

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

## Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 13, 2025

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To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager & James Murphy, Asst. Director of PZB

Re: Traffic Mitigation Strategies and Proposals – Update on Meeting with Local Contractors Regarding Construction Work Hours and the CMA Ordinance

Date: April 21, 2025

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At the March 4, 2025, Town Council Regular meeting, the Council reviewed three items provided by the Town Attorney and PZB. They were:

1. A resolution modification to the temporary construction hours. The Resolution was revised to clarify Saturday work hours and was adopted at the March 5, 2025, meeting.
2. A draft ordinance to mandate the use of Construction Management Agreements (CMA) for any new building, building addition, or alteration with a project value of more than a set amount of money. Several local builders objected to the mandated CMA. Town Council asked PZB staff to meet with the contractors to see if a compromise could be reached.
3. A draft ordinance to limit the number of building permits was briefly discussed and was dismissed based upon Joanne O'Connor's comments.

PZB staff and Mrs. O'Connor met with several of the local builders on March 25, 2025, to review the draft CMA and enabling ordinance. The builders objected to the CMA ordinance but were willing to find another path to help with traffic and parking problems directly related to construction.

During the meeting they agreed to the following:

- No construction work of any kind between Christmas Eve and New Years Day.
- Saturday interior quiet work during season.
- They would accept an ordinance to add a subsection to Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, that would state that the owners and contractors would use their "best efforts" to minimize traffic and parking problems on every project by using a combination of off-Island shuttle, car-pooling, allowable on-street parking and permitted on-site parking to reduce traffic and eliminate parking demands.

- Extend the current temporary construction work hours into the summer months (arrive at 7, start at 7:30 with quiet work, full work at 8, and stop work at 5:30), basically year-round.
- The Town could consider allowing summer parking for contractors at the Marina, when Marina parking is normally low.
- Contractors would agree to do small jobs only in the summer months.

If the Town Council finds any of these items acceptable, staff could draft an ordinance for consideration at your next meeting.