



CITY OF FORT MYERS FIRST AND SECOND STREET CONVERSION

PUBLIC INFORMATION

COMMENT AND QUESTION SUMMARY

Written comments and questions received from:

October 15, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting

and

The First and Second Street Improvements Website

www.firstandsecondimprovements.com

There were a total of 102 public comments and questions received:

- Public Meeting – 92 comments/questions
- Website – 10 comments/questions

Topics included in summary:

Timeline	Pedestrian Crossing	Billy's Creek Bridge	For Conversion
Against Conversion		Center Turn Lane	Sidewalk
Cost		Driveway Concerns	Bike Lanes
Specific Intersections and Roadways		Roundabout	Other

Please note: Written comments and questions submitted on this project are shown verbatim and have not been altered.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Timeline

Question: To clarify, when does this project start and does it coincide with the Marriott project?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This project will start construction in early 2021. Construction to convert First and Second Streets will not be seen until after Easter 2021. The City is not aware of the Marriott construction schedule.

Pedestrian Crossing

Question: Can we apply for and single aided ped crossing at Riviera in future if needed?

Comment received via website.

Response: The City will review the entire project area in Phase II to determine what changes need to be made for increased safety.

Question: Will there be crosswalks between major intersections in phase 1?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There will not be crosswalks on First, Second and Seaboard in Phase I, except at major intersections. There will be enhanced markings at key intersections and there will be consistent markings at each side street.

Question: Can we ask for a ped crossing at Riviera in future if needed.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Yes, the City always looks for pedestrian crossings and evaluates them on a case by case basis.

Billy's Creek Bridge

Question: Billy's Creek replacement Bridge will be wider in the end right?

Comment received via website.

Response: Billy's Creek bridge will be assessed for replacement in Phase III. The appropriate regulatory agencies will determine what is acceptable for the profile of the bridge.

Question: What is the reason the Billy Creek Bridge needs to be replaced?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The bridge is currently not functional. It has narrow pedestrian areas and the City would like to bring it up to local standards. This will be looked at in Phase III of this project.

Question: What is the width of the car lane and bike lane over the Billy Creek Bridge?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The car lanes are 10 feet wide and the bike lanes are 4 foot wide.

Question: And in the end Billy Creek Bridge will be wider..will it also be taller?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Billy's Creek bridge will be assessed for replacement in Phase III. The appropriate regulatory agencies will determine what is acceptable for the profile of the bridge.

Question: Any plans to lower the profile of the Billy's Creek Bridge on 1st Street?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Billy's Creek bridge will be assessed for replacement in Phase III. The appropriate regulatory agencies will determine what is acceptable for the profile of the bridge.

Question: I realize Phase 3 is a ways off and this is a bit complicated but i would hope there will be consideration for the recreational use/access under the bridge for . kayakers,/ canoe/small boat traffic that goes under that bridge back and forth from and to the Caloosahatchee and that the profile of the bridge will hopefully not be lowered. thank you

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Billy’s Creek bridge will be assessed for replacement in Phase III. The appropriate regulatory agencies will determine what is acceptable for the profile of the bridge.

Comment: 1941 bridge

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is referring to the date of the Billy Creek Bridge. Thank you.

In Favor of Conversion

Comment: I have been involved in issues of land planning and traffic calming for many years. I know this is not an easy conversion, especially because of the volume of vehicles that use First Street in the early morning hours and the complication caused by the existing one-way Park Street and Fowler Street. I was somewhat skeptical of the approach being taken, i.e. try it and see what happens, rather than bringing in the most experienced and qualified traffic design team available in the U.S. to make the decisions. My opinion now is “let’s see what happens”.

