



Town of Palm Beach

2024 Traffic Mitigation Proposals

Category	Proposed Action	Expected Impact	Challenges	Additional Notes	Lead Dept/Personnel	Policy Decision for TC or Procedure
Construction Activity Regulation	Prohibit noise-producing equipment during the peak "winter season" (11/1 to 4/30), in many cases limiting construction to interior work only. Consider code modification to require construction employees/staffing shuttle to jobsite to alleviate car trips and parking. Expand constructions hours outside of season.	Reduces construction-related traffic during peak season.	Cost for soundproofing may deter compliance; Enforcement required.	May align with Town's broader zoning strategies.	PZB/Wayne	Policy
Traffic Emergency Declaration	Adopt a Declaration of Emergency to regulate construction, landscape vehicles, and deliveries during peak traffic times.	Provides authority for immediate traffic mitigation actions.	Requires strong justification and legal framework.	Declaration could include specific roadway or time restrictions.	PZB Wayne/ Legal Joanne	Policy
Zoning Moratorium	Implement a temporary moratorium on new single-family construction and certain building additions.	Reduces construction-related traffic.	May face pushback from developers or residents.	Could exempt necessary maintenance and repair work.	PZB Wayne/ Legal Joanne	Policy
Town-Serving Concept Update	Increase the "Town-serving" threshold for businesses to reduce trips by nonresidents.	Limits nonresident traffic into the Town.	Balancing Town access with business sustainability.	Current threshold is more than 50%; consider raising to a higher percentage based upon the use. Maybe 75% or higher for food & beverage uses.	PZB Wayne/Code Reform Process	Policy
Daily Traffic Mitigation	Conduct manual traffic management to improve flow and prevent intersection blockages. Increase traffic management staffing.	Immediate, localized traffic relief.	Requires daily staff coordination and resources.	Includes communication with Public Works on signal issues. PD is in regular communication with PBC Traffic Management Division to coordinate signalization.	PD/Nick	Procedure
Traffic Data Analysis	Work with Kimley Horn to analyze real-time traffic data and regional conditions and review recommendations for intersection and/or traffic lane flow redesign. Review options for redesign of Bradley Place.	Informs targeted solutions to manage traffic.	Coordination and timely access to data are critical.	Present findings to Town Council in December.	PW/Paul/Jason	Procedure
Undergrounding Project Phasing	Delay undergrounding work in Phase 7 South until after the New Year; Limit work to east-west streets. Propose Phase 8 work to be conducted at night and weekends for Cocoanut and South County.	Minimizes traffic impacts during peak season.	Balancing project timelines with traffic needs. Increased cost.	Drilling on North Lake Way and North County prohibited.	PW/Patricia	Procedure but needs TC input
ROW Work Restrictions	Restrict Right-of-Way (ROW) work after November 1 each year; move required work to nights or Saturdays. Continue enforcement through PD/PW.	Reduces peak traffic disruptions.	Adjustments for emergency or essential work.	Revisions to the ROW manual to be proposed.	PW/PZB/PD	Policy

