

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: January 14, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

RE: Proposed Scheduling Modifications of Capital Improvements to Mitigate Traffic Impacts from Capital Projects and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Projects

DATE: December 18, 2024

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council endorse proposed modifications to the Capital Improvements Project schedule as an effort to mitigate traffic impacts to major north/south corridors over the next two (2) years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Staff met with our consultants and contractors to discuss coordination of future Capital Improvement Projects, including sewer and drainage pump stations, paving projects, remaining undergrounding construction, beach renourishment projects, and FDOT projects. Some basic actions will be implemented immediately and we primarily discussed last month as part of the undergrounding construction report.

1. All planned drainage and sewer station work can proceed as planned without creating significant conflicts in other proposed Capital Projects.
2. Remaining work on undergrounding projects that impact traffic will only occur on major north/south corridors between Wells Road and Hammon Avenue at night or between May 1st and November 1st. This primarily affects the areas presented at the December Town Council meeting and Phase 7 South and Phase 8, which are between Royal Poinciana and Kawama Lane.
3. All work in Phases 7 South and 8 will be limited to east west streets between November 1st and May 1st. All work requiring traffic impacts on North County Road and North Lake Way/Bradly Place will be completed between May 1st and November 1st. We do not think this creates any project delays.
4. Beach renourishment with truck hauls have to happen between November 1st and April 1st. Staff will work with contractors to identify the most feasible routes.

5. Staff will revise the Right-of-Way Manual and return for Town Council approval no later than May 1, 2025. The primary change will be the beginning of the “season” which limits work in the right of way.

Staff has developed conceptual begin and end date scheduling charts along with mapping representation of projects that will be presented and discussed with Town Council.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no funding/fiscal impact related to these Palm Beach County projects.

cc: Joanne O’Connor, Town Attorney
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