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Comment: There were many comments from property owners appreciative that this conversion to two-way is finally happening. As an original occupant of the Beau Rivage I too am especially thankful that this is becoming a reality. Notwithstanding this appreciation and gratitude, I understand the apprehension expressed by many owners of units in the Beau Rivage-St. Tropez-Riviera complex about the

fear of making left turns into and out of their complex. I am hopeful that the narrowing of the traffic lanes and the possibility of traffic being dispersed over alternate routes will make the speed and volume of traffic after the conversion such that left turns will not be dangerous. If left turns are not safe after the conversion I believe the best solution would be a center turn lane in the area of Beau Rivage-St. Tropez-Riviera entrance, but I realize that would require the acquisition of land on the inland side of the street to accommodate the movement of the eastbound lane of the street. Thank you for keeping the public informed of the progress. I am looking forward to future sessions informing of the progress being made and providing the opportunity for public comment. You can never know from where good ideas can come.

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Comment: GREAT PLANS

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Comment: excellent

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I live in Gardner's Park I like this project for many reasons. convenience, Safety, Mobility - thank you very much! I also own property at Seaboard and Michigan.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I live on the west end of Edgewood and am very excited about this project!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: slower speeds. less noise. Good!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: We are encouraged by the thought process that has gone into turning first street into a two way street. As part of a team that has invested substantially in the City we feel that this change will allow downtown to continue to be the central focus and encourage more connectivity with the surrounding areas.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: The direct route from and to our buildings is something that we have hoped for instead of having to go circle around and cross residential areas with kids playing.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Great Plans Thanks

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: great plan, we live at the Riviera ,been waiting a long time for this, thank you all

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: These changes are excellent

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Resident of Beau Rivage, and I am so happy for this project, and so I strongly disagree with these assessments. We need easier access for emergency vehicles, and this plan provides it. Also, the speeding now is terrible, and these changes WILL slow down traffic (just as it does on West First Street)

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: This is a great project for all of Fort Myers. Thank you!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Thank you in advance for finally making this project a reality. As a pedestrian walking my dog- I have seen many drivers not realize that first street is one-way street and pull out into oncoming traffic. This is wonderful that the road is being converted back the way it was 100 years ago during the time of Edison and Ford.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: We live at First & Hough as well and are strongly in favor of this project! This will be a fantastic enhancement to the area specifically, and downtown generally.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I live in Dean Park (between First and Second) and strongly support this project as it will save lives and make my neighborhood more accessible. First and Second both have terrible accident problems as they are, and while I walk all over Dean Park, I rarely cross First or Second because crossing them with a disability often means a long wait.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Love these changes.. Thank You!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Please proceed with this project ASAP. I've spoken to no less than a dozen individuals and everyone of them wants to know what is taking so long to proceed.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: City is doing a great job with so many new projects coming online. Special love to Mr. MacFarlane for bringing Prima Luce to fruition.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Thank you all for your work here. We look forward to the beginning of and speedy completion of this project!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I am in favor as a resident of downtown and a Realtor with a downtown office.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Has anyone noticed that as first street currently turns into two lanes traffic slows down to 25 mph? That is current proof that the two way will actually slow traffic.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: great project! for sure the two way traffic will improve a lot of the conectivity with the core of down town area, as well will enhance the quality of the livelihood of our community .

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Thank you all

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Thank you and let's start as soon as possible.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: One of the reasons I bought a condo at the Oasis was the pretty spectacular one way drive towards downtown. I am going to miss that. Thank you for your efforts to improve the City.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I wish I could attend this online meeting, but the time conflicts with other responsibilities. I do follow the news on this topic and my condo community, Beau Rivage, will be greatly affected by it. Since I can't attend the meeting, I want to reiterate that I fully support this plan for First and Second Street, and I fully support the possible last-phased installation of roundabouts.

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Excellent presentation and look forward to the improvements to my neighborhood

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Against Conversion

Question: We live at first and Hough, on Hough and am opposed to the project. First, my understanding is that first and second were two way years ago and then went back to one. Why did you all go from two to one way and now want to go back?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The City's main focus is safety for all motorists/users in this area. One way streets quickly and efficiently moves motorists, however, it is a less safe driving environment. The City would like to refocus safety on this roadway and make traffic two way again. Safety is the driving force behind this project.

