



March 11, 2022

Mr. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Ms. Patricia Strayer, Senior Project Engineer
Town of Palm Beach Public Works Department
951 Old Okeechobee Road # A
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Mr. Brazil and Ms. Strayer:

I am writing to outline the proposed improvements along South County Road in the vicinity of The Breakers which were all discussed during our Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022. The Town's on-going electrical under-grounding project provides the Town with a unique opportunity to improve the esthetics and safety of this prominent stretch of roadway and pedestrian walkways in an efficient and cost effective manner.

We request that the Town leadership look favorably upon the following improvement initiatives where the road is impacted by the Town's under-grounding project and also endorse those that fall under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

- 1) Install an on-demand pedestrian / golf cart-crossing traffic light at Via Bethesda and just north of Pendleton Avenue. Despite the existing flashing amber lights (which are also only activated on-demand), this road crossing continues to be dangerous. A few key notes to emphasize the "on-demand" nature of the traffic light functionality:
 - The Breakers maintenance vehicles do not cross at this intersection. For safety purposes, we require them to cross at the traffic lights at Pinewalk.
 - The traffic light would only be activated for golf carts or Town pedestrians.
 - As a result of scheduled tee times, golf cart traffic is essentially limited to every 10 minutes on the busiest of days. On an "average" day, the on-demand light would likely only be activated a few times each daylight hour.
 - Golf cart traffic is limited to day light hours (i.e.: when the golf course is open). There would typically be no use before approximately 8:30 AM as the crossing is from the 7th green to 8th tee and limited use in late afternoons, early evenings in the summer and during inclement weather.

As South County Road is the responsibility of FDOT, we believe the endorsement of the Town Council, Public Works and Public Safety will be needed to achieve this improvement.

- 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 Drive and the

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Ocean Club Member (Pinewalk) entrances. 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. We would be prepared to enter into a maintenance agreement if necessary.

- 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.

An "Overall Paving Modification Plan" is attached (PM-1 and PM-2) which illustrates these safety and esthetic improvements to this prominent stretch of South County Road.

In conjunction with the underground project, Florida Power & Light Company and the Town have requested The Breakers grant easements of various sizes at eight (8) locations on The Breakers property adjacent to South County Road. Electrical equipment will be installed within these easements and at least five locations will require portions of our historical Australian Pine hedge be removed and replaced with an alternative planting. Granting these easements (as well as two others – one each along Royal Poinciana Way and Cocoanut Row) is a significant commitment by The Breakers.

We respectfully request that the Town Council and staff support these improvements for the safety and enjoyment of all TOPB residents and guests.

Sincerely,



Paul N. Leone
CEO

cc: Maggie Zeidman, TOPB Council President