**First Street and Second Street**
Two-Way Traffic Conversion Project

# PHASE I

## Construction Newsletter

April 2021

## JOIN THE CITY OF FORT MYERS FOR A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON ZOOM

### MONDAY, APRIL 26 BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.

Register in advance: https://cityftmyers.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w47AJQ6MRqyZX6u-EIBCSA

**You may also register on the website! www.CFM2way.com.**

Please join the City of Fort Myers for the First Street and Second Street Two-Way Traffic Conversion Phase I Pre-Construction Public Meeting. The virtual public meeting will be on Zoom starting at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. The meeting will begin with a review of the project, include a video of new traffic movements planned, and what to expect during construction. A Question and Answer (Q & A) session will follow the presentation. Register in advance for the meeting at the link shown above. For more information or to sign-up for construction updates, please visit www.CFM2way.com.

One of the oldest neighborhoods in the City of Fort Myers will soon receive a face lift to enhance community safety, increase property values, incorporate green transportation alternatives, and eliminate confusing one-way traffic into and out of the downtown core.

The conversion of the First and Second streets corridors from one-way to two-way streets will improve neighborhood safety, lower speed limits, simplify access points, improve safety for all users (motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit) and add to downtown evacuation routes in case of hurricanes or other emergencies.

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

- Safety for all users
- Slower travel speeds on First, Second and Seaboard Streets
- Improved access
- Continued implementation of the 2003 Downtown Redevelopment and related plans - converts First, Second and Seaboard streets to two-way
- Implement the City's Complete Streets Policies & Guidelines per the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

## OVERALL

Phase I construction is scheduled to start this summer after City Council approves the construction contract. All traffic will continue to flow in the same direction as it currently flows until the final traffic switch at the end of the work. During construction, driveways and side streets will remain accessible with possible short-term delays. Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months, mostly due to fabrication of traffic signal materials, which alone may take approximately five months. Some night and weekend work may be necessary. This schedule is subject to change due to receipt of materials, underground conditions and inclement weather.

Rendering of Second Street

# CONSTRUCTION PLAN

**Palm Beach Boulevard and Seaboard Street intersection**

Crews are expected to begin construction at the intersection of Palm Beach Boulevard and Seaboard Street. This intersection will be rebuilt with changes to the medians. During this intersection construction, motorists should expect lane shifts with a potential detour to access E. Riverside Drive. This intersection construction is expected to take three to four months to complete.

**First Street and Palm Beach Boulevard**

Construction is expected to start at Seaboard Street and move west. Palm Beach Boulevard and First Street will be reduced to one lane as work progresses west with all lanes being maintained for as long as possible at the major intersections. Crews will be installing new traffic signal poles and signal heads at the intersections of Park Avenue and Fowler Street along with new pavement markings and signage in the future eastbound lane.

**Second Street and Seaboard Street**

Construction is expected to start at Fowler Street and move east. Second Street and Seaboard Street will be reduced to one lane as work progresses east with all lanes being maintained for as long as possible at the major intersections. Crews will be installing new traffic signal poles and signal heads at the intersections of Fowler Street and Park Avenue along with new pavement markings and signage in the future west/southwest bound lane.

Beginning summer 2021, contractors for the City of Fort Myers will start Phase I construction of the First Street and Second Street Two-Way Traffic Conversion Project. Phase I will convert First, Second and Seaboard streets from one-way to two-way traffic to produce positive safety benefits quickly & efficiently. Work is expected to occur Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; however, some night and weekend work may be necessary. This project is expected to be completed in summer 2022.

For more information or to sign up for construction updates,
visit **www.CFM2way.com**
or contact the City's public information consultant
for the project: Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc.
**239-337-1071 or 877-496-1076** *(toll free)* or email **info@CFM2way.com.**

Rendering of First Street

## PHASE I SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Slower travel speeds

- Safer for bicyclists to flow with traffic
- Increased visibility for pedestrians

Reduced confusion for drivers

Improved response time for fire, police, EMS services

## PHASE I CONSTRUCTION AT A GLANCE

Intersections to be modified:

- Palm Beach Boulevard & Seaboard Street
- First Street & Fowler Street
- First Street & Park Avenue
- Second Street & Fowler Street
- Second Street & Park Avenue
- Seaboard Street & Michigan Avenue

Updated, consistent ADA-compliant crosswalks at intersections

New turn, thru and center turn lanes

New signing, striping and pavement markings

Added bike lanes on First Street

Reduced speed limits and signage

## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Phase II – Enhance Two-Way Conversion**
The City will take new traffic counts, monitor traffic patterns, refine signal timing and determine if changes would enhance traffic operations. During this phase, the City will consider additional improvements such as sidewalk connectivity, bike lanes and streetscaping.

**Phase III – Bridge Enhancements & Evaluation of Intersections**
The City will evaluate intersections and address the Billy Creek Bridge.

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