Comment: I live in Dean Park. We routinely turn from Evans, Cranford and Seaboard onto First Street to go downtown or onto the North Fort Myers bridge. This seems like an unsafe situation.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Dean Park will now have access to travel Second Street to turn right onto Park Ave to go over the bridge to North Fort Myers. If residents are not comfortable making a left turn out of their driveway, they are able to make the same right turn as they are currently able to and can continue to travel current routes.

Comment: second, there is not a felt need for the project. if drivers exceed the speed limit, have fort myers police enforce the limit. Police are never seen of First or second from Fowler to Palm beach

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: the project should have been put to a vote by the residents instead of the city presenting the project as a fait accompli

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This has been in the works and has been a part of the capital improvements budget for many years.

Comment: It strikes me that the state of Florida, when they had control, knew what they were doing. You do not appear to be considering the people who live along First Street. We currently wait significant amounts of time to gain access to the street. The idea that traffic will be significantly reduced by virtue of two way on First and Second is not going to happen since people will use the easiest, straightest route to downtown or to the bridges.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I am dubious about the safety improvements that are expected. I am owner at the Oasis. New bicycle lanes will be impacted by buses and trollies pulling to the curb to admit or discharge passengers. I also expect increased accidents resulting from left turns across traffic into the entrances along First and increased noise.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Center Turn Lane

Question: Will there be a centre turn lane to be able to turn into waterfront condo developments from north bound or south bound traffic?

Comment received via website.

Response: Phase I does not include a center turn lane. However, it will be part of the Phase II assessment.

Question: Will there be a left turn lane from First Street into the Riviera Condos?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There is not a left turn lane proposed with the current design.

Sidewalk

Question: Will sidewalks be incorporated into the design? and will be a buffer between road edge and edge of sidewalk to increase safety?

Comment received via website.

Response: Sidewalks are already in place on First Street and a portion of Second Street. ADA improvements (bump pads, etc.) will be made in Phase I on the existing sidewalk but no other changes to the sidewalks are anticipated under this phase. Phase II will identify areas where additional sidewalk and bike lanes need to be installed for better connectivity and safety.

Question: I had thought sidewalks were planned in phase 1 or phase 2 ? at Seaboard and Michigan traveling East. Are they not planned for now and if not What time frame do you anticipate sidewalks from Seaboard/Michigan around the bend East to First so there would be pedestrian/bike access. Currently there are no sidewalks there. thank you

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Sidewalks are not included in Phase I. Phase II will evaluate sidewalks.

Question: Will there be anything added to the sidewalks to stop bikes from riding on sidewalks?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There are no plans to stop bikes from riding on sidewalks. The City recognizes that there are some bikers that are not as comfortable with riding on roadways and choose to ride on sidewalks.

Bike Lanes

Question: I walk daily on Palm Beach Boulevard (First street) and I'm frequently nearly run over by bikers on the sidewalk is the plan going to include a bike lane.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Yes, First Street will include on-road bike lanes. The majority of these will be separated from traffic, but in some key intersections motorists will be asked to share the road with bikers.

Question: Regarding the shared right turn lanes with bikes and cars will bikes be in front of cars or to the right side of cars?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: When the right-turn lane is present, the bicycle lane goes into the through lane with traffic, or if there is enough room present, a dedicated bike lane will be created.

Question: I am concerned that there may be conflict between bicyclists and car traffic with an open lane plan. is there any plan to include curbing to separate the two?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This will be evaluated in Phase II.

Comment: Thank you for including bikes and pedestrian users. As a cyclist often using this area, I also hope bike lanes end up being approved for 2nd street. Thank you for this entire project. Should be much better for everyone.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Question: I walk daily on palm beach blvd and almost daily an nearly run over by bikers on the sidewalk. One actually grazed me today as I jumped out of the way. Is the new two way roadway going to include a bike lane?

