



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.13.

8/3/2021

Subject:

Letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Concerning S.R. A1A Crossovers (Mid-Block Crossings)

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 4

Requested Action:

Approve and send attached letter to FDOT on behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

Summary Explanation and Background:

At the January 7, 2020 meeting of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, the Board approved and authorized letters to FDOT and Governor DeSantis, concerning the S.R. A1A Crossovers, including a request for installing High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) traffic lights on all S.R. A1A using a red light.

Due to the required color of yellow in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) maintained by The Federal Highway Administration, FDOT has asked the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners to approve the use of yellow lights for installation of In-Roadway Warning Lights at each of the sixteen (16) S.R. A1A Crossovers currently using the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). FDOT has also recommended implementing Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at the same locations to give pedestrians an audible message when the pedestrian button is activated.

In-Roadway Warning Lights are LED lights embedded in the pavement to outline pedestrian crosswalks and oriented to face oncoming traffic. Once activated, the lights flash in unison directly in the line of sight of oncoming traffic to alert drivers of pedestrians actively crossing the road.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Send letter on behalf of the Board to the Florida Department of Transportation.



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August 4, 2021

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

RE: Item F.13., Letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Concerning
S.R. A1A Crossovers (Mid-Block Crossings)

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 3, 2021, approved sending the Letter to FDOT on behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioner. Enclosed is a copy of the Letter sent by Clerk to the Board to FDOT.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ds

Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
County Attorney

August 3, 2021

Secretary Kevin J. Thibault
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Dear Secretary Thibault,

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners support the installation of the following safety improvements at the sixteen (16) State Road A1A crossover locations, currently Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB):

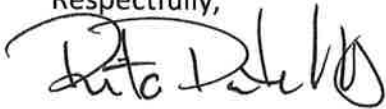
1. In-Roadway Warning Lights at Crosswalks
2. Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The Board recognizes that due to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) maintained by The Federal Highway Administration, "the In-Roadway Warning Lights at crosswalks shall display a flashing yellow signal indication when actuated." Therefore, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners approves the use of yellow In-Roadway Lights at the sixteen locations until such a time as the MUTCD or legislation allows for retrofitting with red lights.

In addition to the In-Roadway Warning Lights at Crosswalks, the Board supports the use of Accessible Pedestrian Signals to give pedestrians an audible message when activating the pedestrian button.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners appreciates the cooperation by FDOT with these safety enhancements along the S.R. A1A Corridor.

Respectfully,



Rita Pritchett

Chair, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

CC: Mayor Steve Osmer, City of Satellite Beach
Mayor Dave Berkman, Town of Indian River
Mayor Scott Nickle, City of Indian Harbour Beach
Mayor Wyatt Hoover, Town of Melbourne Beach
FDOT District 5 Secretary Jared Perdue
Brevard County Legislative Delegation