



# TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

## ROUNDTABLE ITEM REQUEST FORM

**Town Commission**

Department Submitting Request

**Commissioner Birute Clotey**

Mayor/Commissioner Name

**Meeting Date / Time**

April 28, 2010 / 7:00 PM

May 26, 2010 / 7:00 PM

June 9, 2010 / 7:00 PM

June 23, 2010 / 7:00 PM

**Deadline w/o Backup**

April 21, 2010 / Noon

May 19, 2010 / Noon

June 2, 2010 / Noon

June 16, 2010 / Noon

**Deadline w Backup**

April 19, 2010 / Noon

May 17, 2010 / Noon

June 7, 2010 / Noon

June 14, 2010 / Noon

**ITEM/ITEMS\*:**

Discussion: concern has been expressed about speeding cars on Seagrape south of Commercial. Some drivers are using this street to bypass the Commercial and AIA intersection. A resident has requested the installation of speed bumps on this stretch of Seagrape in order to slow down traffic

**ACTION OR OUTCOME EXPECTED:** Have the Town Engineer look into the traffic flow and speed on this street

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

**\*ITEMS LISTED THAT WOULD BE GOING TO REGULAR COMMISSION AGENDA REQUIRE NEW AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM WITH AMPLE TIME TO PRODUCE BACKUP**



Item No. 179

# TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

### Town Commission

### Commissioner Clottey

Department Submitting Request

Dept Head's Signature

<u>Commission Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Last date to turn in to Town Clerk's Office</u>	<u>Commission Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Last date to turn in to Town Clerk's Office</u>	<u>Commission Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Last date to turn in to Town Clerk's Office</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 10, 2009	Oct. 30 (5:00 p.m.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 26, 2010	Jan 15 (5:00 p.m.)	<input type="checkbox"/> March 23, 2010	Mar 12 (5:00 p.m.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 1, 2009	Nov 20 (5:00 p.m.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 9, 2010	Jan 29 (5:00 p.m.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 13, 2010	April 2 (5:00 p.m.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 8, 2009	Nov 25 (5:00 p.m.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 23, 2010	Feb 12 (5:00 p.m.)	<input type="checkbox"/> April 27, 2010	April 16 (5:00 p.m.)
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- NATURE OF AGENDA ITEM**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Report         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Manager's Report        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney's Report       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bids           | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Business   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |

**EXPLANATION:** Discussion: concern has been expressed about speeding cars on Seagrape south of Commercial. Some drivers are using this street to bypass the Commercial and A1A intersection. A resident has requested the installation of speed bumps on this stretch of Seagrape in order to slow down traffic.

Proposed Outcome: Have the town engineer look into the traffic flow and speed on this street.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$ _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Acct # _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of funds required | <input type="checkbox"/> From Acct # _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bid                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Amount represents matching funds |

*cc: Police Chief*  
*Deferred to the meeting*

**RECEIVED**  
 APRIL 28, 2010 **ROUNDTABLE**

APR 5 2010  
 11:35 am

Town Attorney review required  
 Yes  No

Town Manager's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# Traffic Facts That Impact Our Daily Lives



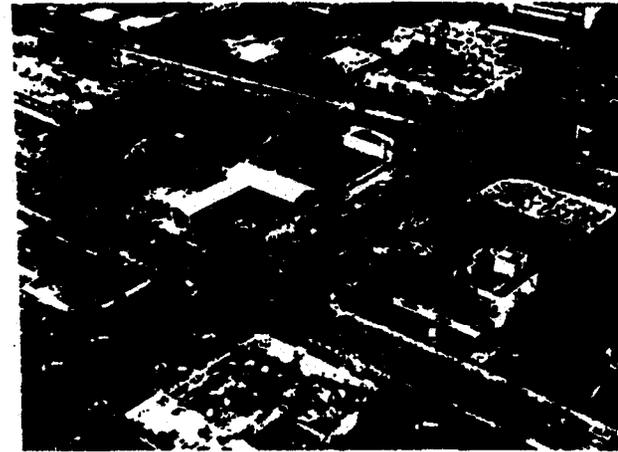
- Thirty-Three Thousand (33,000) Vehicles Per Day Between I.C.W. Bridge and A1A
- Thirty-Six Thousand (36,000) Vehicles Per Day From Commercial Blvd. North To Terra Mar
- Thirty-Four Thousand (34,000) Vehicles Per Day From Commercial Blvd. South To Ft.Lauderdale
- Approximately 12 Million Vehicles Driving Through Lauderdale-By-The-Sea every year
- 20 Pounds Of Potatoes in a 5 Pound Bag

