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**November 7, 2013**

**Mayor Linda Hudson  
City of Ft. Pierce  
100 N. U.S. 1  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950**

**Dear Mayor Hudson,**

**I am writing to you on behalf of North Beach Association which represents more than 2,000 residents on Hutchinson Island, Ft. Pierce, Florida. The southern end of the island is connected to the mainland by the Highway A1A North Causeway Bridge and is the most frequent route for ingress and egress. Currently the bridge opening is "on demand" by Intracoastal Waterway traffic. The two bridge lanes are one way in each direction and while the bridge is open it is not unusual to see 30-40 vehicles backed up each way, sometimes substantially more.**

**Our Board of Directors has passed a resolution which respectfully requests the Coast Guard change the current procedure to "timed openings" which will facilitate motorist planning, minimize wait and waste, enhance traffic flow through the area and reduce maintenance costs.**

**I have written to the Miami Branch of the Coast Guard which oversees the bridge in our area (copy attached). One of the items they recommended is that local government have no objection to a change. As the bridge is in the jurisdiction of Ft. Pierce, I am writing to ascertain possible city support.**

**Sincerely,**



**Craig Mundt  
President**

**Cc: Linda Hudson, Mayor City of Ft. Pierce  
Tod Mowery, Chair St. Lucie County Commission**

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**November 6, 2013**

**Mr. Michael B. Lieberum  
Bridge Branch  
7<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
Miami, Florida 33131**

**Dear Mr. Lieberum,**

**I am writing to you on behalf of North Beach Association which represents more than 2,000 residents on Hutchinson Island, Ft. Pierce, Florida. The southern end of the island is connected to the mainland by the Highway A1A North Causeway Bridge and is the most frequent route for ingress and egress. Currently the bridge opening is "on demand" by Intracoastal Waterway traffic. The two bridge lanes are one way in each direction and while the bridge is open it is not unusual to see 30-40 vehicles backed up each way, sometimes substantially more. I believe it hard to justify the time lost and fuel consumed while a solitary sail boat slowly approaches and passes through the opening or a power boat that will not lower outriggers or antennae. In addition bridge maintenance could be substantially less with reduced openings. A multi-million dollar refurbishment was accomplished not too long ago and another is scheduled in the near future.**

**Our Board of Directors has passed a resolution which respectfully requests the Coast Guard change the current procedure to "timed openings" which will facilitate motorist planning, minimize wait and waste, enhance traffic flow through the area and reduce maintenance costs. Thank you for your time to evaluate a possible change and I would be happy to respond with further information as necessary.**

**Sincerely,**



**Craig Mundt  
President**

**Cc: Linda Hudson, Mayor City of Ft. Pierce  
Tod Mowery, Chair St. Lucie County Commission**

**Subject:** RE: Bridge Opening  
**From:** Lieberum, Michael (Michael.B.Lieberum@uscg.mil)  
**To:** lcmundt@bellsouth.net;  
**Date:** Monday, March 26, 2012 7:49 AM

Mr. Mundt,

There is no form. Please state the name of the bridge, city, county, state and the reasons you feel the bridge should be placed on a different opening schedule.

Sincerely,

Michael Lieberum  
Seventh Coast Guard District  
Bridge Branch  
Chief of Operations Section  
305-415-6744

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [lcmundt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lcmundt@bellsouth.net) [mailto:[lcmundt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lcmundt@bellsouth.net)]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2012 9:09 PM  
**To:** Lieberum, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Bridge Opening

Mr. Lieberum,

Thank you for your timely response. I will discuss the issue with several local officials, the St. Lucie County Harbor Advisory Board and others to get a consensus. Is there a Coast Guard form which is submitted, if so may I receive a copy? Thank you.

Craig Mundt