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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:16 PM
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Cc: Sierra, Ramon; Iglesias, Daniel; Legcevic, Evelin; Burgher, Tish
Subject: RE: Meeting with City of Key West (January 10, 2017) - Crosswalk walks along the western part of N. Roosevelt Blvd

Good Afternoon,

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend. As per the items discussed during our meeting last week Tuesday, January 10, 2016 I have gone ahead documented in items regarding the pedestrian crosswalks along N. Roosevelt Blvd. Please take a moment to review the information and provide feedback if needed so that there is concurrence amongst us.

In attendance:

Jim Scholl - City Manager
Greg Velez – Assistant City Manager
Donald J. Lee Jr. - Chief of Police
Gary J. Volenec, P.E. - City Engineer
Jim Bouquet, P.E. - Director of Engineering
Alyson Crean – City’s Public Information Officer
Daniel Iglesias, P.E. - District Design Engineer
Evelin Legcevic, P.E. – Traffic Services Engineer
Omar Meitin, P.E. - District Traffic Operations Engineer

Items	Description	District 6 Responsible Office
1	FDOT explained to City officials that crosswalks along N. Roosevelt are part of a system-wide treatment to provide pedestrians safe passage across the road. The Department recommendation is to enhance the crosswalks with pedestrian activate Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and provide additional overhead street lighting at the crossings to increase nighttime visibility. According to the City they have a planned project along S. Roosevelt which includes the installation of RRFB’s.	Design/Traffic Operations
2	The City ask the question of how soon could the pedestrian enhancements take place. It was explained that it would have to wait until July for FDOT’s Work Program to open up which at that time a candidate project could be created and programed into the outer years. The City asked if the project could be built sooner instead of later. The response to those present was if the City were interested in funding and constructing the project on their own FDOT would not object. This option still requires time to design and identify utility conflicts. As per the City request FDOT agreed to provide them with a cost estimate for this work effort.	Design/Traffic Operations

3	FDOT will begin to collect pedestrian counts at the existing crosswalk locations along N Roosevelt in continuation of the study that was conducted November of 2016. The intent is to capture pedestrian usage of the crosswalks during the high tourist season which has already started according to the City. It is anticipated that all data collection will be completed by January 31st 2017.	Traffic Operations
4	The City asked the question if the data collected during the high tourist season were to reflect a minimal number of pedestrians using crosswalks could consideration be given to eliminate those which are underutilized. FDOT reminded the city the crosswalks were installed as part of a system wide treatment and recommends that all crosswalks remain and incorporate the proposed enhancement features.	Traffic Operations
5	The City asked for FDOT to present to the City commission final recommendations of the pedestrian study once it has been finalized. It is anticipated that the finalized report will available to distribute the week of February 6th 2017.	Traffic Operations
6	The City asked about the removal of the shared lane markings (aka: sharrows) along N. Roosevelt Blvd. It was explained how they function and the department's criteria for their installation. The City reiterated their concern with the markings and the message it conveys to bicyclists. They feel it encourages bicyclists to ride on the road in lieu of using the existing wide sidewalk on the north side of N. Roosevelt Blvd.	Design
7	FDOT has asked the City to provide a resolution either in support for the crosswalks or their desire to eliminate crosswalks with low pedestrian usage.	Traffic Operations

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Subject: RE: Meeting with City of Key West (June 9, 2016) - Crosswalk walks along the western part of N. Roosevelt Blvd

Omar and Ramon,

Thank you for taking time to meet with us this week for an update on FDOT's review of the crosswalks on N. Roosevelt Blvd. In our meeting you mentioned the standard of 20 pedestrians per hour having to use the crosswalk to justify the implementation of a HAWK system. I'm sure you are aware but from January through the end of April our population in Key West increases significantly as a result of increased tourism and snow birds. Please take this into account as you conduct your study.

Thank you,

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Omar,

Not sure if you received the email I sent last week. Any updates on our requests?

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Omar,

I hope you're well. It's been over two months since we met in Key West to discuss the concerns we have about the crosswalks along N. Roosevelt Blvd. Do you have any updates on our requests?

Thank you,

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Donie thank you for your input and clarification. We look forward to working with the City.

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All,

I called Secretary Boxold's office to request a meeting with him to discuss our crosswalk's. I never spoke with the Secretary. I spoke with his assistant. I was called back by Harold Dedunes and we briefly discussed some of the issues that we wanted to address. We also sent letters requesting a meeting to Mr. Boxold and Mr. Dedunes. I never requested the same treatment being proposed in Key Largo. Maybe someone at FDOT assumed that since we discussed the Secretary and Sheriff's meeting in Key Largo.

Anyway we appreciate your attention and consideration of our concerns.

R/s,

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Thanks so much Omar

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Jim thank you for your prompt response and input.

