



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Public Works Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Public Works Traffic Mitigation Efforts

DATE: December 2, 2024

With the growing concern of traffic impacts on the island, Public Works continues to review and proactively pursue new improvements or technologies that may improve our current roadway congestion. Below is a list of actions that Public Works has completed or actively pursuing:

Daily Traffic Mitigation

- Public Works continues to maintain communication with PD on the signal timing at all the intersections.
- Public Works has contacted Palm Beach County traffic for maximizing the signal timing on Okeechobee Blvd for East/West traffic to and from the Island.
- Public Works has contacted Palm Beach County ERM and the Army Corp of Engineers for maximizing the barge bridge openings for the Bonefish Cove project south of Lake Worth Bridge.

Traffic Data Analysis

- Warrant analysis has been completed for the intersection of Bradley and Sunset.
- Presentation for Bradley Pl and Sunrise intersection optimization was given at the October Town Council meeting with options for further review and discussions.
- Re-stripping from Royal Poinciana to Sunrise is complete as discussed in the presentation.
- Similar to the exercise at Bradley Pl and Sunset, Kimley Horn has been asked for a proposal to review all Town roadway segments and develop alternatives for traffic flow by means of re-stripping and modifications to on-street parking. Proposal to include looking at all of the intersections that do not have signals townwide and determine if a warrant analysis should be performed. If one should be performed, Public Works will present the information with a request for approval to perform it.
- Kimley Horn has been engaged to analyze real time traffic data on the island and regionally. Presentation will be given to Town Council at a later date to be determined.

- Public Works is working with Kimely Horn to determine if there are temporary measures that can be taken to improve traffic flow. This would include temporary use of on-street parking as a temporary travel lane during peak hours.

Project Phasing

- All Paving has been put on hold.
- FPL pole removal for undergrounding project from Hammond to the intersection of County and Ocean has been put on hold until after the New Year – 2025.
- Undergrounding Phase 6 South is no longer allowed to have weekday/daytime impacts to Cocoanut Row or S County Road.
- North Firestation completion date is December 23rd with restoration of the ROW and removal of Temporary Trailer in January.

ROW Work Restrictions

- On November 12, 2024, all ROW permitting has been put on hold even though the ROW manual allows permits to be issued up to November 22.

Utility Coordination

- All planned Capital Improvement projects are complete and will resume in May 2025.

Public Works Operations

- Public Works has implemented temporary works hours on a trial basis to reduce operational volume on the island. Crews for Water Resources, Facilities Maintenance, Yard debris and Residential garbage collection will start at 7:30am on the island. Commercial garbage will start at 6:00am on the island. All changes in operational hours are being monitored to ensure the least amount of disruption and noise.

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