# Commercial Blvd. Eastbound Closed At A1A



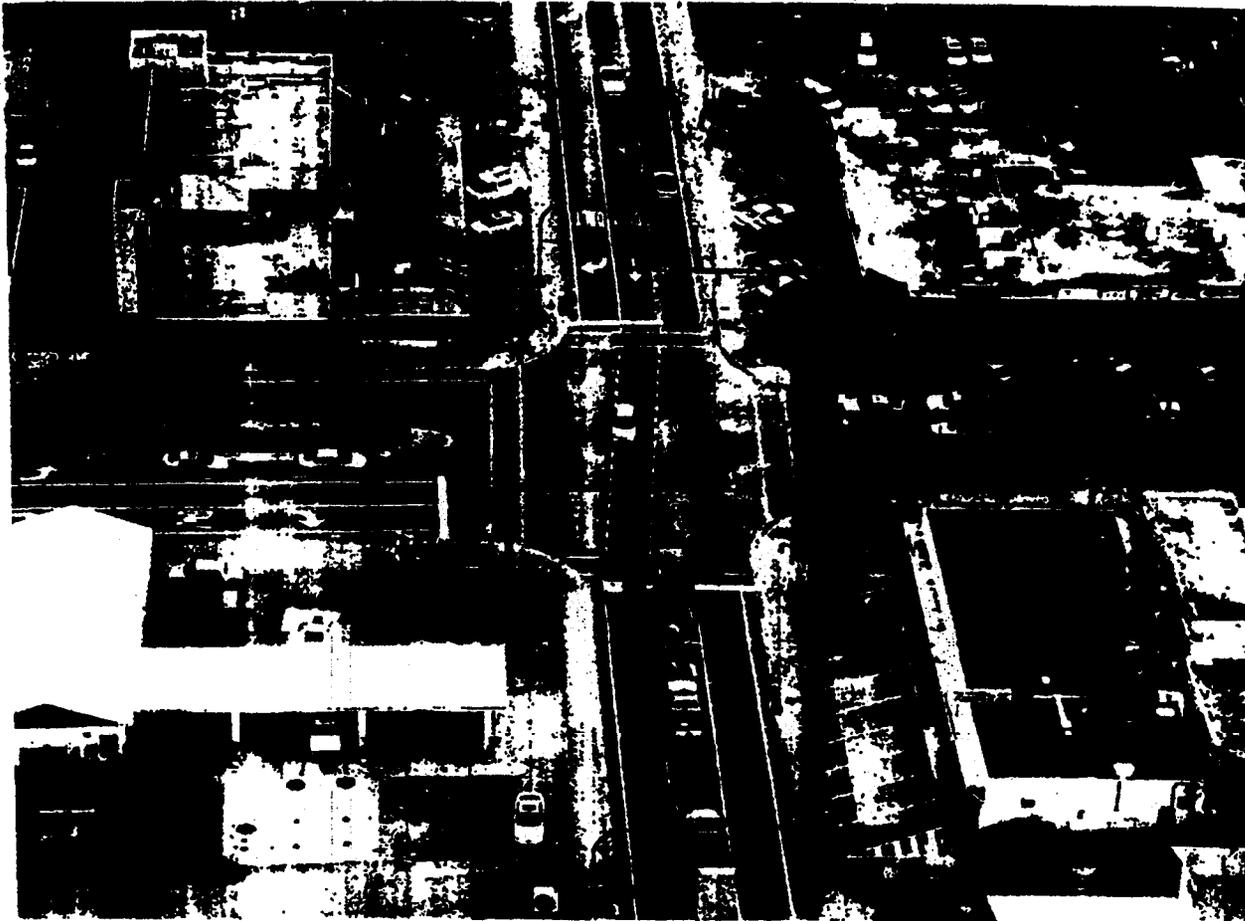
- E/B Traffic Must Make a Left Turn or Right Turn at A1A
- Tried and Tested During Special Events
- F.D.O.T