Regarding Item 5, I am aware of your meeting with Evelin yesterday. At this time the scope of her redesign efforts is limited to the pedestrian crossing at the "triangle" intersection of N. Roosevelt Blvd and US 1. We are still discussing internally if action item 5 and her redesign efforts should converge. Please note, my intent of memorializing this intersection in the summary was to capture all the concerns raised and discussed during our meeting last Thursday.

Also, I would like to mention upon the group's return to the conference room at the City Hall from our field visit (you hadn't arrived yet) Chief Lee stated that he had reached out to the State's Transportation Secretary, Mr. Jim Boxold, in order for FDOT to consider implementing the same treatment being proposed at MM 99 in Key Largo for the crosswalks along the western portion of N. Roosevelt. This action is what triggered FDOT from not continuing with its then, ongoing design for the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and shift its attention to determine if warrant requirements exist for the installation of a Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon (aka: HAWK). This evaluation is currently ongoing. Having said that, I will add an ongoing Action Item 8 for District 6 Traffic Operations to keep the City informed on the status of Department studies within the City Limits.

Regards,

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Omar:

Regarding Item #5, we were informed yesterday by Evelin Legcevic that FDOT was in the process of redesigning the “triangle” intersection for future reconstruction. I don’t recall you mentioning that at our meeting. Also, as discussed, the City (i.e., Engineering Department) was not aware that a study was underway to install RRFBs at pedestrian crosswalks and that this study was placed on hold when a request (not from City staff) was received by the Department to evaluate installing the HAWK system at those crossings. You indicated, that in the future, the City Engineering Department will be keep informed on status of studies performed by the Department within City limits.

Thanks,

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Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds everyone well...it was a pleasure speaking with you all regarding your concerns for the pedestrian crosswalks along N. Roosevelt Blvd. As promised I have summarized and mapped our meeting discussions in Key West to a series of tasks and the responsible offices for addressing the concerns raised. Target dates for the completion of the Department’s analysis will be identified based on the efforts required for each task. Please take a moment to review the information and provide your feedback so that there is concurrence amongst us.

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Action Items for the June 9, 2016 meeting:

Items	Description	District 6 Responsible Office
1	The City requested consideration to be given to the installation of mid-block traffic signal or pedestrian hybrid beacon (aka: HAWK) in lieu of the flashing beacons currently installed at 2 of the existing crosswalks. According to the City, the continuously flashing beacons are thought to be ineffective because of low motorist compliance witnessed by law enforcement and city officials.	Traffic Operations

2	<p>The City asked for consideration to be given on the removal of some of the mid-block crosswalks (5) installed along N. Roosevelt Blvd as part of the recently completed construction project. In particular, the crosswalks in front of the 24 North Hotel, Fairfield Marriot, and the Homeland Security office building. The City asserted that there are signalized intersections in close proximity to the mid-block crosswalks that pedestrians and/or bicyclists could use instead. In addition, the request was made to relocate or simply remove the midblock crosswalk in front of the Capital Bank because of the impact to vehicles trying to enter and exit the property.</p>	Design/Traffic Operations
3	<p>The City requested the removal of the shared lane markings (aka: sharrows) along N. Roosevelt Blvd. The concern by the City is the message the markings send to bicyclists. They feel it encourages bicyclists to ride on the road in lieu of using the existing wide sidewalk on the north side of N. Roosevelt Blvd.</p>	Design
4	<p>The City has concerns with the lack of lighting at some of the pedestrian mid-block crossings. The City requested consideration to add street lighting at the 5 crosswalks in order to improve nighttime pedestrian visibility. Action item 4 is dependent on the outcome of action item 2 since it is the same 5 crosswalks.</p>	Traffic Operations
5	<p>The City requested the signalized intersection at N. Roosevelt Blvd and US 1 be evaluated to improve the overall operation of the intersection for all modes of transportation, e.g., vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, the City requested that modifications be made to improve the visibility of the signal heads facing southbound left turning vehicles.</p>	Traffic Operations
6	<p>The City requested the Department to consider the appropriateness of the signal at mid-block pedestrian crossing at Florida Street and Truman Ave and perhaps consider another type of device which has lesser impacts on the movement of vehicles along this corridor. According to City officials, because of the amount of congestion along Truman Ave which is a two lane road, there are numerous instances throughout the day when queues of vehicles back up into the pedestrian crossing essentially making the crosswalk ineffective. Also cited by city officials is that when the signal is activated by a pedestrian(s) the signal remains red for an excess amount of time, sequentially creating additional queues along Truman Ave.</p>	Traffic Operations
7	<p>The City requested that the Department conduct it's evaluations for these requests not only during the offseason, but also during the peak season which begins typically the day after Christmas when seasonal residents and visitors come to Key West for the winter.</p>	Design/Traffic Operations

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