



# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BUILDING | HISTORIC PRESERVATION | PLANNING & ZONING

## Planning and Zoning Board

### Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing Report

Meeting	File No.	Application Type
May 20, 2019	N/A	Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing Report

#### Request

Review the public comments collected during the Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing on March 25, 2019, as well as other submitted comments and recommend which projects should be forwarded to City Staff for evaluation for inclusion in 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

#### Recommendation

Based on the City's Goals, Objectives, and Policies, recommend the list of projects be forwarded to City Staff for ranking in accordance with the adopted Level of Service criteria for the development of the 2019-2024 CIP.

#### Background Information

The Annual Infrastructure Hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Board (acting as the Local Planning Agency) on March 25, 2019. The hearing reviewed the CIP process and then comments were received from residents and stakeholders related to capital project needs within the city. This hearing began the public comment period. City staff has continued to gather public comments, mostly received via email (attached). Input was requested from the public through the following:

- Included under News section on the City's website (An average of 3,000 users who visit the site monthly.)
- Direct email notice to approximately 2,000 City email subscribers
- Notice to 166 homeowner associations and condominium associations in the City
- Notice to the following boards and committees:
  - Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
  - Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  - Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
  - Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB)
  - Pineapple Grove Main Street (PGMS)
  - Historic Preservation Board
  - Site Plan Review and Appearance Board
- Included on the Planning and Zoning Board agenda posted at various locations

This item is being processed pursuant to Policy F-2.1 under Goal Area "F" in the Public Facilities Element of the City of Delray Beach Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Facilities Objective F-2:** Public awareness of the methods used to determine public improvement activities, and public input to the process, shall be encouraged.

**Policy F-2.1:** Public input through testimony received at public hearings, advertised and held before the Local Planning Agency, shall be solicited annually during winter months in order to identify geographic areas, which are most in need of improvements.

**Policy F-2.2:** Criteria, as identified in the Capital Improvement Element, shall be followed in the establishment of priorities for construction of public facilities. On an annual basis, the Local Planning Agency shall forward to the City Commission a listing of new or revised priorities with written findings as to the relationship of projects to those criteria.

The Capital Improvements Element sets forth the prioritization for improvements as Critical, Mandatory, or Desirable. This prioritization guides both the annual Capital Improvement Budget and the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

### Project Description

Suggestions gathered from the public responses are summarized by specific topic areas below. Suggested improvements that are already underway or programmed in the current CIP are noted.

#### 1) Roads/Streets.

- a. Pavement Repair. It is important to note the City is in the process of conducting a Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which identifies the pavement condition of all City roads. After the anticipated completion in June 2019, roads are planned to be improved systematically based on need. The current CIP allocates \$2.5 million toward roadway restoration in FY 2019-2020.
  1. Westbound lane of Lake Ida Rd. between Rainberry Blvd. and Barwick Rd. (patchwork)
  2. Lake Ida Road from 6<sup>th</sup> to Enfield Road
  3. Northbound I-95 exit at Atlantic Avenue (Project in process now)
  4. Palm Trail Area (edges crumbling)
  5. Lime Street
  6. Shady Woods Neighborhood
  7. Verona Woods Neighborhood
  8. Southridge Neighborhood
  9. Woodlake Community
- b. Potential Widening.
  1. Poinsettia Drive needs widening to accommodate commercial & Industrial vehicles
  2. Wallace Drive intersections need widening to accommodate commercial & Industrial vehicles.
- c. Sidewalks.
  1. Woodlake Community missing sidewalk links. (Public works is scheduled to perform a site visit to assess requirements and identify conflicts for the sidewalk connecting the neighborhood to Homewood Blvd.)
  2. Lindell Blvd. needs improvements to be a complete street. (A TPA Grant project will provide complete streets throughout the Tropic Palms neighborhood. Construction on this project is anticipated in FY 2022.)
  3. Southridge Neighborhood.
  4. Osceola Park Neighborhood needs connected sidewalks. (\$13 million over the next three years is allocated for improvements, including sidewalks, in the Osceola Park Neighborhood).
- d. Street Markings.
  1. Tropic Harbor street markings are faded.
- e. Landscaping
  1. A1A needs improved landscaping, similar to Deerfield Beach's design
  2. Tropic Harbor area needs median maintenance
  3. Extend Reclaimed Water System to water Federal Highway medians
- f. Traffic Concerns
  1. E and W Atlantic Avenue. (Several projects are in the planning phases that should help address traffic; will be brought forward for City Commission approval and scheduling.)
  2. Military Trail
  3. Linton Blvd.
- g. Street Lighting
  1. Verona Woods Neighborhood
  2. Woodlake Community
- h. Guardrails needed along Linton Boulevard (wall keeps getting hit)

#### 2) Atlantic Avenue Bridge.

- a. Needs "handrails" between pedestrian route and cars
- b. Needs a multimodal lane

#### 3) Multimodal pathways

- a. SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street/ Lowson Blvd from South Federal Highway to Military Trail (Commission reduced scope to Homewood Blvd to Military Trail).
- b. Congress Avenue connecting to the El Rio Path, the Tri-Rail Station, and West Atlantic Avenue.
- c. Atlantic Avenue bridge

- 4) Flooding/Stormwater
  - a. Verona Woods Neighborhood; standing water from drainage issues and dead end water main flushing.
  - b. Woodlake Community – storm drains eroded and forming trip hazard
  - c. Rio Del Rey, SE 8<sup>th</sup> Court/SE 10<sup>th</sup> Street (Public Works has received a project estimate and is in process of scheduling improvement).
  - d. Southridge Neighborhood
  - e. Marina Historic District (Public Works is in the process of rebuilding the seawall, dock and facilities at the City Marina. A pump station between Marine Way and the City Marina at 1<sup>st</sup> Street is in design development to address flooding.)
- 5) Stormwater Master Plan
  - a. Hold a City Commission workshop solely on this issue. (Workshop held April 9, 2019)
  - b. Keep installing one-way backflow valves (Public Works is working on implementing a program to line pipes and install backflow valves).
  - c. Public/Private Seawalls (Public Works recently completed a Seawall Vulnerability Plan and is working on an implementation plan to raise the remaining public seawalls.)
- 6) Other Suggestions
  - a. Create a downtown logistics area for staging/deliveries
  - b. Expand trolley system to Congress Avenue.
  - c. Traffic Signal in south end of Southridge Neighborhood is not always active
  - d. SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Pine Grove needs school zone signal on north side of the intersection.
  - e. Provide flashing school zone signals at every school

#### Public and Courtesy Notices

N/A Courtesy Notices are not applicable to this request

X Courtesy Notices were provided to the following:

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- Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Green Implementation Board
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Additional Public Notice was provided:

- Emailed to approximately 2,000 City email subscribers
- Posted on the News section of the city's website (Average 3,000 monthly users)

X Public Notices are not required for this request.

N/A Public Notice was posted at the property

N/A Public Notice was mailed to property owners within a 500' radius on 10 days before the meeting date.

N/A Public Notice was mailed to the adjacent property owners on 20 days before the meeting date.

N/A Public Notice was published in the newspaper, seven days before the meeting date.

X Public Notice was posted to the City's website on 5/11/19.

X Public Notice was posted in the main lobby at City Hall on 3/12/19.