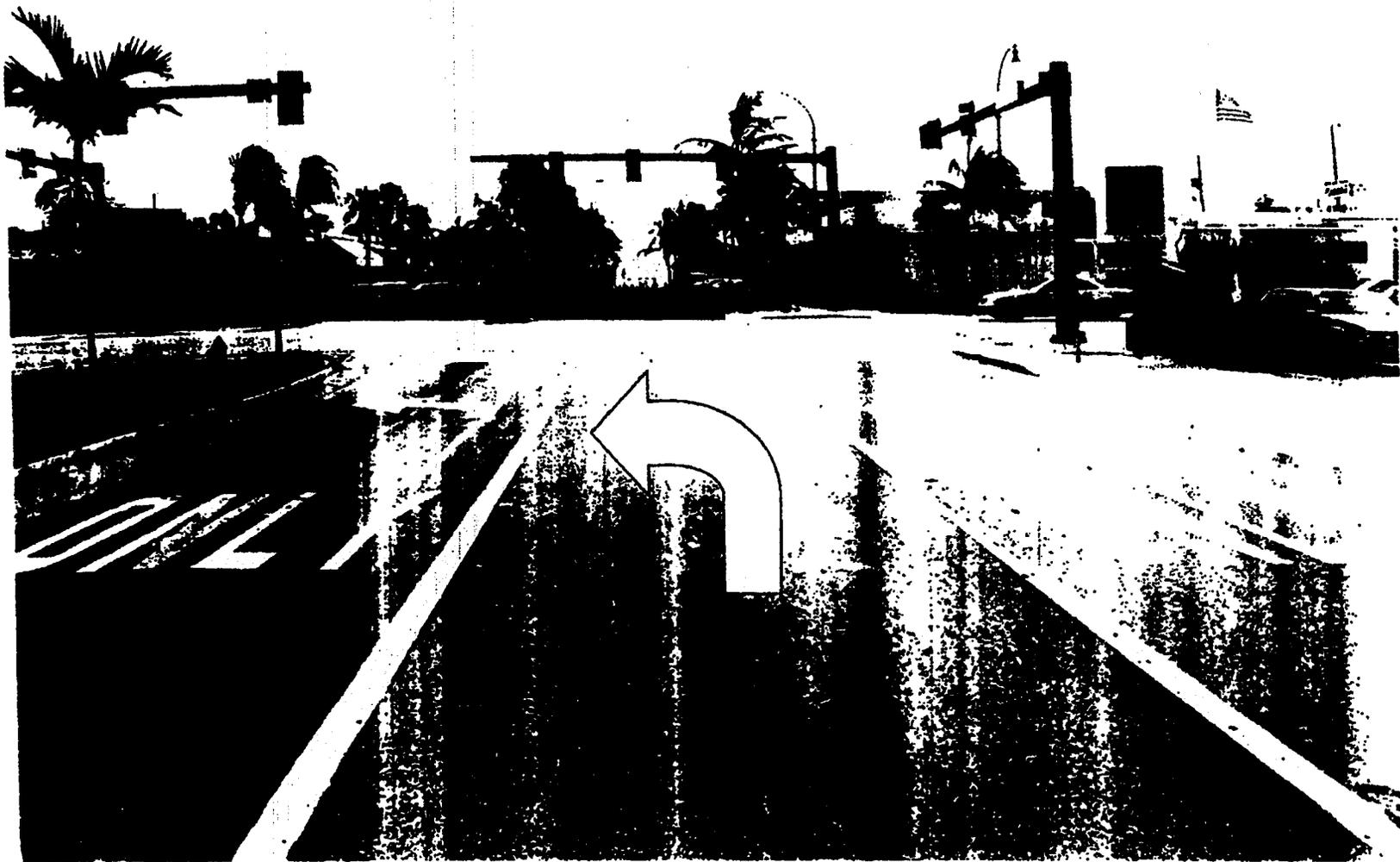
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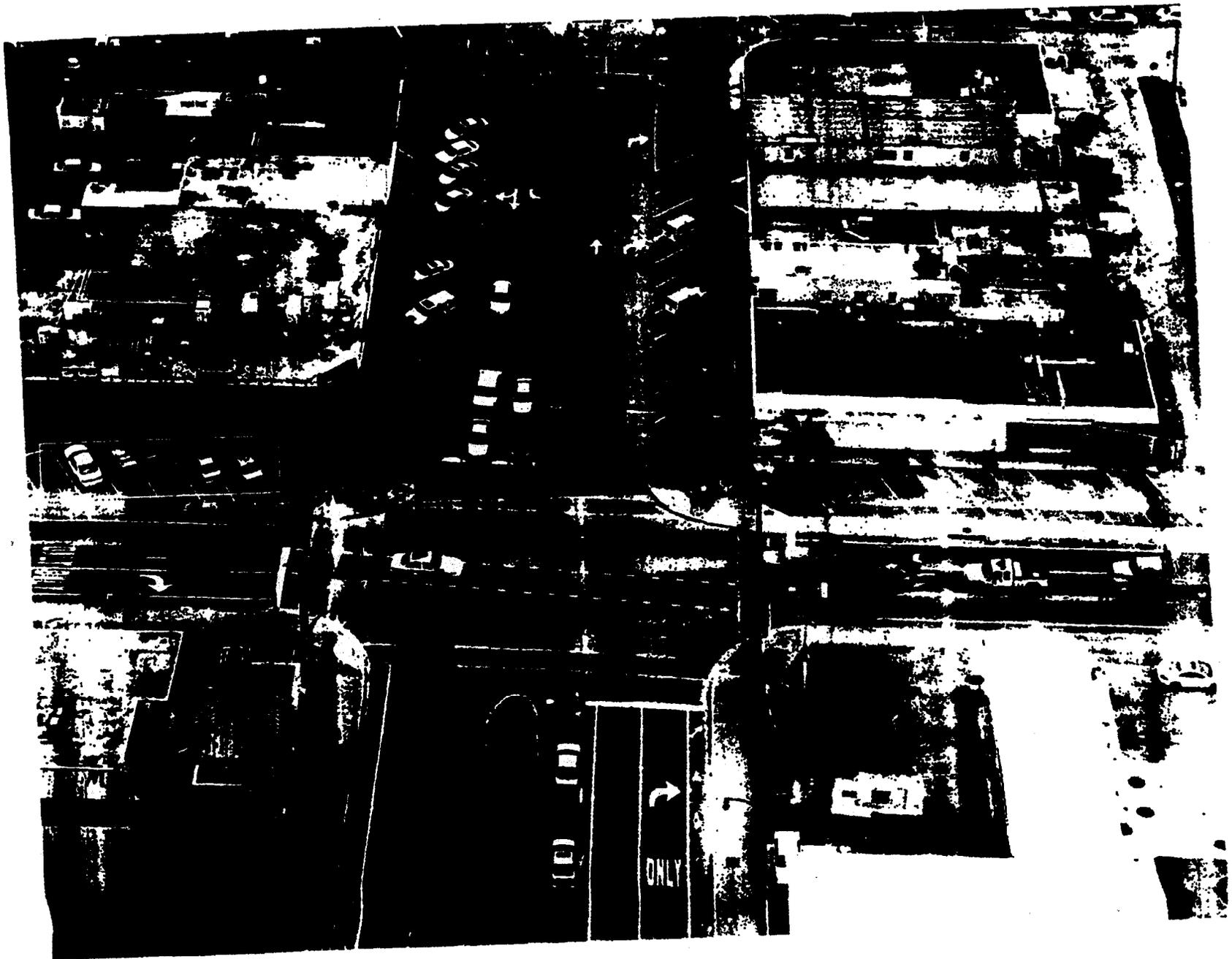


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# Eastbound Commercial Blvd. Blocked at A1A



