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Subject: Public input for Tuesday commission meeting

To: Cheri Smith <csmith@keywestcity.com>, Rick Boettger <rd.boettger@gmail.com>

Dear Cheri,

Please read into the record during the public input portion of the discussion of one way vs. two way traffic on the Boulevard the following:

For the last two months, no one who has argued for keeping the one way has answered in any way the simple arguments I and many others have made in print and face to face about three observable facts.

First, the two way portion between Eisenhower and Palm has flowed freely for a year.

Second, the police and fire departments wanted two way for safety reasons. Currently, ambulances have to wait being both lanes of blocked traffic at three stoplights, instead of using the free, oncoming lane that two way offers them.

Third, if traffic is slowed inbound on a two way Boulevard, traffic has the option of using Flagler. Currently, outgoing traffic has no option but to use the always backed up 1st street turning onto Flagler.

Commissioners, I beg you to rise above politics and act on behalf of the suffering businesses, jammed up drivers, blocked ambulances. Stop listening to imaginary worries, and look at the facts on the ground.

Thank you for your service,

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