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ZOOMCAST Meeting

Wednesday August 5, 2020 10 AM

Primary Election Details

Guests:

Wendy Sartory Link, PBC Supervisor of Elections

Judge Jeffrey Gillen on the Circuit Court System

Judge Debra Moses Stephens on the County Court System

PLUS Updates from Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, PBSO District 4 & PBCFR

Special Guest: Dorothy Jacks, PBC Property Appraiser explaining

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Meeting

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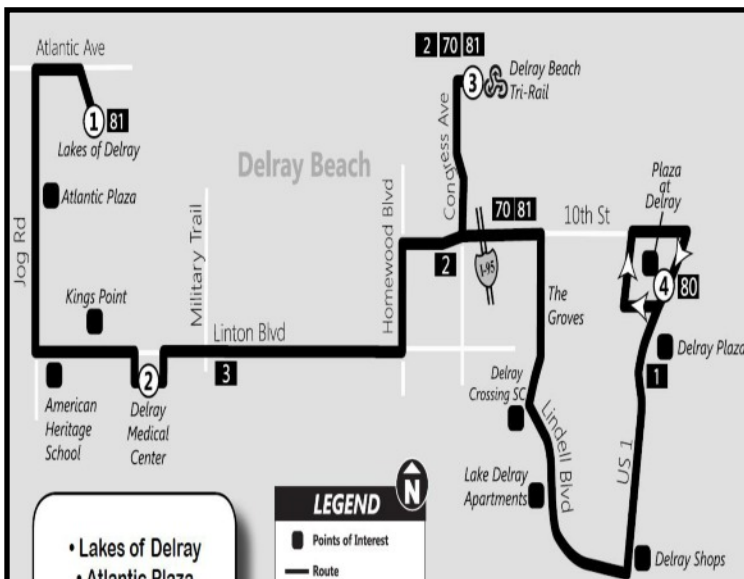
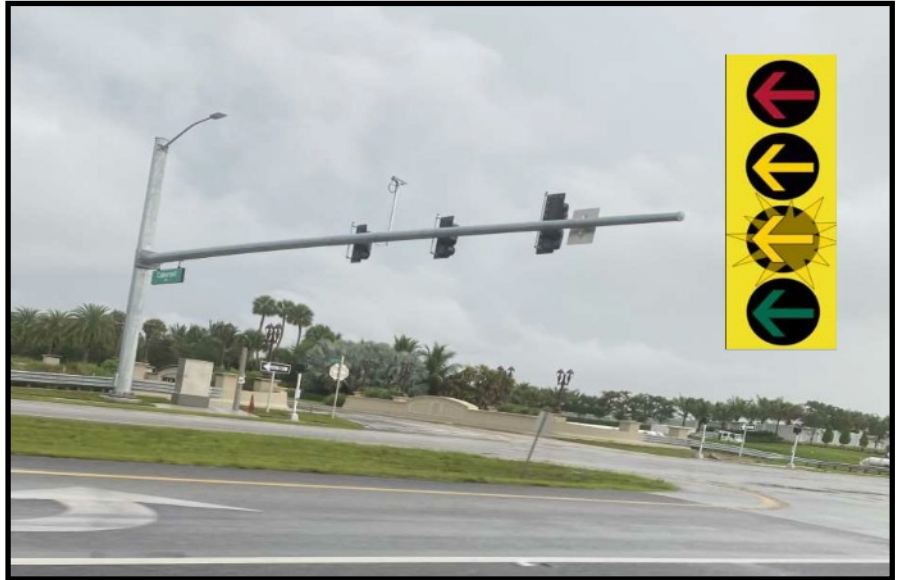
Flashing Yellow Coming to West Delray

A traffic signal has been installed at the corner of State Road 7/441 and Cabernet Drive at the entrance to the adjoining communities of Seven Bridges and Boca Bridges (see photo). Palm Beach County has been gradually implementing the flashing yellow arrow (FYA) left-turn traffic signal throughout the County as part of its standards for new and retrofit traffic signal projects.

