

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 13, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Waiver to Town Code for Extended Construction Hours and Road Closure for the Florida Department of Transportation A1A Projects

DATE: April 25, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the Authorization for road closure and waiver of the Town Code of Ordinances 42-196 through 199 and 42-226 through 229, restrictions for construction hours, and road closure for the Florida Department of Transportation A1A Roadway Projects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has two (2) roadway projects that are currently underway, A1A from Emerald Beach Way (North) to Royal Palm Way (North) and A1A from Lake Avenue to just north of Ibis Way (South).

The FDOT South Project is approximately a 15-month project with an anticipated completion date of Summer 2026. The project consists of milling, resurfacing, striping, signage, upgrading curb ramps, and drainage. The projects also includes converting the asphalt path on the west side to concrete, installing a hybrid pedestrian signal at the Par 3 Golf Course and a pedestrian crossing at Phipps Ocean Park.

The FDOT North project is approximately an 18-month project with an anticipated completion date of late fall 2026. The project consists of milling, resurfacing, striping, signage, upgrading curb ramps, and minor drainage. The project also consists of replacing the sidewalk on both sides of the road between Brazilian Avenue and Royal Palm Way, along with sidewalk improvements south of Hammon Avenue. The signalized intersections of Hammon Avenue, Worth Avenue, Peruvian Avenue, Royal Palm Way and at the Central Fire Station will be replaced with new decorative signals.

In both projects, FDOT intends to work within the Town's work hours of 8am to 6pm May 1st to Oct 31st and 9am to 5 pm Nov 1st to April 30th. However, FDOT is requesting flexibility to perform certain scopes of work outside those work hours on both projects to minimize traffic impacts and for pedestrian safety. One example includes craning the signal mast arms into place, which will impact the whole intersection and adjacent pedestrian sidewalks. FDOT will work with Public Works Staff and Town Manager's office to coordinate any work that may be extremely disruptive to the public during daytime hours. This coordination would include notifying adjacent businesses and residents in advance of any changes in work.

Staff recommends a waiver to Section 42-196 through Section 42-199 of the Town Code of Ordinances to allow for extended work hours into season. Staff also recommends a waiver to the Noise Ordinance for those same activities from Section 42-226 through Section 42-229 of the Town Code of Ordinances. All request to work outside of standard hours will be approved by Public Works prior to work being performed.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no funding/fiscal impact related to this item.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Attachment

cc: Jason Debrincat, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
Michael Roach, P.E., Project Engineer