



Town of Loxahatchee Groves

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FDOT Palm Beach Operations Center
7900 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33413

RE: Intersection of Southern Boulevard and B Road

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a result of recent discussions at Town council meetings, and on behalf of the Town this letter has been drafted to bring to attention an urgent and critical safety issue regarding traffic signalization at the intersection of Southern Boulevard and B Road in Loxahatchee Groves. It is the Town's belief the current signal timing plan is leading to multiple traffic crashes and causing severe traffic congestion and stacking issues, especially during peak hours.

Of primary concern is the insufficient green time for northbound and southbound traffic on B Rd/Binks Forest Dr. This issue has led to numerous crashes due to drivers attempting to clear the intersection or other drivers stopping abruptly due to concerns of the high-speed traffic on Southern Blvd. Additionally, the resulting traffic stacking on B Road is creating further safety issues, blocked intersections, further vehicle delays, and frustration for both commuters and residents. In addition to vehicle safety, this problem also raises safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists navigating the area.

In light of these issues, we respectfully request that the FDOT Palm Beach Operations Center review the existing signal timing plan for the intersection of Southern Boulevard and B Road in Loxahatchee Groves. Evaluating the traffic patterns and optimizing the traffic light cycle plan duration to better favor the northbound and southbound approaches could better manage traffic flow, reduce vehicle delays, and improve safety for all road users.

A thorough assessment and potential adjustment of the traffic light timing could significantly improve traffic safety and operation at this intersection. Given the urgency of the situation, we believe the signal timing evaluation and any necessary signal improvement must be done as promptly as possible. We have previously reached out to Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works, and they instructed us that Florida Department of Transportation is solely responsible for establishing the signal timing plan



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and would be the lead agency to contact to resolve the issue at hand.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated by the community. You may reach our Public Works Director, Richard Gallant directly at RGallant@LoxahatcheeGrovesFL.gov and/or at 561-277-2151 (office) or 561-985-2778 (mobile). The Town looks forward to suggestions from FDOT regarding any actions or recommendations to relieve the issues at this intersection.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

Mayor Anita Kane

Cc: Town Council
Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager
Richard Gallant, Public Works Director
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