

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Discussion Regarding Brazilian Avenue and South County Road Intersection Changes

Date: May 2, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

In 2023, the Police Department and the Public Works Department instituted traffic pattern changes for the intersection of Brazilian Avenue and South County Road. These traffic pattern changes were made for the improvement of public safety and included the institution of right turn only patterns for Eastbound and Westbound through traffic approaching the intersection.

At a regular Town Council meeting after this traffic pattern change, discussion on the matter included the mention of the possibility of putting traffic delineators in the intersection. As a result, the Public Works Department requested that FDOT review adding a gradual and mountable (which allows for the traversal of emergency vehicles) curb/median area in the intersection that would prevent left turns from being made by Northbound and Southbound traffic as well as through travel from the Eastbound and Westbound lanes. The existing U-turn lane for Northbound and Southbound traffic would remain. FDOT agreed with the Public Works Department proposal and redrew the intersection plans for an upcoming FDOT project (TBD start date – see attached for drawing). The Police Department concurs that this change would significantly improve the safety of the intersection for vehicles and pedestrians.

The Public Works Department has plans ready to paint hash marks in this future curbed median area and to add “No Left Turn” signs for Northbound and Southbound traffic to satisfy the safety concerns prior to FDOT’s permanent project and/or to provide a temporary test phase of the traffic pattern in effect.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council provide input and approval with proceeding with the temporary traffic pattern changes pending the future FDOT project as well as any input on FDOT’s intentions regarding the permanent traffic pattern change.

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cc: Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager
Robert Miracle, Deputy Town Manager
Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works