Comment received via website.

Response: First Street will include bike lanes in both directions within the project boundaries.

Driveway Concerns

Question: I live in one of the high-rises on First Street at Billy Creek. What is the plan for entrance and egress from these three buildings?

Comment received via website.

Response: No physical changes to the driveways are planned. Sign changes should be expected. There is a right-hand turn lane into the driveway and motorists will be able to turn right or left onto First Street.

Question: How will this benefit those of us who live along First Street and who need to gain access to the street? Traffic frequently backs up several blocks now. Cars will not slow down simple because there's two-way traffic at the Riviera-St Tropez Condominiums and the Beau Rivage Condominiums we have a total of approximately 500 units with one outlet onto one outlet onto First Street. Anyone who thinks this will thinks this will make things safe for our residents in these towers is delusional.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Drivers are still able to take right turns if they are not comfortable making left turns.

Comment: If safety is your main concern this will not work for the exit from the three condo towers of Riviera-St Tropez and Beau Rivage without a roundabout or a stop light.

The public here is opposed to this fiasco in the making. The only people who might like it are developers and realtors. But they don't live here.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: I am in Beau Rivage. It is currently hard enough to get out in two lanes and go right. I am very worried about it being in one lane.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Traffic volumes will be reduced in front of Beau Rivage and along First Street as drivers will now have a choice to take Second Street when going into downtown. Traffic will also be slower in this area.

Comment: I can't imagine making a left into Saint Tropez when I am heading up Palm Beach Blvd.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Question: how can residents of The Oasis make that left turn since it will be right turn only at Riverside (until a turnaround is put in)

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Currently, drivers are unable to make a left turn out of East Riverside Drive and will not be able to after this conversion is put in place. There are a number of different options for drivers to take. For example, Oasis Boulevard will allow for a left turn. Another option would be to take East Riverside Drive and come out on a side street to the east.

Question: The area on 1st street with Alta Mar's entrance on one side and WINK's entrance on the other side would appear to be an area where traffic can A) back up and B) would appear to create a dangerous traffic area. Turn lanes for going right into each property would seem to be a possible solution?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This can be looked at in Phase II once traffic volume is evaluated.

Comment: I live at Alta Mar. It is difficult to even make a right turn out of our complex with the one-way streets. Piling all those cars into one lane will make even turning right difficult. Turning left will be an impossibility.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Question: I live at the Oasis. I am a former police officer from Montreal and I can state from experience that exiting any driveway turning left is extremely hazardous and dangerous. What precautions are being made to ensure adequate safety?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Safety is the main goal for this project. Slower traffic speeds will create a safer environment. Drivers are still able to take right turns if they are not comfortable making left turns.

Comment: A concern is the exiting out of the Beau Rivage, Riviera and St Tropez. This should be looked at carefully. The 2 way will provide increased values on all of the condos on the river and Dean Park. Once development is started on the land side of First all values will be increased.

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Question: Will there be a traffic light installed at the single entrance to Beau Rivage, San Tropez and Riviera communities. Concerned about leaving the community and taking a left. Currently there is heavy speeding traffic during rush hour and afternoons.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No, there is not a planned light at entrance at Beau Rivage, San Tropez and Riviera communities. Residents may continue to take a right at the entrance if they are uncomfortable taking a left.

Cost

Question: Where are the funds for this project originating and are the property owners of this area disproportionately financially burdened by this, rather than all residents of Fort Myers?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The initial phase of this project is funded by a proportionate share fee that was paid by the developers as they gained approval for the residential communities along the river. There is no financial burden to the property owners. Funding for future phases is undetermined at this time.

Specific Intersections and Roadways

Question: Any plan to open Palm St @ 1st Street?

Comment received via website.

Response: There are no plans to open Palm Street to First Street as part of this project.