The FYA signal indication will replace the traditional solid circular green indication for the following two left-turn signal types: Permissive Only where only a solid circular green indication is displayed and motorists must always yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before completing the left turn and Protected/Permissive which is comprised of two parts, a “protected” left-turn phase initiated by a green arrow signal indication where oncoming traffic must stop and it is safe to turn left, followed by a “permissive” part during which a solid circular green signal is displayed and left-turning traffic must yield to oncoming traffic.

Explanation of the Flashing Yellow Signal on 441: The southbound left Turn in will remain flashing for some time. It will go red when the left out of Seven Bridges

and Boca Bridges gets the green turning movement. All other times it will be yellow flashing. The southbound left in on SR7 did not meet warrants to have a green/yellow/red stop situation. FDOT will not authorize the signal to go fully operational until the left in warrants that. Free flow on SR7 is the goal for now. A fully operational left in will stop that free flow. The purpose of yellow flashing is to let drivers know that they have to yield to northbound straight on SR7. As indicated, it will go red when motorists exiting Boca Bridges and Seven Bridges are making the left out onto SR7.



Working for Our Communities: Bus Shelter Needed on Linton

Apparently there are some unused bus shelters in Delray Beach. According to Steve Anderson, Director of Transit Planning at Palm Tran for Palm Beach County, there are approximately 40 active bus shelters in the city of Delray Beach and 11 inactive ones. The bus shelters can be removed and relocated or stored.

It has been brought to the Alliance’s attention that bus stop 6381 on Linton Blvd. near Military Trail has no shelter and is non-ADA compliant. The Alliance is working to expedite the installation of a shelter at this location

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Kick-Off of Atlantic Avenue Widening

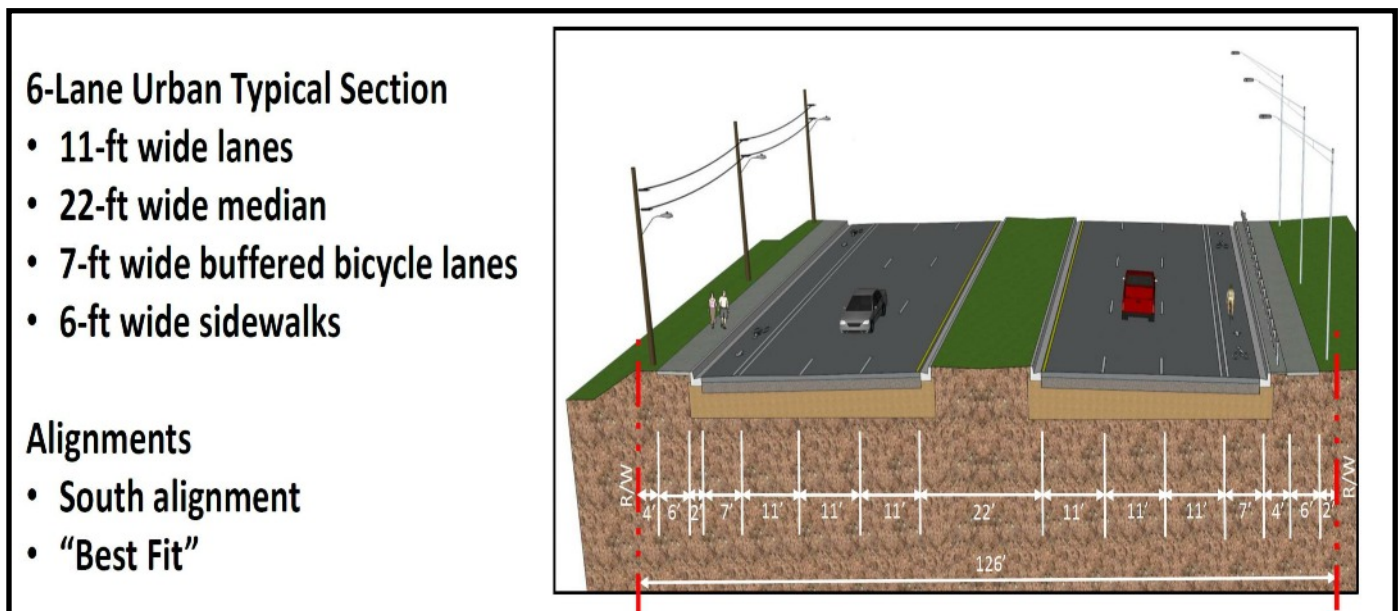
SEE CENTER PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR FDOT FLYER THAT YOU CAN COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

