

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 12, 2018

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Approve Request by Florida Power & Light to Intermittently Close an East Bound Lane of Royal Poinciana Way

DATE: May 17, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Florida Power and Light's (FPL) request to intermittently close an east bound lane of Royal Poinciana Way. If Council approves this request, Public Works will issue a right-of-way permit with appropriate limitations and will coordinate this work with other work in the area.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The proposed construction work consists of the installation of 2-8 inch conduits that will replace those that were broken during the new Flagler Bridge construction. This damaged conduit has critically compromised the existing service to the Town of Palm Beach by eliminating the option of running a second electrical line that may affect a great deal of customers and businesses if a major power outage or equipment failure was to occur. Although, FPL is prepared to back-feed the area in case of an emergency, this temporary fix can also be affected by excessive electric load, bad weather conditions, and other factors out of our control. It is critical this conduit gets replaced as soon as possible to avoid long extended outages and any further damage to FPL's electrical infrastructure.

- The construction work is scheduled to start the week of July 9, 2018 (weather permitting), and the duration of the job on the island is anticipated to take approximately four (4) weeks.
- Lane closures will be needed during the week of July 16th to unload all the material safely and will take between 2-3 days.
- The FPL contractor has the capability of hoisting conduit above the main plaza entrance. Therefore, the Royal Poinciana Plaza entrance from Royal Poinciana Way will be maintained most of the time. Although, in order to fuse the pipes together, FPL will need to close the entrance for a maximum of three (3) days during the week of July 16th. Plaza representatives have been notified and understand the need for this work.
- The sidewalk located on the south side of the Flagler Bridge will be closed for approximately four (4) weeks. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be detoured.

Staff recommends this work to be scheduled after July 4th due to other construction in the area. Staff suggests the approval for the lane closure be granted for a window of two (2) weeks from July 9th to July 20th, this allows for weather delays and other unforeseen delays. Staff will coordinate with FPL to ensure coordination with the Royal Poiciana Plaza.

Attachments

cc: Eric Brown, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Brett Madison, Facilities Maintenance Division Manager
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
Craig Hauschild, Planning & Zoning, Civil Engineer