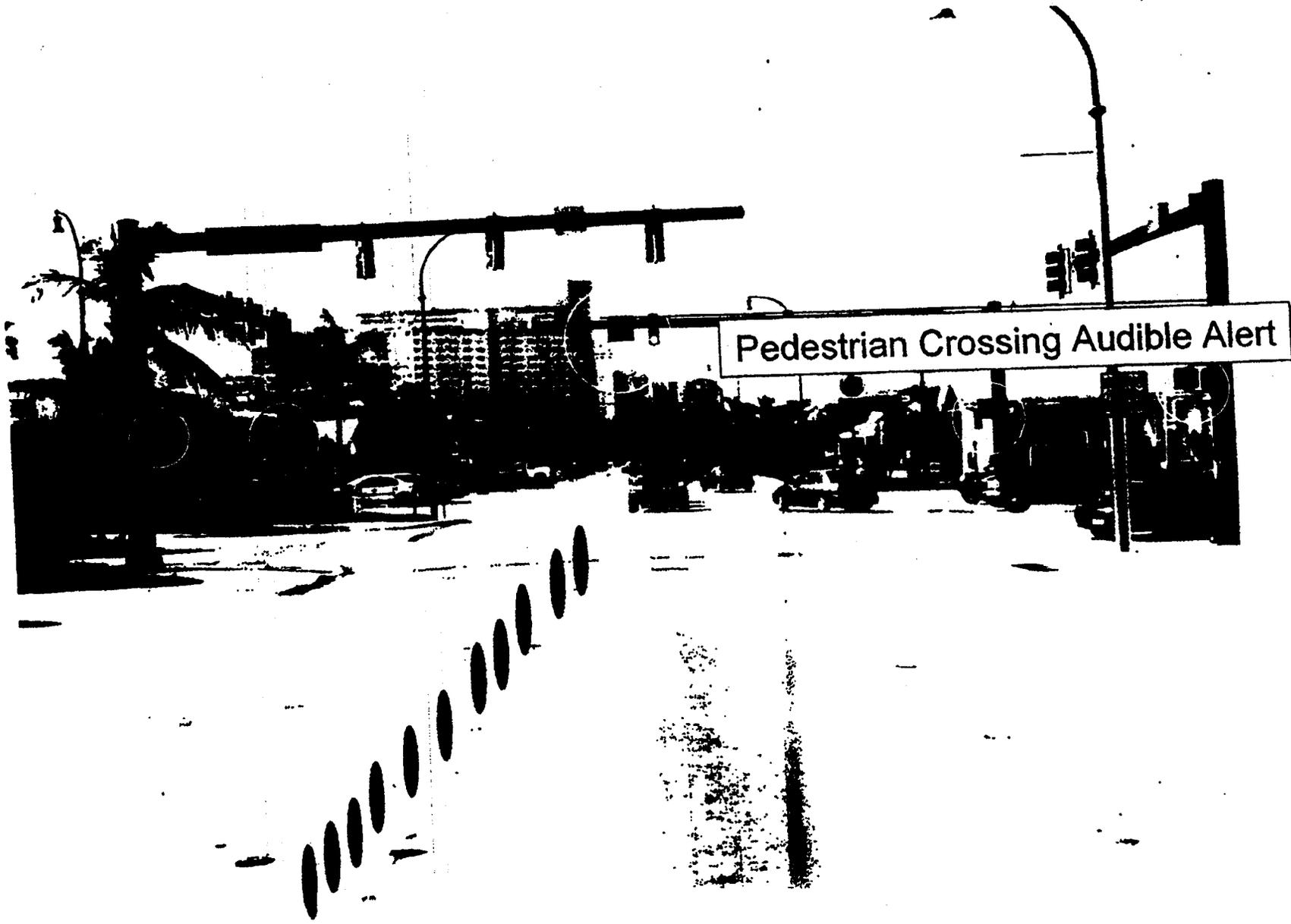




# No Left Turn From Commercial Blvd. Northbound A1A For 150 Feet



- Installation of an Array of 48" Flex Posts



Pedestrian Crossing Audible Alert

# Westbound Commercial at A1A



**-No U-Turn Signs On E/B Commercial = Additional Traffic North of Commercial Into Silver Shores Neighborhood**

**-F.D.O.T.**

**West Tradewinds**

**East Tradewinds**



# Traffic Calming Strategies

Lauderdale By The Sea STEP Enforcement Schedule

<b>September</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 10:00-10:30 A1A & Commercial Friedrich	<b>2</b> 17:00-17:30 4500 Seagrape Beebe	<b>3</b> 09:00-09:30 4400 W Trade Winds Friedrich
<b>4</b> 18:00-18:30 4300 Seagrave Cora	<b>5</b> 08:30-09:00 4300 Seagrave Buckingham	<b>6</b> 17:00-17:30 4200 Seagrave Friedrich	<b>7</b> 08:30-09:00 A1A & Commercial Friedrich	<b>8</b> 18:30-20:00 4700 Seagrave Cora	<b>9</b> 09:00-09:30 4200 Seagrave Friedrich	<b>10</b> 16:00-1630 A1A & Commercial Beebe
<b>11</b> 11:00-11:30 4300 Seagrave Dusson	<b>12</b> 21:00-21:30 4100 Seagrave Cora	<b>13</b> 09:00-09:30 4400 E Trade Winds Friedrich	<b>14</b> 15:30-16:30 A1A & Commercial Beebe	<b>15</b> 08:30-09:00 4100 Seagrave Friedrich	<b>16</b> 18:30-19:00 4500 Seagrave Beebe	<b>17</b> 09:30-10:00 4100 SE-Mur Friedrich
<b>18</b> 18:30-19:00 4200 Seagrave	<b>19</b> 07:30-08:00 4100 Seagrave Buckingham	<b>20</b> 19:30-20:00 A1A & Commercial/Pickoff	<b>21</b> 07:00-07:30 4500 Seagrave Friedrich	<b>22</b> 20:30-21:00 4300 Seagrave Beebe	<b>23</b> 08:00-09:30 A1A Commercial Friedrich	<b>24</b> 14:00-16:30 4500 Seagrave Beebe
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- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.)
- Closing Washingtonia Ave. at Seagrave Dr.
- Gates at Seagrave Dr.
- A1A Bypass

# **Traffic Studies**

**1.) Broward Sheriff's Office**

**2.) Walter H. Keller**

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**Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea**  
**OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**



March 13, 2008

To: Mayor Minnet

From: Esther Colon *Colon*

Re: Traffic Control – Commercial and State Road AIA

Attached are two studies presented to the Commission:

1. November 8, 2005 – Broward Sheriff's Office

Action taken the Commission agreed to remove the No U-turn signs eastbound of Commercial Blvd.

2. July 11, 2006 – Walter Keller

No action taken by Commission. Walter Keller advised that the area did not warrant a change because to close this area would cause an impact to the businesses.

cc: Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee  
Commissioner Stuart Dodd  
Commissioner Birute Clotey  
Commissioner Jim Silverstone

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Bob Baldwin, Town Manager  
**From:** Walter Keller, PE., AICP, Town Planner  
**Date:** June 5, 2006  
**Re:** SRA1A and Commercial Boulevard Intersection Traffic Study

*Walter H. Keller*

The Town Commission authorized a Traffic Study of the SRA1A and Commercial Boulevard Intersection. The purpose of the Study was to assess a series of alternate intersection configurations and evaluate their effectiveness in improving the Intersection's Level of Service and thereby reducing cut-through traffic in the Town's neighborhoods. A major emphasis of the Study was to prepare a graphic computer model that would simulate traffic flow characteristics of each alternative.