On Thursday July 16, 2020 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented details of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to the Transportation Planning Agency. At that meeting the Alliance was heard stating that “It is most important that the expansion of Atlantic Avenue be expedited. Infill projects are accumulating which will cause Atlantic Avenue’s inadequate link between intersecting roadways to become even more treacherous for motorists and pedestrians.” Thank you to Vice-Mayor Bob Weinroth who agreed. A “Concept Alternative”/“Baseline Concept” was presented. See photo.

The Baseline Concept includes a six lane divided roadway with seven foot buffered bicycle lanes and six foot sidewalks on both north and south sides and a twenty/twenty two foot median. The PD&E will result in a design close to this. The FDOT suggested that one alternative is “widening of the south side” and another method of design is a “best fit” to minimize impact on adjacent properties. The design phase will begin in 2022 after the initial PD&E Study.

The Alliance will keep the Membership informed throughout this process.

Questions? Call Alliance Exec. VP Lori Vinikoor 561.715.1530 or e-mail vinikoor@bellsouth.net
FDOT Website for this project: www.fdot.gov/projects/AtlanticAvePDE



McDonalds Application Update

On July 15, 2020 representatives for the Applicant for the project which is proposing a McDonald’s Restaurant with two drive-throughs for the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Legends Way presented plans to the Alliance of Delray during a ZOOMCAST meeting. Since then, the video of the presentation has been viewed by more than 2000 visitors to the YouTube and Facebook sites where the video has been posted. You can view the video by visiting www.allianceofdelray.com and clicking on the video which is located on the home page.

There is still time to send in comments. The Alliance will be attending the August 6, 2020 Zoning Commission meeting to voice its opposition to this project which is proposed “for the wrong place at the wrong time.”



Florida Department of Transportation, District Four NEWSLETTER

July 2020

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Atlantic Avenue/SR 806 from Florida's Turnpike to Jog Road in Palm Beach County

Financial Management #: 440575-3-22-02 Efficient Transportation Decision Making #: 14423

STAY INFORMED and GET INVOLVED: www.fdot.gov/projects/AtlanticAvePDE

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study along Atlantic Avenue (SR 806) from Turnpike to Jog Road in Palm Beach County.

ABOUT THE STUDY

Within the study limits, Atlantic Avenue intersects three major north-south roadways, Florida's Turnpike, Hagen Ranch Road, and Jog Road. Currently, Atlantic Avenue is an inadequate link between these multilane roadways. Expanding Atlantic Avenue to six lanes will better serve the regional transportation network and the local collector roadways.

The primary purpose of the project is to improve the local and regional transportation network while also providing enhanced multimodal interrelationships along SR 806/Atlantic Avenue from Florida's Turnpike to Jog Road within unincorporated Palm Beach County, a distance of approximately 1.8 miles. The study will evaluate widening of the existing four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway in addition to bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Atlantic Avenue contains a sidewalk on the northside throughout the study limits. There is an existing sidewalk gap on the southside of Atlantic Avenue from Michelangelo Boulevard to Jog Road. Four-foot wide bicycle lanes are generally present along the corridor. Designated buffered bicycle lanes will be proposed for this project in addition to sidewalks. Stormwater drainage ponds will also be evaluated within the study area.

A presentation for this project will be given to the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Information for attending the presentation virtually is available at <https://www.palmbeachtpa.org/Virtual-Meetings>. If you have any comments or questions following the presentation, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Alexander Estrada, P.E. via email at alexander.estrada@dot.state.fl.us or phone at 954-777-4319 or 866-336-8435 ext. 4319.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study documents FDOT's procedure for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and associated federal and state laws and regulations. During this study, FDOT performs preliminary engineering, evaluates the project's impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments, conducts interagency coordination, and engages the public. Public involvement is a key aspect throughout the life of a project. The objectives of a PD&E Study are to support decisions concerning if, where, and what should be built to address the identified transportation needs.

