

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: February 14, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Consideration of Crosswalk for Improvements to South Ocean Boulevard (A1A) Between Lake Avenue to Ibis Way by the Florida Department of Transportation

DATE: January 23, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff is seeking guidance from Town Council on the consideration of a crosswalk for South Ocean Boulevard (SR A1A) associated with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project from Lake Avenue to Ibis Way.

GENERAL INFORMATION

During the Phipps Ocean Park master plan presentation to the Town Council at its meeting on June 14, 2022, there were resident comments related to the provision of a crosswalk in the vicinity of the park. As previously presented, the FDOT initiated the engineering design for the maintenance of the section of A1A between Lake Avenue (City of Lake Worth Beach) to Ibis Way (adjacent to Phipps Park) with anticipated construction of the improvements to start 2025.

Staff has discussed with FDOT staff, and their consultants, the possibility of including a crosswalk into that project design. They are amenable to including a crosswalk and, initial FDOT analysis indicates justification for a crosswalk. If the Town Council concurs with proceeding with the crosswalk in the vicinity of Phipps Ocean Park, staff will coordinate with FDOT and their consultants to pursue it. The proposed project improvements for Phipps Ocean Park are also under design and the civil/site design elements of that work will also be coordinated so that the eventual construction of the crosswalk will be integrated into the proposed park improvements.

As noted above, the construction timeline for the FDOT project (and hence the crosswalk) is likely to occur after the park improvements project has been completed. Town staff recommends the Town Council provide guidance on this issue and consider any public input on the subject.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There are no funding impacts at this time, and the design and construction cost for inclusion of a crosswalk is anticipated to be part of the planned FDOT project (Lake Avenue to Ibis Way).

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