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The Honorable Danielle H. Moore Mayor of Town of Palm Beach 360 South County Road P.O. Box 2029 Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear Mayor Moore,

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) is in receipt of the recent letters and e-mails from residents along SR A1A in the Town of Palm Beach to Governor DeSantis. We acknowledge the residents' and Town's concerns with the proposed addition of bicycle facilities on SR A1A in the Town's limits. However, the Department is required to provide safe bicycle facilities, where feasible, when implementing projects. Additionally, it is noted that the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) has designated SR A1A in the Town of Palm Beach as part of their priority bicycle network.

The following is a summary of the three SR A1A resurfacing projects in the Town of Palm Beach proposing improvements to the bicycle accommodations in their respective limits:

- 1. SR A1A/South Ocean Blvd from South of Lake Avenue to North of Ibis Way
 - Project Number 447663-1-52-01
 - Design underway and scheduled to complete by fall 2023
 - Construction is programmed to begin in the summer/fall 2024
 - Previous coordination between the Town and Department on this segment minimized the additional pavement proposed to accommodate bicycle facilities to widening within the existing unpaved shoulders. The existing shoulder is 3-feet paved and 3-feet grass. The design includes paving two more feet of the existing shoulder.
 - There will be a second public workshop for this segment of SR A1A this spring/summer to provide the opportunity for the public to provide further feedback
- 2. SR A1A/South Ocean Blvd from North of Ibis Way to South of SR 80/Emerald Beach Way
 - Project Number 448417-1-52-01
 - Design scheduled to start in spring 2023
 - Construction is programmed to begin in the fall 2025
 - The Department will be starting the design phase in the coming months and will coordinate with the Town similar to the other segments. The challenge again will be balancing the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities along with improving the pavement conditions.

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- 3. SR A1A/South Ocean Blvd from South of SR 80/Emerald Beach Way to Royal Palm Way
 - Project Number 446175-1-52-01
 - Design underway and scheduled to complete by summer 2023
 - Construction is programmed to begin in early 2024
 - As recently presented at the public workshop, this section of SR A1A does not have adequate space to provide additional pavement so the use of sharrow pavement markings and bicycle signing is proposed

Please contact Steve Braun, Director of Transportation Development, at (954) 777-4143 or via email at steve.braun@dot.state.fl.us, with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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