

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: March 8, 2022

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Discussion Regarding Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Truck Traffic

Date: February 28, 2022

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Mayor and Town Council review the information provided below and provide feedback/direction to staff.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

At the November 8, 2021, ORS meeting, Town Engineer, Patricia Strayer, provided a brief overview regarding the results of the Truck Traffic Study completed by Kimley-Horn & Associates in October 2020. After this meeting staff met to develop plans for enhancing the permitting process and provide informational resources to mitigate the negative impacts of truck traffic on narrow town roads. The following are actions we have taken to “move the needle” in addressing truck traffic challenges.

Building permit applicants are currently required to submit a “Construction Staging and Truck Logistics Plan for all major projects to demonstrate how parking will be managed and how the site will be set up and maintained. Said plan also requires a plan indicating the proposed route for truck traffic to best ingress and egress the property, including the bridges and roads to be used. The plan will include the size of larger vehicles, the estimated number of trucks, and a rough schedule for deliveries, foundation work, concrete pours, landscaping installation, etc. To educate permittees about roads they should avoid in developing their truck logistics plan for travel to/from project sites the attached map and list of streets to avoid is provided upon application.

The recently adopted Ordinance No. 28-2021, now requires property owners and their contractors to implement, install, and maintain several things, including a truck logistics and staging plan. Resolution No. 01-2022 was also approved by Town Council, updating the Public Works Right of Way Manual and its Three Strike program to include the additional requirement outlined in Ordinance No. 28-2021, inclusive of truck logistics and staging. Permittees are now required to sign an affidavit attesting that they have received copies of Ordinance No. 28-2021 and Resolution No. 01-2022, which collectively create the Three Strike” Construction Parking and Construction Site Management Program. See attached.

We believe the above actions will aid in the mitigation of adverse impacts of truck travel on narrower town roads, and the “teeth” of the Three Strike rule will be a motivating factor for compliance with the submitted truck logistics plans.

At the February 8, 2022, Town Council meeting, discussion ensued regarding truck traffic and the study that was completed, resulting in Council’s request to add a discussion item on the March 8, 2022, meeting agenda. In preparation for the Council discussion, staff recently met to discuss to pros and cons of some of the regulation options included in the Truck Study report (see attached), as well as some ideas not in the study we could implement to further mitigate the impacts of truck traffic. In addition to installing signs banning “through truck traffic” on the narrowest streets of the Town, staff recommends identifying the problem areas of the Town where turf/landscaping damage is caused by trucks and other vehicles as potential locations for new curbs and expanded road surface areas to widen turning radii. Staff also suggests creating a “turf restoration fund” to quickly address damage to property adjacent to roads.

#### Attachments

cc: Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager  
Department Directors