

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 9

From: Staff

Date: October 21, 2016 Council Meeting

Subject: South Dixie Highway Corridor Improvement Plan

Introduction

Council has been providing charrette and other citizen-based planning services to its local governments since 1989. Council has pioneered the charrette process beginning with the Downtown Stuart Charrette. Since then, Council has led 94 charrettes and collaborated on 23 others (Attachment A). Council has formed partnerships with three other regional planning councils, working outside the region on several occasions. Currently, Council staff is working closely with the City of West Palm Beach (City), the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation District IV (FDOT), Palm Tran, a large group of neighborhood associations, businesses and property owners, and cultural institutions to develop a plan to improve conditions on South Dixie Highway south of downtown. Efforts such as this represent an important part of Council's work program to provide vital services and assistance to local governments in the region.

Background

In December 2014, Council entered into a multi-party agreement with the City, the MPO, and a consortium of neighborhood associations, businesses, and individuals to engage the public in a process to develop a detailed plan for implementing changes to South Dixie Highway. Over 40 local contributors including small businesses, the Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach Atlantic University, three neighborhood associations, and individuals contributed their own funds toward this effort.

The 1.5-mile study area from Okeechobee Boulevard south to Albemarle Road, has been part of earlier planning studies to look at ways to improve the overall environment of the corridor for residents and businesses, and to make the roadway safer for motorists (Attachment B). The roadway is an FDOT facility and any improvements and/or reconfigurations will require the approval of that agency. The primary objective of this effort is to take years of prior recommendations, provide a forum for additional public input, and develop a very specific plan for implementing improvements to enhance safety and access for all users; encourage new

business locations and economic development activity; increase the tax base; and beautify and mark the corridor as a dignified entrance to downtown.

New traffic data were collected that showed this section of roadway is a candidate for a Lane Elimination, which is an FDOT process by which analyses and designs are developed that might result in the removal of a travel lane and the creation of a center turn lane, resulting in a safer roadway with wider sidewalks, more shade trees, and additional on-street parking. Council has submitted the initial Lane Elimination application, has received FDOT comments, and is finalizing revisions to the plans and analyses. One particular concern of FDOT was incorporating any concerns from Palm Tran, the primary transit provider in Palm Beach County, in the proposal, as South Dixie Highway is the most heavily used transit corridor in the county.

Council has received numerous letters of support for the project from adjacent neighborhood associations, the Norton Museum of Art, and Palm Tran. Additionally, the project was unanimously supported through a City of West Palm Beach City Commission resolution approved on March 14, 2016 (Attachment C). Council staff continues to work with FDOT to revise and refine design and traffic analyses, and a final submittal to FDOT by the City is anticipated in the fall of 2016.

#### Recommendation

For information only.

