

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 10, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Consideration of The Breakers Request for Improvements to South County Road

DATE: April 21, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council review the attached proposal from The Breakers for improvements to South County Road between Via Bethesda and Royal Poinciana

GENERAL INFORMATION

Over the past couple of years staff has had several conversations with The Breakers management about South County Road Improvements for both safety and aesthetics. On March 11, 2022, staff received a written request along with two (2) exhibits outlining the specific recommendations for the South County Road improvements. The letter and exhibits are attached.

In summary the request are as follows:

- 1) Install an on-demand pedestrian/golf cart-crossing traffic light at Via Bethesda and just north of Pendleton Avenue. This would replace the existing flashing amber lights that are also on-demand.
- 2) Install brick pavers (red brick/herringbone pattern as is currently installed in The Breakers main drive) in lieu of black asphalt on South County Road at both The Breakers main entrance and the Ocean Club Member (Pinewalk) entrance. Our understanding is the FDOT has made exceptions to allow this type of cosmetic treatment on public roads. The Breakers main drive has been bricked since 2003 with absolutely no issues and the need for little maintenance. The Town would most likely be required to enter into a maintenance agreement with FDOT.
- 3) In order to lock in and line the brickwork referred to in #2 above, install gold tabby crosswalks (similar to Worth Avenue) surrounding the brick inlays at The Breakers Main Drive and Ocean Club Member (Pinewalk) entrances.
- 4) Install new gold tabby sidewalks on both sides of South County Road from approximately Pendleton Avenue/Via Bethesda north to Royal Poinciana Way as part of the stated initiative to improve Town sidewalks.

- 5) Adjust the traffic signal on Royal Poinciana Way when travelling east and turning south onto South County Road by adding a "No Turn on Red" warning whenever the crosswalk/golf cart crossing on South County Road is active.
- 6) Improve the visibility of all crosswalks along South County Road by using high visibility road paint.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for this effort has not been defined. An order of magnitude cost estimate was developed and is estimated to be approximately \$3 million. Some of this cost is an incremental increase with undergrounding being responsible for initial cost of replacing sidewalk which is either impacted by construction or impacted due to removal of poles. Once more direction is provided a better breakdown of cost and responsibilities can be developed.

Attachments

cc: Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
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