



Meeting Name: Town Council
Meeting Date: January 22, 2025
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Item Title: Discussion -Traffic Concerns

BACKGROUND:

At the December 17th, 2025, Town Council Meeting, after the presentation made by the County Engineer, Mr. David Ricks, and Director of the Traffic Division, Engineering and Public Works, Mr. Motasem Al-Turk, regarding traffic concerns within Juno Beach, the Town Council gave unanimous consensus to add a discussion on traffic concerns to the January agenda, and have staff draft a letter opposing the minimizing of the Donald Ross Road median.

For Councils' review and approval, staff is providing a draft letter to Palm Beach County opposing the reduction of the median on Donald Ross Road caused by the addition of turn lanes.

General Timeline of Events:

2021 - The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) released their 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, in the plan they include proposed projects: 1) widening of Donald Ross Road from 4 to 6 lanes from Ellison Wilson Road to US Highway 1, and 2) widening of Donald Ross Road from 3 to 5 lanes from US Highway 1 to Ocean Drive (see attachment #1)

September 2021 - Town of Juno Beach informs PBC of opposition to the widening of Donald Ross Road (see attachment #2)

October/November 2021 - Town of Juno Beach Traffic Engineer, Bryan Kelly, P.E., engages in discussions with PBC to forego widening of Donald Ross Road.

December 2021 - PBC abandoned the proposed projects to widen Donald Ross Road.

July 2022 - PBC includes intersection improvements for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road on their 5-year road program (see attachment #3, pages 3 of 5).

September 2022 - Town of Juno Beach informs PBC of opposition to the intersection improvements for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road (see attachment #4).

October 26, 2022 - Town Manager Lo Bello provides Council with an update from staff's conversation with PBC. The Council directs staff to provide an updated letter to PBC that the Town is in support of the proposed improvements for the intersection for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road along with crosswalk improvements and sharing the design drawing with the Town for staff review and comments.

12. COMMENTS FROM TOWN MANAGER (Time: 3:56:20 – 4:02:02)

Town Manager Lo Bello explained Palm Beach County's 5-Year Road Project Proposal and asked Council for a consensus to revise the September letter sent to the County to show support for specified projects.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff questions on this item.

Council gave consensus to have staff send a revised letter to Palm Beach County in support of certain proposed 5-year plan projects for Juno Beach.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juGOQYoUmWo>

October 2022 - Town of Juno Beach informs PBC of support for the improvements for the intersection for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road (see attachment #5).

Oct 2024 - PBC shares with staff preliminary plans for the intersection improvements for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road (see attachment #6).

December 2024 - PBC made a presentation on the Traffic Concerns within Juno Beach. Town Council directed staff to draft a letter of opposition to the intersection improvements for US Highway 1 and Donald Ross Road (see attachment #7), and to add a discussion item to the January Town Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is ready to answer any questions that Council may have.

Attachments:

1. 2045 PBTPA Long Range Plan summary sheet
2. Juno Beach opposition letter (September 2021)
3. PBC 5-year road program (2022)
4. Juno Beach opposition letter (September 2022)
5. Juno Beach support letter (October 2022)
6. PBC preliminary plans – intersection improvements
7. DRAFT – Juno Beach opposition letter