

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:			Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other
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Sponsor Name:	Mayor 8	-	Department: Development Services		Keven Klopp, Development Services Director	

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Discussion on options for optimal efficiency (including the possibility of the merged lanes west of Dixie) at the intersection of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and Dixie Highway/NE 1 Ave.

Staff Summary:

Background

In early 2016, the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, through its subsidiary All Aboard Florida, in order to allow for a Quiet Zone once their Brightline Passenger service begins, made safety improvements where Hallandale Beach Boulevard crosses their railroad tracks. The safety improvements resulted in the elimination of the westbound to southbound left turn at this location.

At the City's request, the FDOT conducted updated traffic counts in this vicinity in January of 2016. The results (Exhibit #2) indicated that the left turn movements from eastbound Hallandale Beach Boulevard are minimal as compared to the through traffic at this same signal.

The City Commission supported FDOT eliminating *both* left hand turns (northbound and southbound) where Hallandale Beach Boulevard crosses the FEC tracks.

In July, 2016, FDOT removed the bollards that previously reduced eastbound Hallandale Beach Boulevard from three lanes to two as it approached the railroad tracks, and in doing so eliminated the allowance of the left turn movement.

The businesses and property owners along NE 1 Avenue from Hallandale Beach Blvd. to NE 3 St., via the City Commission, requested the left turn movement be reinstated.

Current Situation

The eastbound left turn movement on Hallandale Beach Boulevard at NE 1 Avenue was reinstated on July 27th, 2016 at the request of the Hallandale Beach City Commission.

FDOT, Broward County, City Staff, City Management, and the City Commission have all received complaints of disconcerting traffic conditions at the intersection since the reinstatement of the left turn movement. These complaints included commuters waiting at signals for unusual extended periods of time, long green times for empty queues, and traffic backing up to the US1 and Hallandale Beach Blvd, intersection.

At its regular meeting on August 17, 2016, the City Commission requested that staff schedule a workshop on the topic of traffic patterns and signal timings at the intersection of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and NE 1 Avenue.

Proposed Action:

City Commission: provide staff direction, as deemed appropriate, on options for optimal efficiency (including the possibility of reinstating the merged lanes west of Dixie) at the intersection of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and NE 1 Avenue.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1 – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35 Exhibit 2 – January 13th and 14th 2016 Traffic Counts Exhibit 3 – Email Correspondence Exhibit 4 – FDOT PowerPoint