Attachments

# ATTACHMENT A

## COUNCIL LED:

- Allapatah Ranch (MC)
- Atlantis – Greenacres (PBC)
- Bartow (PC)
- Becker Road - Port St. Lucie (SLC)
- Belle Glade (PBC)
- Belle Glade/Glades Region Master Plan (PBC)
- Booker Park, Indiantown (MC)
- Boynton Beach Civic Center (PBC)
- Boynton Beach Downtown (PBC)
- Canal Point (PBC)
- Children’s Env. Learning Center (SLC)
- Coconut Creek – Coral Springs – Parkland (BC)
- Cutler Ridge Mall (DCA)
- Davie-Hollywood-Seminole Nation (BC)
- Delray Beach Downtown (PBC)
- Delray Beach North Federal Highway (PBC)
- East Stuart (MC)
- El Portal (DCA)
- Encida (DCA)
- Fellsmere (IRC)
- Flagler Beach (FC)
- Fort Lauderdale Gateway (BC)
- Fort Pierce Downtown (SLC)
- Fort Pierce Eastward Ho! Partnership Waterfront Block (SLC)
- Fort Pierce/HD King (SLC)
- Hobe Sound (MC)
- Hollywood II (BC)
- Hutchinson Island Greenway (SLCMC)
- Indiantown - Booker Park (MC)
- Jensen Beach Community Center (MC)
- Jensen Beach Downtown (MC)
- Jensen Beach Green Turtle Café (MC)
- Jupiter Farms (PBC)
- Jupiter TOD (PBC)
- Kenwood Estates (PBC)
- Lakeland – South Florida Avenue (PC)
- Lake Park I (PBC)
- Lake Park II (PBC)
- Lake Worth (PBC)
- Lake Worth Beach (PBC)
- Lake Worth Park of Commerce (PBC)
- Lake Worth TOD (PBC)
- Lauderdale Lakes (BC)
- Lauderhill (BC)
- Margate (BC)
- Miami Shores – El Portal(DC)
- Miramar/West Park (BC)
- Naranja (DC)
- North Federal Highway – Boca Raton (PBC)
- North Lauderdale – Tamarac (BC)
- North Miami (DC)
- North Miami Beach (DC)
- North Palm Beach Village Master Plan (PBC)
- North St. Lucie County (SLC)
- North US 1/Seven Cities Charrette (PBC)
- Northwood Business Development Corporation (PBC)
- Oakland Park (BC)
- Old Cutler Road (DC)
- Overtown (DC)
- Pahokee (PBC)
- Pahokee /Glades Region Master Plan (PBC)
- Palm Beach – Royal Poinciana (PBC)
- Palm Beach Gardens TOD (PBC)
- Perrine (DC)
- Plantation (BC)
- Pleasant City (PBC)
- Pointe West (IRC)
- Princeton (DC)
- Rio (MC)
- Riviera Beach CRA (PBC)
- Royal Palm Beach (PBC)
- SeaWind (MC)
- Sebastian CR 512 (IRC)
- Sebastian US 1 Corridor (IRC)
- Sewall’s Point (MC)
- South Martin County (MC)
- Southern Plaza Eastward Ho! Partnership (PBC)
- SR 7 Transit Supportive Land Uses (PBC)
- Stuart – Cove Road
- Stuart Eastward Ho! Partnership (MC)
- Taylor Creek (SLC)
- Ten Mile Creek (SLC)
- Treasure Coast Regional Greenways (PBC, SLC, MC)
- Urban Redevelopment Area – Military Trail Corridor (PBC)
- V-2 Ranch (SLC)
- Vero Beach Arts Village (IRC)
- Village Green (SLC)
- Village of North Palm Beach (PBC)
- Village of Royal Palm Beach – SR 80 (PBC)
- West Palm Beach CSX-FEC Connector (PBC)
- West Palm Beach South Dixie Highway (PBC)
- West Palm Beach Transit Village (PBC)
- Weston Town Center (BC)
- White City (SLC)

**COUNCIL ASSISTED:**

- Abacoa (PBC)
- Agricultural Reserve (PBC)
- Fort Pierce - Avenue D (SLC)
- Boca Raton Downtown (PBC)
- C-9 Basin (BC)
- Fort Pierce - Delaware and Orange Avenue (SLC)
- Delray Beach Pineapple Grove (PBC)
- Fort Pierce Marina (SLC)
- Greater Lake Okeechobee (PBC)
- Juno Beach (PBC)
- Lantana (PBC)
- Pearl City (PBC)
- Port of Fort Pierce (SLC)
- Riviera Beach (PBC)
- San Castle Neighborhood (PBC)
- South Beach (SLC)
- Stuart Downtown (MC)
- Tequesta Downtown (PBC)
- Tequesta Golden Triangle (PBC)
- Town of Wellington (PBC)
- WCI (PBC)
- West Palm Beach Downtown (PBC)
- Winter Park Mall (OC)

**KEY:**

- BC – Broward County
- DC – Dade County
- FL – Flagler County
- IRC – Indian River County
- MC – Martin County
- OC – Orange County
- PBC – Palm Beach County
- PC – Polk County
- SLC – St. Lucie County

## ATTACHMENT B Study Area



South Dixie Highway Extending South of Downtown

1.48 Miles

4 Lanes – Undivided

Typical ROW 70' – 80' (varies)

