

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: Update of FDOT Project on State Road A1A from Emerald Way to Royal Palm Way

DATE: February 9, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff will provide a brief description of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Road A1A project and project status.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the July 22, 2022 Town Council meeting, Town staff provided an update on several projects that FDOT has in the planning and design stages within the Town limits. One of these projects is the road improvements of South County Road from Emerald Beach Road to Royal Palm Way.

FDOT has been working with Town staff for the last year on this project. The project is a maintenance project, and the limits of the project are from just south of Southern Boulevard (Emerald Beach Road) to Royal Palm Way, which includes several improvements along with standard milling and resurfacing of the FDOT roadway.

- Replacement of the sidewalk from Brazilian Avenue to Royal Palm Way, which will include the privately owned sidewalk, as long as property owners sign agreements with FDOT. The Town has long sought FDOT to replace this sidewalk. Former Mayor, Gail Coniglio, met on site several times over the last six (6) years requesting FDOT replace these sidewalks. FDOT is requesting the Town pay for the portion of the sidewalk outside of the right-of-way.
- Replacement of mast arms at the intersection of Royal Palm Way and South County Road.
- Replacement of mast arms at Worth Avenue, Hammond Avenue, and Peruvian Avenue will be replaced with decorative mast arms. At the appropriate time, staff will present renderings of the intersections for Town Council review.
- Streetlights will be modified to LED lights using existing poles.
- Lane widths are being modified to allow for additional buffer along street parking.
- Pavement markings are being proposed by FDOT to better accommodate bicyclists throughout the corridor.

Staff reported in July that FDOT had requested the use of Town Council Chambers in November for a Public Meeting to present 60 percent plans to the residents and address questions. This public meeting was delayed to February 7, 2023. The presentation is attached. The present schedule for this work is to begin construction in April of 2024. Due to long lead times for acquisition of mast arms, staff believes this schedule is likely to slip.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

If approved by Town Council, funding for upgrades such as decorative mast arms in place of FDOT standard mast arms will come from the Capital Improvement Plan Budget as part of the Pavement Management Program. These will be limited to cost difference of standard FDOT mast arms and decorative mast arms. The cost will also include the additional private sidewalk between Brazilian Avenue and Royal Palm Way.

Attachment

cc: Bob Miracle, Assistant Town Manager
Eric Brown, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer