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Mr. Nick Uhren, P.E.
Executive Director
Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
301 Datura St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

RE: Palm Beach TPA 2020 Local Initiatives Program - Lake Worth Beach
S. East Coast Street & South H Street – from Lake Avenue to 6th Avenue South including the east/west street segments from S. East Coast Street to South Dixie Highway (1st Ave South, 2nd Ave South, 3rd Ave South, 4th Ave South, and 5th Ave South)

Dear Mr. Uhren:

The City of Lake Worth Beach is submitting an application for the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency's 2020 Local Initiatives cycle. The scope of the above referenced project will involve an overall roadway repurposing / lane elimination by transitioning from two-way to one-way road segments, the addition of dedicated bicycle lanes, the addition of new / modification of existing sidewalk, correction of existing drainage issues, the addition of valley gutter / Type F curb and gutter, widening of existing landscape / green space, the addition of landscape / green space in locations there currently is none, the addition of on-street parking, addition of pedestrian lighting, and the addition of pedestrian friendly amenities such as benches, trash cans, and bicycle racks throughout. One design element of note we're excited about is the utilization of contraflow bike lanes on S. East Coast Street and South H Street, which would be a first in Lake Worth Beach.

The City owned infrastructure in the project area is in need of repair. With the opening of a popular new brewery on South H Street (and more to come), it is clear that the entire area needs a design that will incorporate elements to address the increased foot traffic. Another example of development coming to this Artisanal Industrial zoned district of the City could be seen at the recent February 18th Commission meeting. A Letter of Intent was successfully brought forth for The Bohemian, three parcels (two blocks) of a new mixed-use project proposing 200 residential units with commercial space on the first floor (please see the two enclosures). This is located within our Local Initiatives project footprint at the south-west corner of Lake Avenue and S. East Coast Street. The addition of this transit-oriented, mixed-use, multifamily development is further evidence that the current non-pedestrian friendly roadway infrastructure needs to be addressed. The use of these roadways is changing and their current classification will need to be addressed as well.

We've been able to incorporate design ideas discussed in the January 7th, 2020 pre-application meeting with TPA / FDOT staff and if selected for funding will administer and construct the project. As stated during that meeting, a through traffic analysis has been performed, all work will be completed within the City owned

right-of-way, and there will be no license / easement agreements necessary. As you can see from the amount of signed support letters from property owners within the project limits (35 letters as of today, 2/24/20), there is overwhelming support for this community project. The City is excited to submit this 2020 Local Initiatives application and looks forward to the process that lies ahead.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1. Bohemian: Elevation - SE View
2. Bohemian: Site View

THE BOHEMIAN