1 PLANNING

2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

3 DESIGN

4 RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION (IF NEEDED)

5 CONSTRUCTION

6 MAINTENANCE

Why it's done:

- ☐ Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts (natural, physical, social, cultural)
- ☐ Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- ☐ Required to secure federal regulatory approval

What it involves:

- ☐ Conducting preliminary engineering
- ☐ Evaluating options to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- ☐ Coordinating with federal, state and local agencies
- ☐ Engaging the public in project development
- ☐ Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design and Right of Way (if needed)

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	2020				2021				2022	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Begin Study	Feb. ★									
Newsletter			July ★							
Public Alternatives Workshop					Mar. ★					
Public Hearing								Dec. ★		
PD&E Study Approval										May ★
Public Involvement										

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FDOT is required to comply with various non-discrimination laws and regulations, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

FDOT encourages the public to get involved throughout the study by providing comments, concerns, questions, and suggestions to the study team. **If you would like to obtain additional project information, be added to the mailing list, request information, arrange a meeting, or submit a written comment, please contact the FDOT Project Manager noted below:**



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ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY July 1, 2020

Meeting on Zoom was called to order at 10 am. Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President, enumerated the many significant projects that the Alliance has either objected to or endorsed, not the least being three projects that the Alliance opposed that would have increased the commercial cap and/or housing density in the Agricultural Reserve. The Planning Commission denied all three applications. Two were withdrawn before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting and one was denied by the BCC.

The application to build a McDonalds on W. Atlantic Avenue and Legends Way has been postponed until the August meeting of the Palm Beach County Commission. The Alliance will send representatives to the meeting to voice opposition to the project. At the request of one of our member communities in East Delray the Alliance is working on a covered bus stop on Linton Boulevard which the residents have been asking for. Lori then introduced Sheriff Ric Bradshaw.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Bradshaw announced that there have been fewer protests and that the protests that have been held were more civil and law-abiding than those depicted in other areas. He had concerns that COVID-19 is on the rise in our area, therefore all Palm Beach County beaches will be closed for the Fourth of July weekend. The budget for his office was only a small 4% increase. Lieutenant Michael Morales of District 4 PBSO announced that the District 4 lobby remains closed because of the coronavirus. On a positive note, he reported that crime is down 30%. However, he told of scams on the telephones asking for the answering parties to purchase gift cards and give the card numbers. Don't do it! He strongly suggested that if you don't know who is calling (caller ID) that you do not answer the phone. If a message is left you can then decide to call back...or not.

Lori then introduced Rep. Lori Berman of District 31. She will be running unopposed in the primary election for the office of State Senator. She said that the Governor of Florida slashed \$1 billion for local projects, but gave a tax credit to large corporations. The COVID-19 virus is rising in Florida.

Representative to the Florida House Tina Polsky is running for the Senate in District 29. She introduced legislation that was subsequently passed that significantly increased holocaust education in both public and charter schools.

Former State Representative Irv Slosberg entered the race for Senate District 29. He is promoting public safety and education as his primary goals.

Michael Weinstein, Esq is seeking election to the House in District 81. He is a criminal attorney and hopes to build a bridge between the community and law enforcement.

Also in District 81 Kelly Skidmore, former House Representative, is again seeking that position. Some of her priorities are health care, climate change and related community needs.

Emily Slosberg, State Representative in District 91 is running unopposed. She has worked, and will continue to work, for public safety, mental health, and senior citizen needs.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Dave Kerner of District 3 is running for reelection. He told of his past successes and is looking forward to being returned to the Commission.

Maria Sachs is seeking election to the Palm Beach County Commission, District 5. She spoke of her prior experience in the Florida House and Senate and her interest in the environmental issues of her district.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Submitted by
Carol Klausner, Director
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