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### **Miami Community Redevelopment Agency Funds Major Enhancements to Downtown Streets**

*--Increased Street lighting and Purchase of 75 Large Planters will Improve Pedestrian Experience and Enhance Safety---*

**(Miami, FL)**—The City of Miami Community Redevelopment Agency is funding major initiatives aimed at improving the pedestrian experience near the American Airlines Arena area.

The CRA has contracted FPL to double the wattage of street lights from NE 6 Street to NE 11 Street and from Miami Avenue to Biscayne Blvd. 65 street lights will be affected. Phase one of this project is underway. Phase two will include the area around the Arsht Performing Arts Center. “Brighter lights will increase safety and make the area more welcoming to pedestrians,” says Omni CRA Chairman Marc Sarnoff.

The CRA is also purchasing 75 large planters which will be installed on NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street between NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street between NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Biscayne Blvd. The planters will replace existing parking meters and will expand the areas where pedestrians can walk on their way to events downtown. The new planters will be installed in January.

“The CRA has made clear that we are committed to making downtown a more walkable and safe area, especially for the influx of visitors we are receiving due to the increased interest in the Miami Heat,” says Southeast Overtown/Park West CRA Chairman Richard Dunn.

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