The Study evaluated the following intersection configurations of the SRA1A and Commercial Boulevard Intersection:

1. Existing Intersection Configuration;
2. Full Closure of Commercial Boulevard East of SRA1A;
3. Partial Closure of Commercial Boulevard East of SRA1A (Eastbound in but no Westbound out);
4. Partial Closure of Commercial Boulevard East of SRA1A (Eastbound in with Westbound Right Turn out);
5. Double Eastbound left turn lanes;
6. Above Intersection Configurations with a 500 space Parking Garage; and,
7. Selective Combinations of the Above Configurations.

The existing SRA1A and Commercial Boulevard intersection was found to have its highest traffic volumes during mid day peak season conditions. Traffic operations analysis of the existing configuration found the intersection operates at Level of Service (LOS) "F". Under most of the alternatives evaluated, the intersection's LOS did not improve. With full closure of the east side of the intersection however, the LOS was "E". In general, the existing configuration was found to do a good job at handling a very high amount of traffic and pedestrian movements.

The Traffic Study will be provided to the Town Commission at the meeting of July 11, 2006. At that time, the traffic simulation results of the #1, #2, #3 and #5 will be presented.

Traffic Studies: SRA1A and Commercial Boulevard: Com Memo\_7\_5\_06.doc

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**Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida**

# **SR A1A & Commercial Boulevard Traffic Study**

# Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida SR A1A & Commercial Blvd Traffic Study

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## Purpose of the Study

- Assess Existing Intersection Operation
- Develop Alternatives to Improve Operation
- Evaluate Their Effectiveness of Alt. to Reduce “Cut-Thru” Traffic
- Develop Graphic Simulation Model for Commission Presentation

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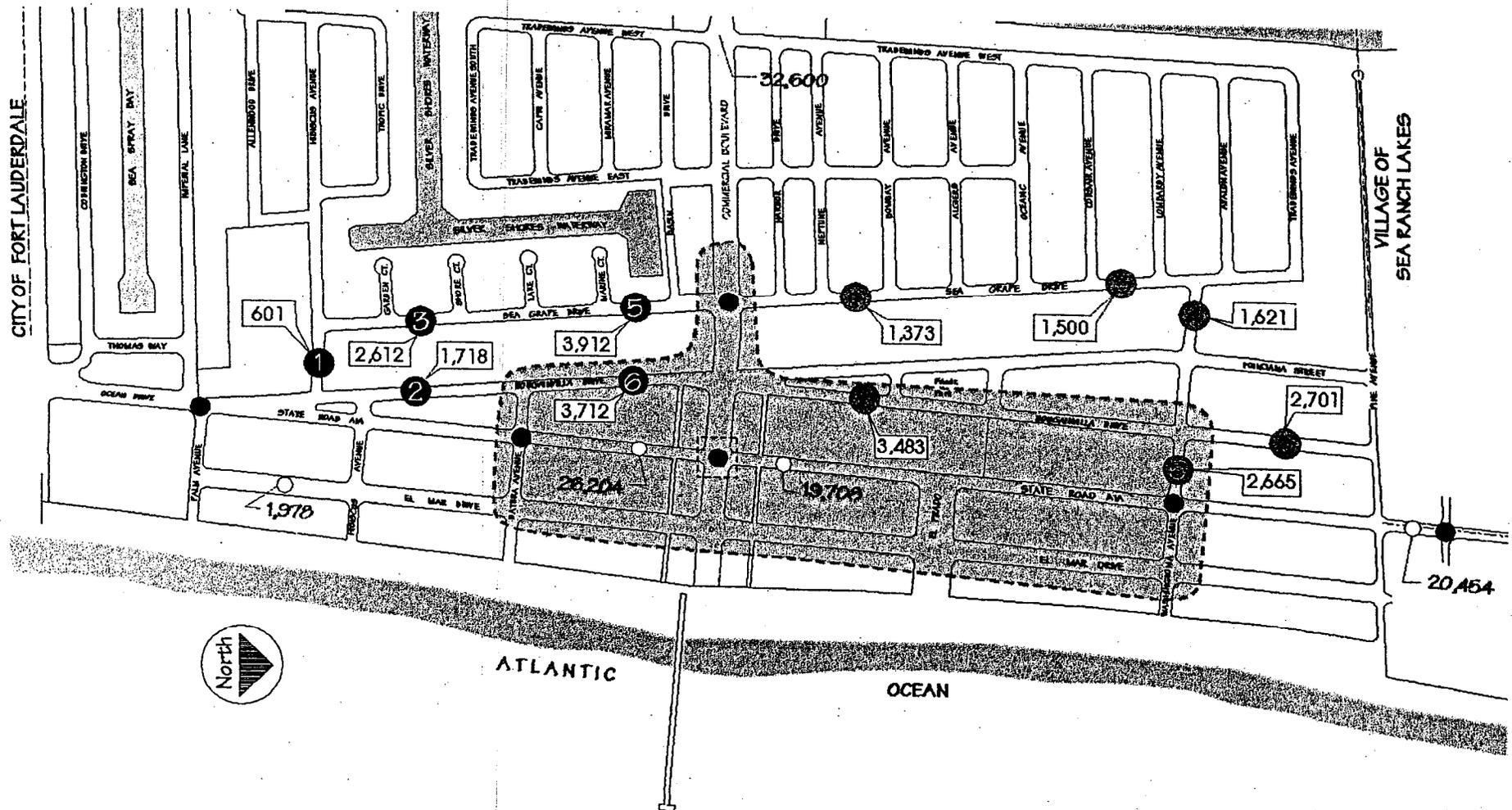
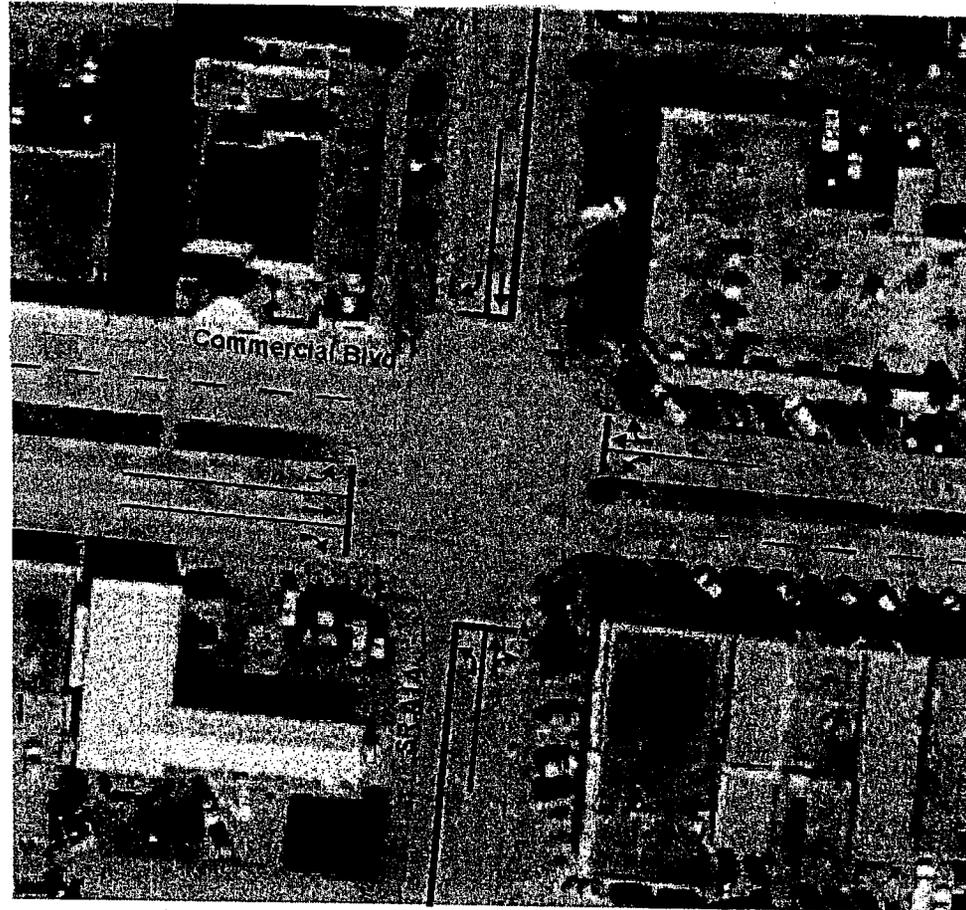


