



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#14-1075

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 21, 2014

TITLE: State Road A1A Pedestrian Crosswalks within FDOT Resurfacing Project

The purpose of this item is to share staff recommendations for removing and enhancing crosswalks as part of a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) resurfacing project, and to obtain feedback from the Commission on these recommendations.

FDOT is designing a roadway resurfacing and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) improvements project along SR A1A between the Mercedes River Bridge and Sunrise Boulevard. FDOT 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 has drafted a response letter to FDOT (Exhibit 1) identifying 11 crosswalk legs that could be removed as part of the project and three new crosswalks to be added. The reduction of crossings is proposed as being contingent on FDOT installing enhanced crossings at the remaining locations including LED in-ground lighting. This approach is to improve pedestrian safety through additional lighting while meeting the requirements of protecting the habitat of the sea turtles.

Also as a part of this correspondence, the City staff is requesting that additional multimodal improvements be included to enhance the safety for all users which include bicycle boxes at intersections and the use of pedestal signals instead of mast arms along Las Olas Boulevard on the barrier island to complement the pedestrian character of the corridor. City staff is requesting changes and enhancements be conducted at the expense of the overall project being completed by FDOT. Finally, the letter commits the City to the maintenance of infrastructure not in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Staff has reached out to the Central Beach Alliance and the Beach Council for review and comment on this topic as well.

Resource Impact:

There is no anticipated resource impact at this time.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 Initiative*, included within the **Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

Goal 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.

Objective 3: Improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety.

Initiative 1: Implement traffic calming mechanisms to increase safety through environmental design.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1: Draft Letter to FDOT

Exhibit 2: Map of Improvements

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