Intermittent On-Street Parking Exists on the East Side  
of Roadway

## ATTACHMENT C

List of supporting documents for the South Dixie Corridor Improvement Plan

- **Downtown Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support dated February 8, 2016
- **The Carefree Project**  
Letter of Support dated March, 8, 2016
- **City of West Palm Beach**  
Resolution of Support dated March, 14, 2016
- **Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support dated March 24, 2016
- **Norton Museum of Art**  
Letter of Support dated March 24, 2016
- **Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support dated March 25, 2016
- **Mango Promenade Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support dated March 28, 2016
- **El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support – dated March 28, 2016
- **Sunshine Park Neighborhood Association**  
Letter of Support – dated March 30, 2016
- **Palm Tran**  
Letter of Support – dated September 30, 2016

2/8/15



Honorable Mayor Jeri Muoio and Honorable Members of the West Palm Beach City Commission: Sylvia Moffett, Isaac Robinson Jr., Kimberly Mitchell, Keith James, and Shanon Materio

**Re: Jeff Speck Walkability Study**

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

The Board of the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) unanimously endorses the Jeff Speck walkability study.

Speck's study builds on past successes in creating streets as places. West Palm Beach has been a leader in this arena, with examples such as the successful conversion of Clematis Street to two-way traffic from one-way, traffic calming projects in our historic neighborhoods, and the rightsizing of Olive and Dixie.

These recommendations will take West Palm Beach to the next level of livability and economic vitality. These changes represent high-return public investments, and many can be accomplished through low-cost restriping of streets and do not necessitate large capital expenditures.

It is our hope this study will form the foundation for a new policy of livable street design as the default, rather than the exception, for the study area. We also stand in support of our neighbors to the north and south in asking for more livable streets and walkable neighborhoods - notably, in the South Dixie Corridor and the Broadway corridor. We desire to enhance the connectivity, walkability, and bikability between downtown and our neighbors to the north and south.

We realize some projects will take longer to accomplish than others, but those that are identified as short-term projects should be acted upon immediately. For example, we wish to see the first restripings take place in the first quarter of 2015.

We applaud the City, CRA, and DDA for funding the study. Let's realize the many benefits of its recommendations as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Downtown Neighborhood Association

Michael Cuevas, President  
Jesse Bailey, Vice President  
Susan Landeryou, Treasurer  
Taryn Pisaneschi, Director  
Cynthia Nalley, Director  
Jeannene Cox, Director

**The Carefree Project  
2000-2100 S. Dixie Highway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

March 8, 2016

Honorable Jeri Muoio, Mayor  
City of West Palm Beach, Florida  
401 Clematis Street  
2nd Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: The Flamingo – Support of Application to Florida Department of Transportation  
regarding South Dixie Highway

Dear Mayor Muoio,

As you know I have in recent months, through 2000 SDH LLC and 2100 SDH LLC – companies that I own and manage, acquired the Carefree Theater properties located at 2000 & 2020 South Dixie Highway and 309 Barcelona Road, as well as the property located at 2100 South Dixie Highway. I have also worked to put together a top-flight design and development team to consider, establish and hone our project plans. We are excited to be in a position to engage, very soon, the City and West Palm Beach community with regard to our intended redevelopment of these properties.

I am writing to offer my strong support of recent efforts by the City of West Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Commission to narrow the span of South Dixie Highway between Okeechobee Boulevard and Albemarle Road and, in doing so, to create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment within that corridor. Together, my properties comprise 500-plus feet of frontage along South Dixie Highway – all inside the project area. As a businessman with a substantial background in real estate, it is my strong belief that the proposed changes will not only enhance my private investment and support the new businesses that I plan to bring forward – they will also present a welcomed and “user-friendly” environment for the entire community.

Within our project I am excited to revive, alongside other contemplated uses, a first-class art house foreign and independent film going experience at the location of the historic Carefree Theater. By reducing vehicular travel speeds, adding parking opportunities, upgrading the landscaping, and making it easier and safer to cross the street, the atmosphere of the area will be transformed. Without traffic speeding past, people will be encouraged to stroll from their home to entertainment and shopping and to dinner. Redesigning the roadway will enhance the experience of living at and visiting our project and, generally, the South Dixie corridor.

EO-8200-7500/1

**The Carefree Project  
2000-2100 S. Dixie Highway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

It is clear to me that the proposed changes will result in social, aesthetic and economic benefits to our community. I encourage all of the agencies involved to work toward realizing this vision.

Sincerely,



Charles S. Cohen

cc: Ms. Paula Ryan, District 3 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Jeff Green, City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Scott Kelly, Assistant City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Rick Greene, Development Services Director, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Dana P. Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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**RESOLUTION NO. 80-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT LANE ELIMINATION APPLICATION FOR SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY; AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE PALM BEACH COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR A LOCAL INITIATIVE GRANT TO BE USED FOR THE SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, South Dixie Highway from Albemarle Road to Okeechobee Blvd is a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach desires to reduce the motor vehicle travel lanes along South Dixie Highway in order to accommodate medians, turning lanes, bicycle lanes, shade trees and on-street parking in the southern-most area; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach desires to submit a Lane Elimination Application to the Florida Department of Transportation for the South Dixie Highway corridor from Albemarle Road to Okeechobee Blvd; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach desires to apply for a Local Initiatives Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, through the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization, for grant funds in an amount up to \$2,500,000 to fund the roadway improvements on the South Dixie Highway corridor from Albemarle Road to Okeechobee Blvd.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, that:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, hereby finds that lane elimination along South Dixie Highway and the installation of medians, turning lanes, bicycle lanes, shade trees and on-street parking (in certain areas) will enhance multimodal usage and increase economic development of the South Dixie corridor for residents and adjacent businesses.

**SECTION 2:** The City Commission hereby authorizes the Mayor to provide a letter of support to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council supporting the Lane Elimination Application to the Florida Department of Transportation for reduction of motor vehicle travel lanes on South Dixie Highway.

**SECTION 3:** The City Commission hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to the Florida Department of Transportation, through the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization, for a Local Initiatives grant in an amount up to \$2,500,000 to fund the South Dixie Highway roadway improvements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 80-16**

**SECTION 4:** The City Clerk shall provide two certified copies of this Resolution to the Assistant City Administrator for Engineering Services and Public Works for submittal with the applications.

**SECTION 5:** Upon award of the Local Initiatives grant, in compliance with the Grants Policy, the Engineering Services Division shall bring a fiscal resolution accepting the grant funds and a resolution approving any grant agreement back to the City Commission for approval.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall take effect in accordance with law.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**



**ATTEST:**

X *Hazelne F. Carson*  
CITY CLERK  
Signed by: Hazelne Carson

**CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH BY  
ITS CITY COMMISSION:**

X *Geraldine Muoio*  
PRESIDING OFFICER  
Signed by: Geraldine Muoio

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:**

3/14/2016  
X *Nancy Nurcheck*  
CITY ATTORNEY  
Signed by: NURcheck



# FLAMINGO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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March 24, 2016

Mayor Jeri Muoio  
City of West Palm Beach

Dear Mayor:

The Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association has long been a supporter of efforts to re-do Dixie Highway to make it more pedestrian friendly and attractive. In fact, we were an early supporter of these efforts and gave money to the grass-roots efforts in the very beginning.

There are many wonderful projects (just completed and planned) for Dixie Highway. But what remains is to make it more pedestrian friendly by narrowing the road, but also reduce vehicular speeds, add parking opportunities, upgrade landscaping and make it safer for pedestrians to cross.

We have also participated in the many planning charrettes where attendees had the opportunity to give their input into the vision of the future design.

We encourage all the agencies involved to work together toward realizing the new vision.

Cordially,

Linda Cullen  
President

CC: Commissioner Paula Ryan  
Commissioner Shanon Materio  
Jeff Green, City Administrator  
Scott Kelly, Assistant City Administrator  
Rick Greene, City Development Services Director  
Dana Little, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

FPNA, INC., P. O. BOX 1112 WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33402

# Norton Museum of Art

Dear Mayor and City Council:

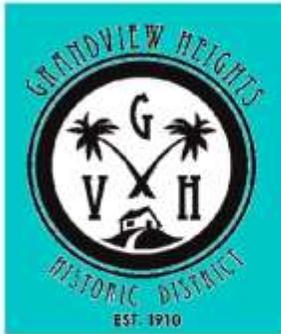
It is with great enthusiasm that the Norton Museum of Art endorses the plan for the renovation of South Dixie Highway. We have been working with our neighbors, businesses as well as residential neighborhood associations, along the corridor to design a beautiful urban boulevard.

As you know, we have broken ground on a two year transformative expansion of the Museum that includes reorienting our front entrance to South Dixie Highway. The plan for a more beautiful and pedestrian-friendly South Dixie is of paramount importance to the Museum and our visitors.

Thank you for supporting the South Dixie Highway study with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Association and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this vital civic improvement.

Sincerely,

Hope Alswang



March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Honorable Jeri Muoio  
City of West Palm Beach  
401 Clematis Street  
P.O. Box 3366  
West Palm Beach, FL 33402  
**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Dear Mayor Muoio:

Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association (GVHNA) offers our support for the efforts of the City of West Palm Beach under your administration's leadership *to narrow South Dixie Highway between Okeechobee Boulevard and Ablemarle Road and to create a more attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment through this corridor.* As President of the GVHNA and a part of our Membership's Committee to the South Dixie Corridor Coalition, I stand in recognition and support for the implementation of the numerous benefits outlined by this grassroots' campaign, and especially for the roadway transformation stage that will make future steps possible.

Our neighborhood borders the northwest end of this corridor. We have watched it evolve, are vested in its growth, and frequent the returned businesses and restaurants. Unfortunately, the character and speed of traffic on the roadway, as the studies, public input and government-public charrettes affirm, has detracted from the improvements. *By reducing vehicular travel speeds, adding parking opportunities, upgrading the landscaping, and making it easier and safer to cross the street, the atmosphere of the area will be transformed.* These improvements will support our growing business environment, provide safer access to walking, biking and driving patrons, and improve both aesthetic and economic benefits in the corridor. We are excited about this proposed next stage of improvements on the South Dixie corridor.

*Your support is needed to implement. I encourage all of the agencies involved and your office to work toward realizing this transformation together—a part of the vision of over 12 years of studies and community efforts. This is the next step,*

Thank you,

*Renée Zarro, President*

Renée Zarro, President

Cc via email:

Ms. Paula Ryan, District 3 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Ms. Shanon Materio, District 1 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Jeff Green, City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Scott Kelly, Assistant City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Rick Greene, Development Services Director, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Dana P. Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

**Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

[renee.zarro@gmail.com](mailto:renee.zarro@gmail.com)

561-301-7647

March 28, 2016

Honorable Jeri Muoio, Mayor  
City of West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mayor Muoio,

On behalf of the Mango Promenade Neighborhood Association, I am offering our strong support of recent efforts by the City of West Palm Beach to narrow South Dixie Highway between Okeechobee Boulevard and Ablemarle Road to create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment. I am the current President of the Mango Promenade Neighborhood Association and our neighborhood borders the South Dixie corridor to the east. We have watched the corridor evolve and grow with more neighborhood-oriented businesses and restaurants. Unfortunately, the character and speed of traffic on the roadway has detracted from all of the great improvements.

We are excited about the proposed improvements on the South Dixie corridor. By reducing vehicular travel speeds, adding parking opportunities, upgrading the landscaping, and making it easier and safer to cross the street, the atmosphere of the area will be transformed. These improvements will make our growing business environment safer and more accessible to our residents. The change will result in both aesthetic and economic benefits.

I encourage all of the agencies involved to work toward realizing this vision.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thron  
President  
Mango Promenade Neighborhood Association

Cc via email:

Ms. Paula Ryan, District 3 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Ms. Shanon Materio, District 1 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Jeff Green, City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Scott Kelly, Assistant City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Rick Greene, Development Services Director, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Dana P. Little, Urban Design Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

**Dana Little**

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**From:** J. Kevin Lawler [cowboyjkl@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** dlittle@tcrpc.org  
**Subject:** Resend- South Dixie

Dana,

RE: SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY LANE REDUCTION/REDESIGN

This email is to serve as an interim statement of support. The El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association strongly endorses the pending application to the MPO for a lane reduction on Dixie Highway, southward from Okeechobee Boulevard for approximately 1.5 miles.

Our Association was instrumental in the creation of the broad coalition of historic neighborhoods and institutions that contributed funding to the redesign of Dixie Highway. Our membership actively participated in the design process. And our Association is on the public record at the West Palm Beach City Commission meeting of March 14th indicating unqualified support of the potential benefits from the lane reduction on Dixie Highway.

When the Board of the El Cid Historic Neighborhood meets later this Spring, a formal letter of support will be prepared and forwarded to your attention. We trust this interim statement will serve to communicate to the MPO the strong support of the El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association.

regards,

J. Kevin Lawler  
on behalf of the Board of the El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association

March 30, 2016

Honorable Jeri Muoio, Mayor  
City of West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mayor Muoio,

On behalf of the Sunshine Park Neighborhood Association, I am offering our strong support of recent efforts by the City of West Palm Beach to narrow South Dixie Highway between Okeechobee Boulevard and Ablemarle Road to create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment. I am the current president of the SPNA and our neighborhood borders the South Dixie corridor between Ardmore and Belvedere Roads. We have watched the corridor evolve and grow with more neighborhood-oriented businesses and restaurants. Unfortunately, the character and speed of traffic on the roadway has detracted from all of the great improvements.

We are excited about the proposed improvements on the South Dixie corridor. By reducing vehicular travel speeds, adding parking opportunities, upgrading the landscaping, and making it easier and safer to cross the street, the atmosphere of the area will be transformed. These improvements will make our growing business environment safer and more accessible to our residents. The change will result in both aesthetic and economic benefits.

I encourage all of the agencies involved to work toward realizing this vision.

Sincerely,



John DiGenova

President, Sunshine Park Neighborhood Association

Cc via email:

Ms. Paula Ryan, District 3 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Ms. Shanon Materio, District 1 Commissioner, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Jeff Green, City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
Mr. Scott Kelly, Assistant City Administrator, City of West Palm Beach  
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September 30, 2016

The Honorable Jeri Muoio,  
Mayor of the City of West Palm Beach  
401 Clematis Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mayor Muoio,

**Re: Support of Proposed South Dixie Improvement Project**

Palm Tran, through the provision of safe, reliable, and convenient public mass transit, is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors of Palm Beach County.

The proposed South Dixie Improvement project on Dixie Highway, south of downtown West Palm Beach is serviced by Route 1, which is Palm Tran's most frequented route. Over the last six months, we have closely coordinated with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to identify potential Palm Tran bus stop improvements and evaluate any operational impacts on the project corridor.

Palm Tran has not identified any negative operational concerns. The creation of Complete Street projects such as this contributes to attracting additional Palm Tran customers. It is critical that current and future customers have safe, convenient and accessible bus stops and Palm Tran believes the South Dixie Improvement project advances that effort.

The proposed South Dixie Improvement project will enhance more than fifteen existing Palm Tran bus stops in the corridor by providing ADA-accessible boarding and alighting areas as well as needed right-of-way for future street infrastructure, such as bus shelters and bus benches. To that end, Palm Tran fully supports the South Dixie Improvement project.

Palm Tran is committed to being the County's top transportation choice for residents to access employment, education and other daily needs. If you have any other additional comments or concerns regarding this project, please contact me at (561) 841-4227 or at [cforbes@pbcgov.org](mailto:cforbes@pbcgov.org).

Sincerely,

Clinton B. Forbes  
Executive Director

c: Todd J. Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator  
Charles Frazier, Director of Support Services  
Fred Stubbs, Transit Planning Manager  
Scott Kelly, City of West Palm Beach  
Chon Wong, FDOT District IV  
Nick Uhren, Palm Beach MPO  
Michael Busha, TCRPC