Question: Will this project include allowing Palm Ave (just west of the bridge) to connect to first street?

Comment received via website.

Response: There are no plans to open Palm Street to First Street as part of this project.

Question: Will Palm St. ever open at 1st.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There are no plans to open Palm Street to First Street as part of this project.

Question: Will there be a left turn lane on cranberry?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There will not be a specific left turn lane on Cranford Avenue or on Second Street to Cranford Avenue.

Question: Left turn from First St. onto Cranston? Will there be restrictions of left turns off First St. going east or West?

Comment received via website.

Response: There will not be a specific left turn lane on Cranford Avenue. There are no restrictions to turns onto Cranford Avenue from First Street.

Question: Can second and cranford become a 4 way stop?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This can be evaluated in Phase II once traffic volumes are analyzed.

Question: Any specific changes happening to the intersection of 2nd & Cranford? I've witness several accidents in that intersection over the last year.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There are no specific changes happening at this intersection. However, there will be enhanced crosswalks with much better signage and any landscaping that is overhanging in the right-of-way will be removed to create more visibility.

Comment: The intersection of Seaboard and First is dangerous now; a roundabout or no change will be catastrophic. We need a traffic light at that intersection.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Phase II and III will evaluate the need for traffic signals or other options for intersections.

Question: third, exiting onto Second from Hough with the goal of turning left on Fowler, the distance from Hough onto second and immediately turning into Fowler is too short a distance for safe graphics flow

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There are a variety of options for drivers if they are not comfortable with making a left turn.

Question: I frequently make a left on Cranford to hook up with Michigan to head to the airport. Will that still be possible?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Yes.

Roundabout

Comment: I hope the roundabout at 1st and Seaboard is approved during phase 3.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Question: The intersection on First and Seaboard seems complicated. Is there an option to go directly for a roundabout or other type of intersection that might appear less complicated for drivers.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This will be evaluated in Phase II of the project.

Comment: I'd suggest stationing ambulances at Riverside & 1st and at Fowler & 1st when Phase 1 opens. Without roundabouts and traffic calming devices from the start, major conflicts will occur

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Other

Comment: I was very impressed by the manner in which the City Engineer Nicole Monahan made the presentation about the project and responded to the questions and comments submitted by viewers.

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Question: The graphics presented were very good – easy to comprehend and very informative about the impact of narrowing lanes, etc. I was especially appreciative of the chart showing the speed of vehicles on the streets as they presently exist. As a frequent walker between the Beau Rivage and downtown, I know how unpleasant it is to walk adjacent to speeding vehicles. As I have expressed in a letter I wrote to City officials several months ago, “when a street is designed like a shotgun, cars will drive like bullets.”

Comment received via website.

Response: No response required.

Question: Will the project require a road widening?

Comment received via website.

Response: Phase I does not include road widening. Phase II will identify areas that may need additional lanes, etc. for safety.

Question: Will the project also include beautification of the street and sidewalks?

Comment received via website.

Response: Phase I does not include beautification. Phase II and III will be reviewing these types of improvements.

Question: How does this benefit all of us who live alone?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There will not be a specific benefit in this project for those that live alone. Access to individual homes on the corridor will remain.

Question: Will Prima Luce be built?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is not related to the project.

Question: No medians or dividers are called for in the plans., especially on First St. Could this be a long-term addition if needed?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Medians and dividers are put in place on a case by case basis. Right of way constraints determine these additions.

Question: Will the trolley continue to operate during the change period?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The trolley will continue to operate.

Question: In Phase 1 I do not see any bus pull-off locations to allow traffic to move past them. Can this be considered for Phase 2?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Yes, this can be evaluated in Phase II.

Question: Will Palm Beach Blvd be renamed 1st?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No, all of Palm Beach Boulevard is not going to be renamed to First Street.

