

September 00, 2014

Mr. James A. Wolfe, P.E.
District Four Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309-3421

RE: Pedestrian Crosswalks within FDOT Resurfacing Project along N A1A (#430601.1)

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

The City of Fort Lauderdale appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the resurfacing project along SR A1A (#430601.1). The Department approached the City for input on reducing pedestrian conflicts while facilitating traffic flow along the corridor. After careful consideration, including analysis of crash data, consideration of planned City and private development projects, and collaboration with department staff, the City is providing this letter and its attachments to identify the removal, addition, and preferred crosswalk treatments for locations from Sunrise Blvd. to Bahia Mar. The reduction of crossings is proposed as being contingent on FDOT installing enhanced crossings at the remaining locations including LED in-ground lighting. Further, the City commits to maintain infrastructure not in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The following crosswalks are recommended for removal:

- South side of Vistamar Street at A1A
- South side of Belmar Street at A1A
- South side of Auramar Street at A1A
- South side of Windamar Street at A1A
- South side of Viramar Street at A1A
- South side of Granada Street at A1A
- South side of Seville Street at A1A
- North side of Valencia Street at A1A
- North side of Poinsettia Street at A1A
- North side of SE 5th Street at A1A
- North side of SE 5th Street at Seabreeze Boulevard

The following crosswalks are recommended for installation:

- Over Vistamar Street at A1A
- South side of SE 5th Street at Seabreeze Boulevard

- Just North of the Courtyard Marriot Hotel

Because Fort Lauderdale Beach is a habitat for endangered sea turtles, we are requesting LED in-pavement lighting treatment at unsignalized crosswalks. At signalized crosswalks, we request the Department include bicycle pavement markings including bike boxes, which is a designated area at the head of a traffic lane that provides bicyclists with a safe and visible way to get ahead of queuing traffic during the red signal phase. Please refer to the National Association of City Transportation Officials Bike Box Design Guidelines which can be accessed at <http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide/intersection-treatments/bike-boxes/#design>. The use of on pavement markings (e.g. sidewalk stencils) to direct pedestrians to crosswalks is highly encouraged.

We are also requesting the use of pedestal signals at the intersection of Las Olas and A1A and the intersection of Las Olas and SeaBreeze to complement the character of the pedestrian corridor. As the main entrance to the barrier island it serves as a gateway to our coastal communities.

We look forward to working together on this project that will serve as a showcase for Complete Streets in our region and beyond. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Diana Alarcon at (954) 828-3793.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

Attachment: Map of Project Area

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