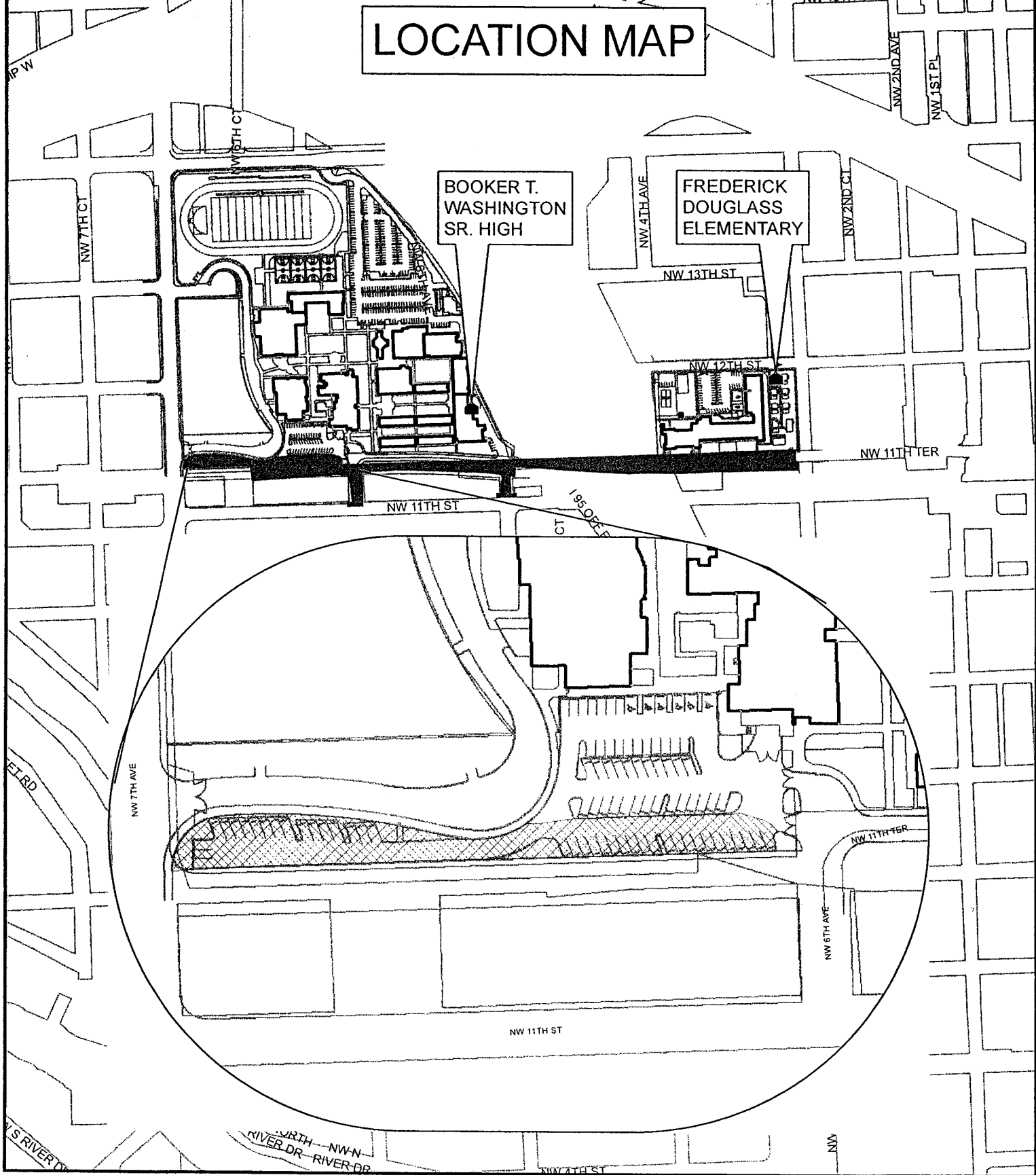
In order to provide connectivity and open space between NW 11 Terrace to NW 7 Avenue, and allow for the construction of proposed hardscape and landscape improvements, the City has approached the District to request that consideration be given to dedication of a strip of land on the southern portion of the Booker T. Washington Senior High School campus. Based on a conceptual site plan, the general area of impact is approximately 21,646 square feet and is presently developed as a staff parking area (approximately 39 spaces). As plans for the Greenway Project are further developed, a more exact determination of need will be finalized by the City, and any proposed dedication will be brought to the Board at a subsequent meeting for specific authorization.

Staff contacted the Education Transformation Office Superintendent, who expressed conceptual support for the Greenway Project.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- 1) collaborate with the City of Miami in the implementation of the Overtown Greenway project, including the possible future dedication of a strip of land adjacent to Booker T. Washington Senior High School, and
- 2) report back to the Board at a future meeting with an update and corresponding action plan, including details on the dedication of land, once the City concludes its feasibility study.



LOCATION MAP



BOOKER T.
WASHINGTON
SR. HIGH

FREDERICK
DOUGLASS
ELEMENTARY

Legend

-  Overtown Greenway Project
-  Possible dedication of a strip of land to City



Not to scale