Question: Could you speak to what considerations were given to bus stop ADA improvements along First and Second?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Specific ADA improvements at bus stops have not been evaluated yet. If deficiencies at current bus stops are found, the City will work with LeeTran to make any needed changes.

Comment: The connection between i75 and the city of fort myers will now become a main travel spine, hence increased traffic in both directions. The need for more signals will be required.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: There are numerous connections between Downtown Fort Myers and 1-75. This will be one of many travel options for this connection.

Comment: I am a realtor and I DO live here!

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Will there be an increased police presence at the beginning of the transition from one way to two way?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Yes, when the direction of travel is changed, the police will be notified to help ensure the safety of drivers.

Comment: Prima Luce starts construction in January.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is in response to the construction of Prima Luce. Thank you.

Comment: will there be additional street lamps?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The City has not proposed any additional lighting along the corridor. If it is a concern, this can be reviewed in Phase II.

Comment: How will traffic flow be affected tomorrow when President Trump arrives downtown?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is not part of this project.

Question: January of what year

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is in response to the construction of Prima Luce. January 2021.

Question: What I always understood of the proposed changes to a two way was to accommodate potential influx of new residents in new condo towers. I've been waiting 10 years to see any projects beginning and nothing yet! Why the changes now?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The City feels that the two way conversion creates a safer driving environment for their residents and the City gained control of the road from FDOT in 2018, which had to occur prior to these changes.

Question: If the proposed high-rise is a long first street to begin construction, how will you deal with that on a one-way street?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: If any construction occurs regardless of one or two way traffic, accommodations for increased traffic will have to be made.

Question: will pedestrians on first st ever be able to walk along the river?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is in relation to the proposed Riverwalk. This is still a long-term goal of the City. When new development comes in, the City requires developer credits to make the Riverwalk a reality.

Comment: it changes at Billy Creek

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This is in regard to the transition of the road being named Palm Beach Boulevard to being named First Street. Thank you.

Question: Any plans for underground utilities along Palm Beach so the poles can go away?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: That is a consideration for the future and is not part of any of these three phases of this project.

Question: followup..what about turning left from Friarson onto 1st? Will that be legal?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Motorists can make a left turn on First Street from Isabelle Street or Oasis Way.

Comment: Should be renamed River District Blvd

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Comment: Additional lighting is a must to continue the esthetics of our beautiful city.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: No response required.

Question: How will you deal with Franklin Arms new next door building by Marriott with the projects be going on at the same time?

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: This will not have any impact on this project. They will have the same constraints as any other construction project within the City.

Question: as an owner in the oasis, I have seen boat traffic backed up through the development and on to first street. What will traffic be like when boat are backed up in two directions

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: The City is currently looking at replacing one of the area boat ramps that is closed, which will alleviate some of the stress of boat traffic to one area.

Comment: If I understood the documents correctly, this interchange will initially include lane separation and yield/stop signs to navigate between the two thoroughfares. I think there was also mentioning of a roundabout at a later stage. Would it not be best to undergo the construction of the roundabout at the onset. The currently planned interchange, at least on paper, appears to be complicated and I fear may lead to the possibility of traffic accidents.

Comment received via website.

Response: Yes, the intersection will initially include lane separation and yield/stop signs to navigate between the two thoroughfares. The intersection of First Street and Seaboard Street was evaluated during the Phase I planning. The engineering design team is confident that the configuration will work and it will allow time for the City to acquire additional lands necessary for a round a bout at this location. Once the two-way traffic conversion is completed, Phase II will re-evaluate the entire project area to further assess what additional safety precautions need to be added such as additional signage or a signal, etc. Safety is the number one concern for the City on this project.

Question: Pre going live what advanced information signage will be provided and for how long? The last thing we need is an infrequent users to not be aware of the change and traveling the wrong way.

Comment received from October 15, 2020 public meeting.

Response: Prior to this conversion, there will be an education program that the City and Cella Molnar and Associates, Inc. will prepare and distribute to the public.
