

July 7, 2022

Mr. Gerry O'Reilly
District Four Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Re: SR 704/Royal Park Bridge Painting Project

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

The Town of Palm Beach has been made aware of the SR 704/Royal Park Bridge Painting Project. We understand that the original start date was scheduled for May 2022, however, due to difficulties in acquiring materials, the project start date has been delayed to September 2022.

Town staff has spoken directly to the project manager, Khosrow "KG" Gandjei, who has relayed that the contractor has a full year to complete the work but hopes the project will be completed in a much shorter time frame. Unfortunately, starting this project in September creates an untenable circumstance from November through the holiday season and beyond. The Town's population increases significantly from November – April, which greatly impacts the amount of traffic across the Royal Park Bridge. Since this project requires one west bound lane of traffic to be closed, having a significant portion of the project occur during high season will cause gridlock entering and exiting the Town of Palm Beach. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that the project be delayed until May 2023.

Sincerely,

Danielle H. Moore
Mayor

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cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer