

2025 ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE HEARING COMMENTS

Comments Received Via Email and USPS

- 2/17/25 – Jason Bregman, 227 Lake Ter, 561-699-3681, jab450@hotmail.com
 - Good evening. Thank you for your service to our community and for conducting this annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing. Street re-paving through-out the Lake Ida neighborhood has been piecemeal over recent years. Higher traffic roads have rightly been prioritized, but with the result that smaller neighborhood roads remain in poor condition adjacent to new paved roads. I request that roadway paving be finalized for the neighborhood so that all roads are in a similar condition and can be maintained in the future on a consistent schedule. Small roads such Lake Terrace (where I live), Rye Lane and other smaller roads should be included - as many of them are in poor condition. Thank you for your time and consideration.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – In 2024, we deployed a new technology to continuously monitor pavement conditions throughout the City and will be using the data to strategically address issues. As funding becomes available, pavement preservation techniques will be implemented to extend roads that are still in good and fair condition. Roads below fair condition will need higher funding to complete full rehabilitation.**

- 2/17/25 – Greg Glenn, 561-395-3316, glenngga@cs.com
 - 1. The intersection of Lawson and Homewood is a very dangerous intersection. Nobody but Nobody stops for the stop signs. I myself was in a accident at this intersection in 2020. I was turning left on Homewood onto Lawson. The person to my right DID NOT STOP and took off my ft bumper. I'm requesting the city install a TURNAROUND at Lawson and Homewood.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – We are aware of the concerns with this intersection and are monitoring crash data and available funding to improve safety.**

 - 2. Lawson has had major upgrades with the walkways and pedestrian bridges and repaving has made this a RACEWAY. It had always been a speed zone but now with the new pavement and the intersection of Lawson and Homewood the squeal their tires at Homewood and RACE east on Lawson all the way to the canal/bridges. Requesting SPEED BUMPS installed. I realize this is not a residential street but something can be done to slow the speed.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – We are aware of the concerns with this intersection and are monitoring crash data and available funding to improve safety.**

- 2/18/25 – Craig Davis, bizgoz@gmail.com
 - It's about time we repaved our badly patched up roads. Please consider this a priority... it feels like we're in a third world country here in Delray Beach.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – In 2024, we deployed a new technology to continuously monitor pavement conditions throughout the City and will be using the data to strategically address issues. As funding becomes available, pavement preservation techniques will be implemented to extend roads that are still in good and fair condition. Roads below fair condition will need higher funding to complete full rehabilitation.**

- 2/18/25 – Juan Martinez, 954-655-5589, martinezjly@yahoo.com
 - Good afternoon, thanks for this notice. As resident at Country Manors, I suggest to install a traffic light at Lake Ida Rd, at the access to this community. Country Manors and front side community resident drivers are both subject to high risk when try to take Lake Ida Rd to left. Lake Ida Rd. has a speed limit fixed at 35 MPH, but almost nobody respect this regulation, and at high demand traffic hours it's very risky to cross it. School buses are also subject to this risk.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Lake Ida Rd is under Palm Beach County jurisdiction, as well are all traffic signals within City limits. This concern was emailed to Palm Beach County traffic engineering staff on 3/24/25 with Mr. Martinez on copy.**

- 2/18/25 – Kathleen Colburn, katiecolburn18@gmail.com
 - 1) More shade at most if not all playgrounds. If the structure is too hot to play on from 10:00am on in the spring/summer/fall - it needs a shade structure.
 - **PARKS & RECREATION RESPONSE – We are adding shade to playgrounds whenever we can and as funds are available.**

 - 2) Guard rails on the Atlantic bridge- the bridge is very often very crowded with pedestrians and cars fly over that bridge.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Atlantic Avenue roadway in this section is under FL Department of Transportation (FDOT) ownership and the bridge structure is under Palm Beach County (PBC) ownership. The Department of Public Works has been sharing resident's pedestrian safety concerns with FDOT over the past several years and will continue to advocate for safety improvements.**

 - 3) Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks- no more sidewalks to nowhere (just a quarter or an eighth of a street). Delray is busy now! It is not safe to walk in many streets, and young kids need a safe space to learn bike riding and play.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – We routinely review field conditions to see where sidewalk gaps may occur and will make every effort to fill in gaps when funding is available. Private developers can either install sidewalks along their frontage or pay a sidewalk-in-lieu fee, which sometimes creates the gaps in sidewalks. We will continue to investigate where the sidewalk-in-lieu fees can be used to fill in gaps.**

 - 4) Crosswalks needed on Swinton and Second Street
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The intersection of N Switon and NW/NE 2nd St already has crosswalk at all four approaches. The intersection of S Switon and SW/SE 2nd St already has crosswalk at all four approaches.**

- 2/19/25 – Gail, gamati@comcast.net
 - I'm deaf. I can't attend the meeting but I can tell you that I've reported my concerns about sewer drainage, I've seen alot debris in sewer and it blocked water going down drainage.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Our staff will reach out to find out more specifics about exact locations of this concern. Stormwater maintenance staff will then be able to address concerns.**

 - Also street lights, a lot are out, I counted around 30. One light on Military flashed so bad! Also one light by Shell gas station, flashing. Street lights needs to pay attention to.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Our staff will reach out to find out more specifics about exact locations of this concern. We will then be able to coordinate with FPL and advocate for the resident.**

- 2/19/25 – Dennis Somerville, somervid1@gmail.com
 - I am offering my suggestion for some kind of railing on the bridge over the inter coastal on Atlantic avenue to prevent someone falling into roadway. It doesn't need to be anything over complicated but a simple railing that will stop someone from falling into traffic ... so far I don't think anyone has but considering the amount of foot traffic daily and nightly...especially if someone has been drinking or even if someone older has balance problem or kids also loses balance and or gets knocked over accidentally. I submitted this request to last mayor but no response. We are Delray Beach residents for 32 years and have raised our family here. Thank you for considering my request seriously and thank you for all you do for our city.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Atlantic Avenue roadway in this section is under FL Department of Transportation (FDOT) ownership. The Department of Public Works has been sharing resident's pedestrian safety concerns with FDOT over the past several years and will continue to advocate for safety improvements.**

- 2/19/25 – Kim Prey, 410-967-7121, kprey411@gmail.com
 - I am the president of The Antilles HOA@ 115 Venetian Dr Delray Beach 33483. Our property is on the corner of Venetian and Miramar. The sidewalk surrounding our property is in need of replacement. It is uneven, cracked and old. Please consider this as part of your upcoming infrastructure project.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Our Streets Maintenance staff will review field conditions and make necessary repairs as funding becomes available.**

- 2/19/25 – Melissa Snyder, meljsnyder@gmail.com
 - I propose pedestrianizing Atlantic Avenue between Swinton Avenue and 5th Avenue (Federal Highway). This section of Atlantic is a very popular area with a high volume of pedestrians. This often results in traffic congestion and, more importantly, poses safety risks as people frequently cross the street outside of designated crosswalks, especially during busy weekend evenings. While on-street parking is limited in this area, the benefits of enhanced pedestrian safety and a more enjoyable public space would outweigh the potential loss of parking spaces. This concept has been successfully implemented in other cities, and temporary closures of Atlantic Avenue for events demonstrate its feasibility. I believe this infrastructure improvement would significantly enhance the downtown experience as well as the overall look of the area.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Thank you for your input. The City's downtown is vibrant area that needs to accommodate many competing needs, such as vehicles, pedestrians, vendor deliveries, valet parking, etc. We take your comments seriously and will continue to look for ways to improve safety and the experience for all users.**

- 2/24/25 – Bruce Leash, President of the Meridian Condominium Association
City Planner, Registered Landscape Architect
335 SE 6th Avenue #302
617-905-8143, bruceleish@gmail.com
 - 1. Lawson Boulevard Project: Phase 2 needed:
As a professional Urban Planner and Landscape Architect, I must say that the Lawson project is a huge disappointment. I understand that the goals were a roadway reconstruction and bike path installation along Lawson. But it appears that little, if any thought was given to the visual quality of the streetscape.
- The bike paths are much wider than necessary in places and did NOT need to be 9 feet wide on BOTH sides of the road.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Lawson Blvd project design complies with all State and Local design guidelines for shared-use paths, which are intended for use by both pedestrians and cyclists. For that reason, they generally must be a minimum of 10-ft wide and are suggested on both sides of the road for safety reasons.**

- Cars are being parked on the "bike-path".
- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Comment noted. We will notify the Police Department and Code Enforcement.**

- There were no trees or shrubs planted. It feels like a highway landscape rather than a boulevard. Except for some grass, it honestly feels like a concrete and asphalt wasteland. It would certainly be unpleasant to walk or ride with no shade. And the amount of hardscape contributes to environmental warming.

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – This request will be taken under consideration and discussed with the City's Sustainability Officer for implementation into the City's Tree Planting program.**

In one stretch, the width of the project consists of a 9 foot wide sidewalk, 4 lanes of asphalt, a 14 foot wide concrete island, a 20 foot driving aisle, head in parking and another sidewalk. That's about a 120 foot wide stretch of pavement with no relief. That amount of paving is the equivalent of a 10 lane highway. Calling it a lost opportunity would be an understatement.

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Lawson Blvd project design complies with all State and Local design guidelines for shared-use paths.**

- I respectfully request that a Phase 2 analysis be conducted and money budgeted for tree plantings wherever possible and hopefully retrofitting of the most barren stretches of sidewalk to incorporate trees and shrubs. I would be happy to walk the site with the City Landscape Architect or other representatives. This is an underserved residential and industrial neighborhood. I do not believe this would have been acceptable in any of the more high profile neighborhoods in the City.

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Public Works is currently coordinating with the City's Sustainability Officer for implementation into the City's Tree Planting program.**

- 2. Atlantic Avenue Drawbridge:

- Railings on bridge sidewalks: I believe that railings are needed on the street side of the sidewalks to avoid a tragic pedestrian accident. Sidewalks are narrow and crowded with pedestrians that are often not paying attention or otherwise impaired returning from bars and restaurants. Two lanes of traffic speed in each direction with almost no shoulder. If someone fell or was bumped off the sidewalk, there is no time or room for a car to swerve. We have the ability to prevent that kind of tragedy. The bridge could easily be retrofitted with railings.

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- Lighting, art, drainage and security under the bridge. The drainage is poor at times, the lighting is marginal and could be improved by more brightly lit panels with backlit art on the panels. Ledges under the bridge that are currently used for sleeping should be filled in.

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Drainage along the walkway under the bridge will be improved as part of the Historic Marine Way Seawall, Roadway & Drainage Improvements project, which has construction anticipated for late 2025 through end of 2027. For questions related to the artwork, please contact the Public Art Advisory Board.**

- 3. Federal Highway Beautification Project followup:

- There are many missing trees either due to accidents, or irrigation problems. This is a beautiful boulevard that is a gateway to the city and missing trees need to be restored to show visitors that we care about our city.

- **PARKS & RECREATION RESPONSE – We are in the process of beautifying many of our medians throughout the city.**

- 4. Gladiola Garage
This garage at the Gladiola Lot was proposed in the master plan and needs to be built to accommodate the development along 6th Avenue and the east end of Atlantic. At a minimum, parking duration should be shortened in the afternoon, on weekends and at dinnertime. 9 hour parking is bad for retail and restaurant turnover.
○ **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Multiple studies have been completed and construction of a parking garage at this location is not warranted at this time.**
- 5. Railroad Right of Way should be fenced
Right of way should be continuously fenced in all areas except at the street crossings. This is a standard on all railroad projects in many states and certainly saves lives.
○ **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Comment noted. We will share your comments with the railroad entities.**
- 6. Improvements to sitting/viewing areas at streets dead-ending at the intracoastal.
These areas should have better drainage, better landscaping, better seating, standardized attractive guardrails with reflectors at standardized heights. See attached PDF with 4 images showing before and a possible after visualization.



- **PARKS & RECREATION RESPONSE – Each of the street endings are uniquely different depending on irrigation, trees, size, drainage etc. We can look at the location pictured and consider options.**
- 7. Marine way seawall and drainage project.
This project has been lingering for over a decade and needs to be increased in priority.
○ **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Historic Marine Way Seawall, Roadway & Drainage Improvements project is moving forward and construction anticipated to occur between late 2025 and end of 2027.**

- 2/24/25 – Rachel McGinn, 215-530-3219, rachel@rachelmcginn.com
 - I am writing to express my concerns over the drainage issues in the area of my own property i.e. NE. 13th St. between second and third. I have brought this issue to the attention of our city engineers and a drain was installed. Unfortunately, more is needed. I was told that funding has been secured and drainage will be installed. Could you tell me when this will happen? I feel it is imperative that this is done quickly since the issue has been exacerbated by all the recent new construction around us. As a matter of fact, I don't think new construction should take place until this is addressed. Also, there is a parking area across the street from the park that needs drainage immediately. I'd appreciate any updates on what can be done and when. Thank you.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The City's stormwater team is aware of this concern and have been coordinating with Ms. McGinn. Public Works staff will reach out to continue these conversations.**
- Carlos Cavanagh, President of Rio Del Rey Shores HOA
907 SE 7th Ave, 561-602-5922
 - The Rio Del Rey Shores neighbors would like to ensure that sidewalks are not considered for SE 7th Ave between NE 7th Street and Knowles Park. This is one of the friendliest foot traffic streets in Delray Beach and is in constant use for walking, cycling and dog walking.



