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Vandana Nagole, P.E., CSM, Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation, District Four
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33309

RE: Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation (RRR) Project, SR A1A / South Ocean Boulevard from south of Lake Avenue to north of Ibis Way, Financial Project IDs: 447663-1-52-01

Dear Ms. Nagole:

The Town of Palm Beach has become aware of the proposal to potentially widen the segment for South Ocean Boulevard between Lake Avenue and Ibis Way in a manner that would expand the existing paved shoulders on each side from 3-feet to 5-feet in order to accommodate a bicycle lane, as well as a proposal to expand the paved pedestrian pathway on the west side of the road from 6-feet wide to 10-feet wide.

Recently, the Town's Public Works Department reviewed the potential impacts of this widening and noted several locations where landscaping, existing utilities, signage, irrigation, specialty driveway paving, and other features would be impacted. These considerations were presented at a Town Council meeting on May 10, 2022, and discussed by the Council and residents during public comment. In addition to the impacts on adjacent facilities from potential widening, at the Town Council Meeting one of the concerns discussed was the proposed bicycle lanes would not be continuous to the north and could not likely be extended at any point in the future considering the limited space north of Sloan's Curve. Regarding the width of the existing pedestrian pathway on the west side of the roadway, there was concern about a 10-foot width, but there was some interest in discussing limited increases in widening where all other impacts could be avoided. After the discussion, all residents that spoke during public comment were opposed to any widening and the Town Council voted unanimously to request the FDOT to limit the improvements to resurfacing the existing roadway and rebuilding the pedestrian path with limited widening.

Based on the input from the residents and the vote from the Town Council, this letter is intended to request that no widening of A1A be made during the proposed resurfacing project, and limited widening be considered along the pedestrian pathway. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Strayer at (561) 227-7056 or PStrayer@TownofPalmBeach.com.

Respectfully,

Danielle H. Moore
Mayor