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Historic Miami Circle gets nearer to parking for visits

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Parking for the 2,000-year-old Tequesta Indian artifact known as the Miami Circle continues to be planned. Parking is to be located underneath the Brickell Avenue Bridge.

"The Miami River Commission (MRC)," said Horacio Stuart Aguirre, river commission chair, via an email statement, "appreciates the Miami Parking Authority funding the 100% complete construction engineering documents, and successfully completed Phase I & II archeological assessments conducted by the Archeological and Historical Conservancy, which found no historical artifacts beneath the Brickell Bridge because it was constructed on new clean fill."

In 1998, a circle with a 38-foot

diameter was discovered on the Miami River's south bank during excavation to construct a residential building; it was uncovered and found to be an artifact from the Native American tribe Tequesta. Following the city's acknowledgement of the artifact's historical significance, the state bought the area for \$26.7 million. In order to preserve the artifact, it was reburied in 2003 and informative signs were placed.

Today, plans to continue highlighting the history are in place. "The completed plans extend the Miami Circle's public Riverwalk beneath the Brickell Bridge, along with a public parking lot, to the west side beneath the bridge where the public Riverwalk will connect and continue west past the Baccarat Residences development currently



A 1998 archaeological dig uncovered the Miami Circle and charted its size and details for the future.

under construction," continued Mr. Aguirre's statement. "The MRC's Sept. 9 public meeting agenda features a presentation

of Baccarat Residences' updated plans for their connecting section of the public Riverwalk, which will now highlight the

amazing 3,500-year-old ancient artifacts recently discovered at the development site west of the Brickell Bridge."