The Avenue is fringed by vegetation that gives it a welcoming and placid environment. Currently, 7th Ave looks like this:



Due to the west side of the street abutting businesses, a mockup of a sidewalk- furnished street would look like this:



It would look awful and denigrate the character of our neighborhood. Thanking you for your attention to this request

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Comments noted. The City has no current plan to install sidewalks on SE 7th Avenue between SE 10th Street and SE 7th Street.**
- 3/24/25 – Patty Aronesty, 1035 S Federal Highway #412, 561-542-1138
 - I have lived in Delray Beach at the address listed above for about 5 yearsLike everyone, I see and appreciate the changes that are happening in Delray, making it a more beautiful, desirable and safer place to live that being said:
I do not understand why my community, Delray Harbor Club and Marina is the ONLY community that DOES NOT have a turning lane driving in.....As I drive along Federal Highway, it seems like every community has a turning lane of their owngiven the heavy and speedy traffic it is extremely dangerous that we do not have one.....night time is especially challenging as it is dark and sometimes the street lights are not lit (which is another issue)....drivers are speeding and I am constantly getting tail gated and honked simply for the fact that I am driving into my own community!.....and putting on my blinker (even hundreds of feet before turning in) does not seem like an option as drivers don't care. At this point I am extremely frustrated....I feel like I am putting my life at risk every time I drive in I can assure you I speak for everyone living in here.....I pay an enormous amount of city taxes and this should not be.....I cannot think of ONE REASON why a turning lane has not been put in place or why we are being answered with a "no"as it is my understanding it has been addressed many times in the past....This is considered zoning of DB and it is not owned by the park next door which is Mangrove, just south of DH...I am begging you for a turning lane even if you consider extended one from Mangrove to DHC....let's make it all one turning lane FYI...Should

I happen to get rear ended and/or hurt, I could assure you it will be addressed legally.....This must not be ignored any longer....!!! I would like for someone to reach out to me by phone so that I know this has been addressed properly and taken seriously and NOT pushed to the side like the past.....I would also like for someone who works for the city to drive by during heavy and speedy traffic hours to fully understand what I meansomeone is going to get seriously injured if this is not taking care of asap....In the meantime, the city put a no left turn sign coming out of DHC community....How can they see that as an issue and NOT see that not having a turning lane is an issue as well ??? the no left turn was addressed rather yet we are being ignored for a turning lane....this is way over due and quite frankly I have had it!! As a resident of DB I would like to attend a city meeting as there seems to be many other issues to discuss about DB.....I am positive that others will join me.....I would appreciate a call to confirm receipt of this letter.....

- **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Federal Highway is under Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) jurisdiction. This concern was emailed to FDOT staff on 3/24/25 with Ms. Aronesty on copy.**

Comments Received at the 2/24/25 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

- Judy Mollica, Board Member
 - Constant flooding in front of the 7th Day Adventist Church on NW 3rd
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – The Daughter of Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 201 NW 3rd Ave is within the boundary of Phase 3 of the NW Neighborhood Improvement project. This project will be improving drinking water pipes, sanitary sewer pipes, drainage, sidewalks, traffic calming and the roadway on NW 3rd Avenue. The estimated construction timeline for Phase 3 is between 2029 and 2031. In the meantime, Public Works' stormwater team will investigate if temporary measures can be implemented to help alleviate flooding.**

- Gregory Snyder, Board Member
 - The Lakeview neighborhood had three comments.
 - 1) Atlantic Avenue should be converted to a pedestrian throughfare.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Thank you for your input. The City's downtown is vibrant area that needs to accommodate many competing needs, such as vehicles, pedestrians, vendor deliveries, valet parking, etc. We take your comments seriously and will continue to look for ways to improve safety and the experience for all users.**
 - 2) The adjacent golf course is irrigated with reclaimed water, so the neighborhood would like to know if the reclaimed water will be available to the neighborhood soon.
 - **UTILITIES RESPONSE – Please contact us at (561) 243-7451 to discuss further.**
 - 3) Waste Management spilled oil down the street, and the city resurfaced it but it needs to be resealed again.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – We would need to know the exact location in order to investigate. Public Works staff will reach out to Mr. Snyder directly.**
 - Also, the manholes are 2 inches deep and residents would like to see them less like potholes.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – We would need to know the exact location in order to investigate. Public Works staff will reach out to Mr. Snyder directly.**

- Mitch Katz, Board Member
 - Lake Ida west of Congress needs to be resurfaced / patched.
 - **PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE – Lake Ida Rd is under Palm Beach County jurisdiction. Public Works was notified in September 2024 by the County that Lake Ida between Hagen Ranch Road and Congress Avenue is planned for resurfacing in Fiscal Year 2025. A email was sent to the County on 4/3/25 requesting an estimated timeframe for completion.**