




MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress 
City Manager

From: Todd Stoughton
Assistant City Manager

Subject: **FDOT North and South Roosevelt Project (446011-1-52-01) Regarding Pedestrian and Vehicle Guard Rails including the loss of Palm Trees**

Introduction

Requesting the City Commission to give Staff direction on FDOT's North and South Roosevelt roadway project that includes the addition of a pedestrian and vehicle guards and the removal of palm trees on North Roosevelt.

Background

The City of Key West was contacted by Choice Engineering Consultants who are working on a project for FDOT scheduled to begin construction in late 2025. FDOT consultants are currently at 90% design and are asking for the City Commission to issue their opinion on project additions prior to completing the design phase of the project.

On March 5th, 2004, the City Manager, Mr. Julio Avel, transmitted a letter to FDOT stating the City's desire 'not to have pedestrian railings on the seawall on North and South Roosevelt'. FDOT has asked their consultants to reach out to the City of Key West for our input on this specific portion of the project due to our objection in 2004.

FDOT has reported to the City via email: *".. per our discussion last week, as part of the project process for the subject RRR Project along SR 5/N Roosevelt Blvd from north of Eisenhower Dr to SR 5/Overseas Hwy, the areas of unprotected water hazards along the west side of the corridor violate Lateral Offset Criteria for Canal Hazard on Curbed Roadways, as defined in FDM 215.3.2. As such, the Department intends to shield the water hazard with a roadside barrier (guardrail) along the face of curb. Furthermore, the*

pedestrian area adjacent to the promenade, used by pedestrians and bicyclists must also be protected via a pedestrian bicycle railing.

*As part of this coordination, **we would like input from the City before we present our approach to our Client, the FDOT D6.** If you have any justification or documentation between the City and the FDOT, pertaining to the unprotected promenade, please provide it to us so that we can begin this coordination process."*

This project covers both North and South Roosevelt and if the vehicle guard rails are approved, FDOT consultants have advised that the palm trees on the north side of North Roosevelt between Kennedy Drive and the Triangle would be removed to make space for the vehicle guard rail.

Financial Impact:

Currently there is no financial impact for the City.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office requests the Mayor and Commission give Staff direction to report to FDOT on the project.