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Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Al Cablay
Subject: Fw: [External] Request for painted crosswalk Beach Access 2 Hwy 210 North Topsail Beach
Attachments: Crosswalks in Beach Communities.pdf

I sent one earlier that had the paper trail but it didn't go through. So here is the response from DOT

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Subject: RE: [External] Request for painted crosswalk Beach Access 2 Hwy 210 North Topsail Beach

Good morning Richard.

Thank you for your phone call and for bringing this request to our attention. Before crosswalks can be reviewed in this area, we would need to receive an official request from the Town of North Topsail Beach. Following an official request, we will review the location and provide approval/denial of the crosswalk location based on an engineering evaluation of the proposed location.

It is our goal to work with our surrounding beach communities to determine safe and viable options for their high levels of pedestrian traffic. For this reason, we developed the attached *Guidelines for Crosswalks in Beach Communities*. Allowing these crosswalks for beach accesses is a fairly new process and the guidelines to do so were developed in 2010. Before that, the stance was that in beach communities, pedestrian activity should be expected, so crosswalks were not permitted to avoid giving pedestrians a false sense of security.

In the past few years, we have been contacted by several communities that have installed these unsignalized crossings, with concerns that they are causing more issues rather than improving them for this very reason. Some of these

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Bryce, thanks for taking my call this morning. We are looking to have a painted crosswalk and signage installed at Beach Access #2, 2950 Island Dr. (Hwy210) between the Sound side parking lot and the beach side parking lot. We look at this as a safety issue as we have seen a large increase in pedestrian traffic at that location since NTB instituted paid parking along Island Dr and New River Inlet Rd. Let me know if there is anything else that I need to provide to move this request along.

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