Figure 1 - Study Area & Daily Traffic Counts

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*Figure 2 - Existing Condition*

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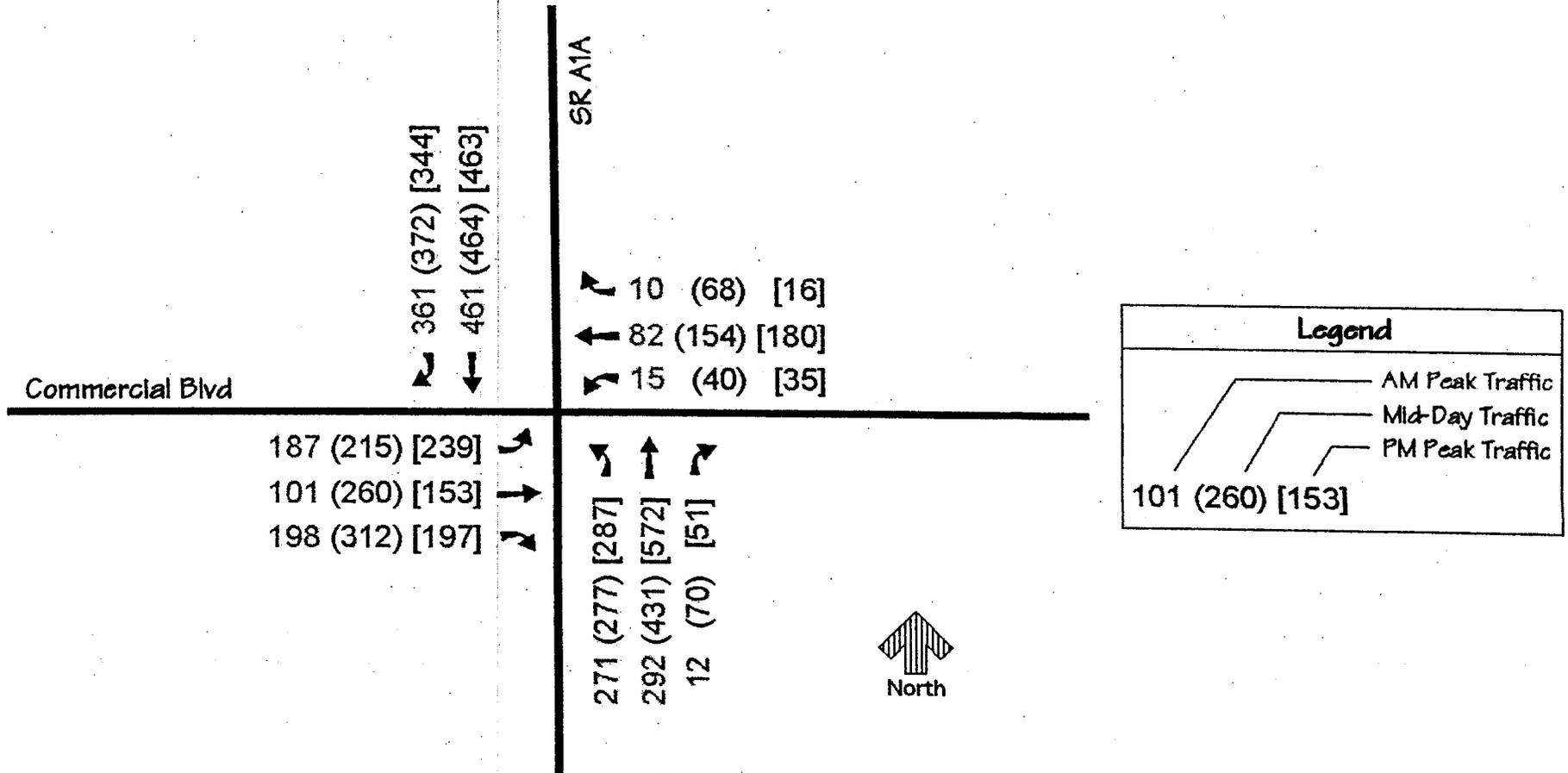


Figure 3 - Peak Hour Turning Movement Counts

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SR A1A & Commercial Blvd Traffic Study**

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**Synchro Simulation Process**

- Build Base Roadway Network including Signal Locations
- Input Turning Movement Counts for Network
- Develop Alternative Network Configurations
- Use Synchro Software to Simulate Traffic Flow & LOS

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## Alternatives Evaluated

- Existing Intersection Configuration
- Full Closure of Commercial Blvd East of SR A1A
- Partial Closure of Commercial Blvd East of SR A1A  
(*Eastbound in but no Westbound out*)
- Partial Closure of Commercial Blvd East of SR A1A  
(*Eastbound in with only Westbound Right out*)
- Double Eastbound Left Turn Lanes
- With a 500-Space Parking Garage in Vicinity
- Combinations of the Above

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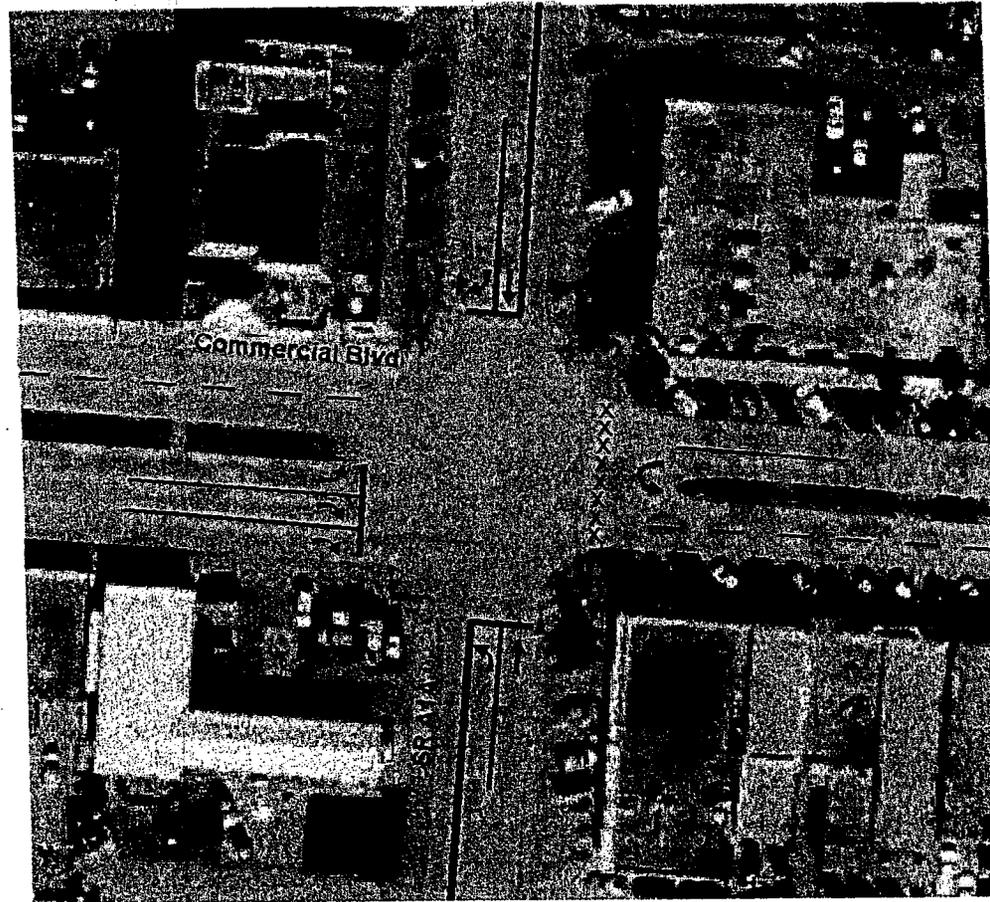
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## Alternatives Presented

- Existing Intersection Configuration
- Full Closure of Commercial Blvd East of SR A1A
- Partial Closure of Commercial Blvd East of SR A1A  
(*Eastbound in but no Westbound out*)
- Double Eastbound Left Turn Lanes

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*Figure 3 - Full Closure Alternate*

