



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BUILDING | HISTORIC PRESERVATION | PLANNING & ZONING

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing

Meeting	File No.	Application Type
April 19, 2021	N/A	Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing Report

Request

Review the public comments collected during the Annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing process since February 23, 2021 and recommend which projects should be forwarded to City Staff for evaluation and inclusion in 2022-2026 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Background Information

The Planning and Zoning Board (acting as the Local Planning Agency) initiated the City's Annual Infrastructure Hearing on February 22, 2021. The hearing reviewed the CIP process and began the public comment period. City staff has continued to gather public comments from residents and community stakeholders, mostly received via email (attached). Input was requested from the public through the following:

- Included on the front page on the City's Website under the News section (an average of 3,000 users who visit the site monthly);
- Direct email notice to approximately 1,100 City email subscribers including City Advisory Board members and homeowner and condominium associations;
- Posted on the City's Social Media accounts on multiple occasions.
- Included in the City's "News and Events" email sent out on April 6, 2021; and
- Included on the Planning and Zoning Board agendas of February 22, 2021 and April 19, 2021, both posted ten days prior to the meeting dates.

This item is being processed pursuant to **Public Facilities Element, Objective PFE 1.1, Public Input and Involvement** of the adopted Comprehensive Plan, which states, "Public information campaigns shall be used to provide public awareness of and encourage involvement in public improvement activities."

Policy PFE 1.1.2 Conduct an annual infrastructure public hearing (in the winter months) to solicit public input to identify those geographic areas that are most in need of improvements and specific infrastructure needs for the purposes of identifying and prioritizing project funding and scheduling. The public hearings shall be advertised and held before the Planning and Zoning Board (Local Planning Agency).

Policy PFE 1.1.3 In conjunction with the annual infrastructure hearing, provide opportunities for public input on needed improvements using a variety of methods of engagement, such as, email, online surveys, contacting neighborhood and homeowner associations, holding roundtable discussions, hosting booths at public events, etc.

The areas of concern and suggested improvements by the public provide the City with direction for planned projects and can bring new attention to the identified areas of concern. Staff has provided a variety of opportunities for the public to submit their comments and suggestions.

Project Description

Suggestions gathered from the public responses through April 9, 2021 are summarized by specific topic areas below. Some of the suggested improvements that are already underway or programmed in the current CIP are noted for those comments received through April 7, 2021. Additional comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, and as the item is a Public Hearing, the public will be allowed to call in and provide additional input. The complete list will be updated at the Board meeting.

1) Roads/Streets.

a. Pavement Repair.

1. North Swinton Avenue, repaving or resurfacing needed due to bumps.
2. Lake Ida Road, from North Swinton Avenue to Congress Avenue, resurfacing needed.

b. Sidewalks.

1. Clean and repair paver sidewalks. City: This is an ongoing effort with the streets Operations Division
2. Require sidewalks with new construction in the Beach Overlay areas.

c. Traffic Concerns, Markings, and Signals

1. Right turn lane from Homewood Boulevard to West Atlantic Avenue. City: A CIP request will be developed for Commission consideration.
2. Left turn signal from Homewood Boulevard to head west on West Atlantic Avenue. City: A CIP request will be developed for Commission consideration.
3. SE 5th Avenue speeds and safety from East Atlantic Avenue heading south. City: SE 5th Avenue is an FDOT managed roadway; this concern has been forwarded to FDOT.
4. Roundabouts at NE 3rd Street/NE 2nd Avenue and NE 2nd Street/NE 2nd Avenue are dangerous and would be better as 4-way stops for the protection of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
5. Left arrow needed on North Swinton Avenue at NE 1st Street in both directions.

2) Multimodal systems

No comments submitted as of 04.09.21.

3) Flooding/Stormwater

- a. SE 8th Court – Heavy flooding during rainstorms; inadequate drainage. Update needed for project previously noted as scheduled but has not begun. City: Project is currently out to bid for construction. Onsite work is anticipated to commence Summer 2021.
- b. SE 10th Street – Heavy flooding during rainstorms; inadequate drainage; drain needs to be cleaned out or a new drain needed. City: This area is presently under review to identify solutions to reduce flooding post rainstorms.
- c. Water ponding at Seagate Drive and Hibiscus.

4) Other Suggestions

- a. Atlantic Dunes Park – Comments in reference to planned project on page 76 of CIP.
Preservation of the pavilion and hammock, need to update the restrooms.
Make Atlantic Dunes Park a historically designated park.
Protect and maintain the 80 Australian Pine trees.
Protect the existing wildlife habitat and save the longstanding ecosystem.
Petition with signatures included.
City: Comments acknowledged; project is not set to move forward this year.
- b. Replacement of trash receptacles on all streets. City: This is managed by the Park & Recreation Department and they have been notified of this concern.

- c. Landscaping maintenance along NE/SE 5th and 6th Avenues. City: This is managed by the Park & Recreation Department and they have been notified of this concern.
- d. Seating at Veteran's Park needs to be replaced. City: This is managed by the Park & Recreation Department and they have been notified of this concern.
- e. Construct knee walls at beach entrances to keeps drains from clogging with sand.
- f. Continue to implement the Coastal Protection Plan for dune restoration.

5) Funding Suggestions

- a. Infrastructure repairs.

Public and Courtesy Notices

X Additional Notices were provided to the public as follows:

- Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce

X Public Notice was posted to the City's website on April 9, 2021.