

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 12, 2019

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 Close Orange Grove Road for Eleven (11) Days

DATE: October 31, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Florida Power & Light's (FPL) request to close Orange Grove Road for eleven (11) days from November 13th to November 24th. 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

FPL is planning to replace a 53 year old submarine cable from Riviera Beach to Palm Beach in the vicinity of Orange Grove Road. The cable is currently laying directly on the bottom of the intracoastal and is exposed at some locations. FPL has experienced two (2) cable failures on this line.

FPL has the funding this year to replace the cable to reduce the risk of another failure. The job to install the new cable will take approximately sixteen (16) days, however, the road closure in Palm Beach will only last 10-11 days. FPL understands that FPL maintenance work is not allowed to be performed in the Town from Thanksgiving until May 1, 2020, which is why FPL is requesting to work and complete this job before this Thanksgiving. The attached map shows the Northwood closure in West Palm Beach and the Orange Grove Road closure in the Town of Palm Beach. Only Orange Grove Road will have a closure and all access to the resident's driveways will remain open.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Town.

Attachments

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