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Utility Coordination	Collaborate with FPL to sequence Phase 5 South streetlight installation; delay work until March/April if needed.	Minimizes added traffic disruptions.	Aligning timelines with FPL's availability.	Materials are now available for installation.	PW/Patricia	Procedure
Project-related Traffic Impact Identification	Identify all projects causing traffic impacts; develop and present findings to Town Council in January. (Including large scale commercial projects). Roadway paving will be delayed until after season.	Increases transparency and planning efficiency.	Comprehensive and timely identification required.	Presentation will outline traffic management strategies.	PW/Paul/Patricia/Jason	Procedure
Service Work Schedule Adjustments	Landscaping work hours have been adjusted via pilot program. Consider modification to other service providers and contractor work schedules to avoid peak traffic hours. Could be specific days of the week or parking on north/south sides of streets on certain days	Reduces volume during critical times.	Coordination and enforcement with businesses.	Proposed schedule changes under review. Example: Odd/even day restrictions by street side.	PZB Wayne/PD- Code	Policy
Traffic Flow Optimization	Review and adjust traffic controls (one-way vs. two-way flow, turn lanes, signal timing, signage). Possibly add movable barricades to expand Southbound capacity on North County Road.	Improves overall traffic flow.	Requires detailed traffic studies and resources.	Recommendations to be reviewed by professionals.	PD/Nick	Procedure
Bridge Opening Management	Reassess bridge opening schedules to limit closures during peak hours. Bridges will now open only once per hour from 2:00-6:00 p.m. with the exception of barges.	Reduces traffic stoppages caused by bridge openings.	Coordinating with bridge operators, USCG and enforcement.	Example: Prohibit openings during rush hours.	PD/Nick/John/Will	Procedure
Town Hall and Departmental Operations	Adjust Town Hall staff schedules (e.g., remote work, hybrid, flex schedules) where feasible while maintaining continuity of operation. Modify Town Hall hours to begin and end earlier. Commercial trash and vegetative pick up schedules have been modified to occur outside of peak rush hours.	Reduces trips to and from Town facilities, removes employees from peak travel hours.	Requires internal scheduling adjustments.	Could encourage similar measures in local businesses.	TMO/Kirk	Procedure
Community Participation in Staffing/Workhours	Encourage community/residents to reduce staffing levels or adjust hours to be off peak travel times.	Reduce the number of service vehicles in Town during rush hours.	Compliance is voluntary.			
Other Departmental Operations	Assess all non-essential Town sponsored programming related to traffic impacts (Rec, Fire Rescue Educational Program offerings, Tree Lightings (or other events), etc.	Reduces non-essential trips during peak hours	Requires internal coordination of community events schedule	Could encourage other civic partners to follow suite	All Dept. Directors	Procedure
Traffic Impact Communication	Continue to use Town Alerts and News Releases to communicate with the community regarding planned & unplanned traffic congestion (including impacts in WPB). Message this is a regional problem. Create and monitor traffic@townofpalmbeach.com for resident input. Twelve new electronic message boards have been deployed throughout the County messaging to avoid South Ocean Blvd. Include a Town Council agenda item monthly to update on traffic.	Reduces congestion as residents and visitors avoid areas and/or seek alternate routes. Improves public awareness	Requires coordination with Town Departments, City of WPB and PBC. Requires effective communication tools and personnel.	Could grow into a robust communication platform utilizing GIS, social media, etc. Critical during high-impact events.	TMOCarolyn/Jess PD/Nick	Procedure
Awarding Contracts for Services	Propose using waiver of Town Code to permit extended work hours or weekend work for awarded contract for services and to existing contracts during timeframe of November to May	Reduce number of contractor service vehicles during high volume time of day	Requires TC approval to grant waiver	When solicitations are issued, language can be included to note options that would benefit Town traffic operations in collaboration with PW work scheduling	Procurement/Dean	Procedure with Town Council approval
Barge Traffic Coordination	Request altered schedules for barge traffic related to the Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Project.	Minimizes traffic impacts during peak hours.	Permits, project timelines, and safety concerns may limit flexibility.	Army Corps-funded project may resist schedule changes. Several meetings have already occurred with Palm Beach County and the Contractors to consider postponing the work until after the inauguration, conduct night work or off peak hours. These requests were denied, but communications will continue.	PD/Nick/PW-Patricia	Procedure
Regional Collaboration	Maintain daily contact with PBC Traffic Management Center for downtown WPB corridor support.	Improves flow into and out of Town.	Coordination across multiple jurisdictions required.	Advocacy efforts ongoing for external issues.	PD/Nick	Procedure
Marine Traffic Management	Request Dock Master to discourage peak-time vessel departures.	Reduces bridge openings during peak hours.	Compliance is voluntary.	Conversations initiated with vessel owners.	TMO/Carolyn	Procedure