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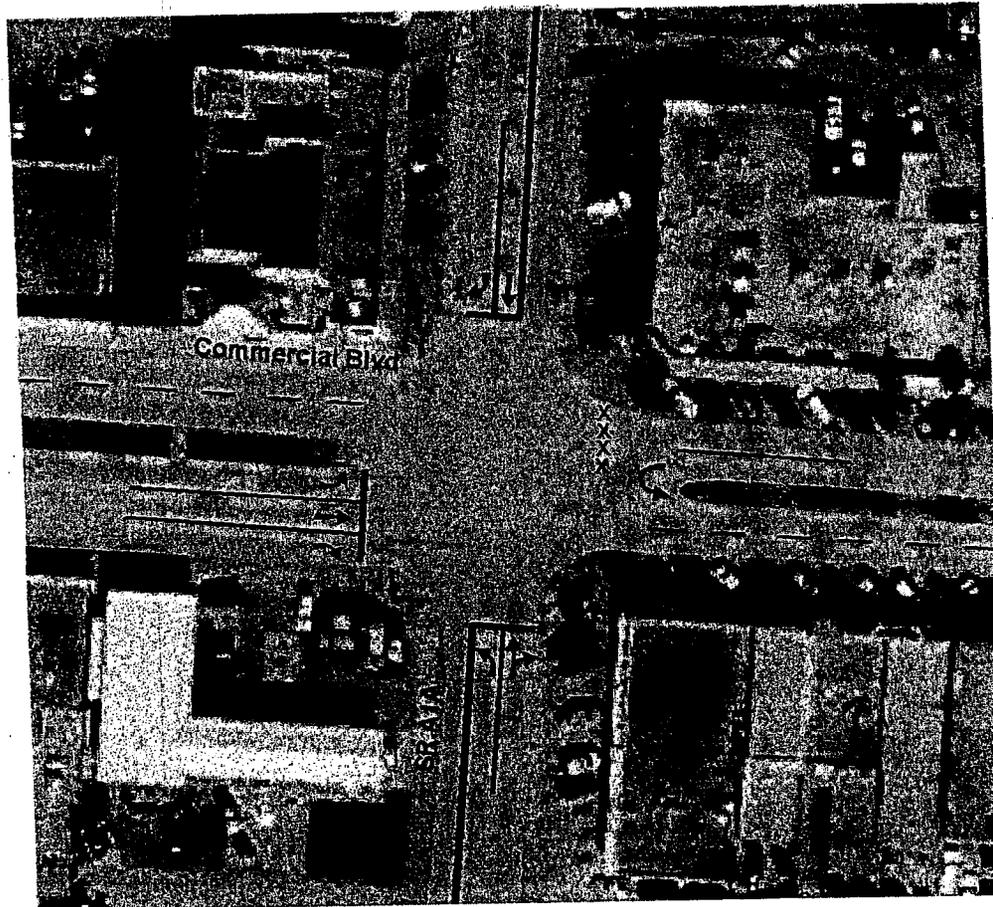
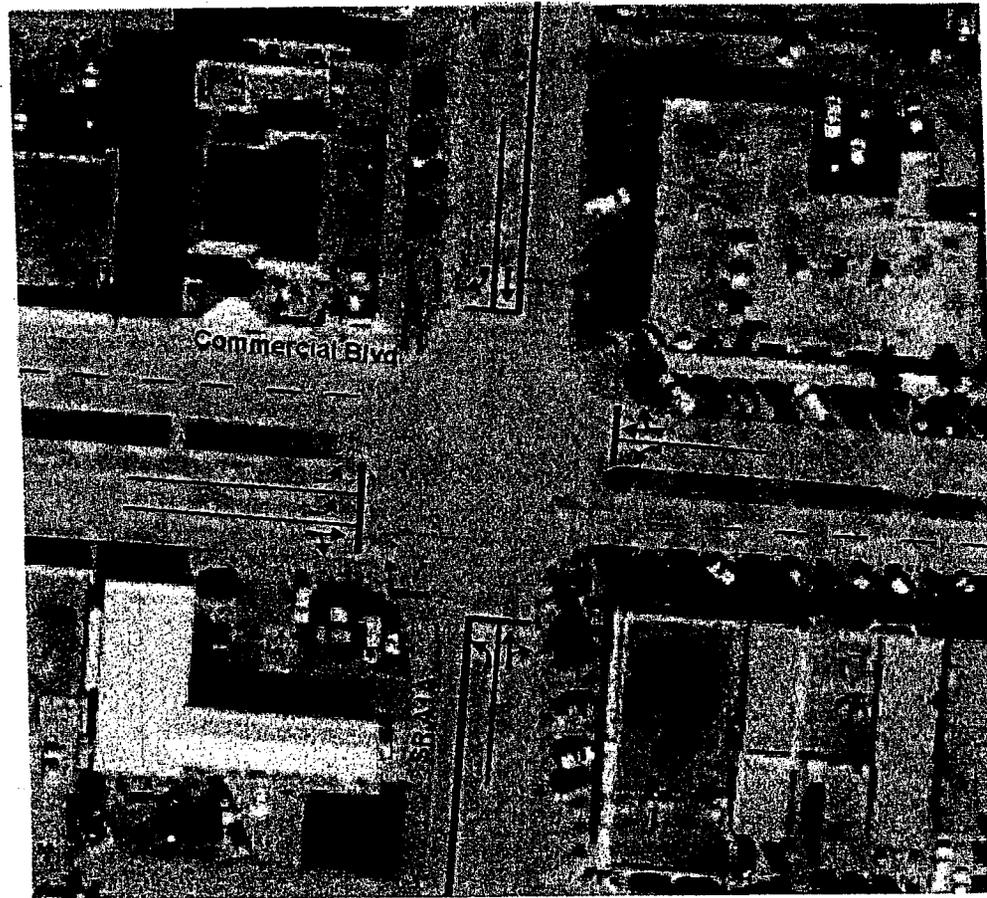


Figure 4 - Partial Closure Alternate

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*Figure 5 - Double Eastbound Lefts Alternate*

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## Evaluation of Alternatives

Intersection	Existing LOS	Left	WB	Partial Closure No WB	Partial Closure WBR only	with Parking Garage			Double EB Left			Double EB Left w/Pkg Garage		
						Full Closure WB	Partial Closure No WB	Partial Closure WBR only	Full Closure WB	Partial Closure No WB	Partial Closure WBR only	Full Closure WB	Partial Closure No WB	Partial Closure WBR only
<b>Signalized</b>														
Seagrape Dr & Commercial Blvd	Int. LOS	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	Int. Delay (Sec)	24.0			21.5	20.2	24.6	21.5	21.5	24.6	25.4	25.4	24.6	25.1
	ICU %	67.2			67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.2
SR A1A & Commercial Blvd	Int. LOS	F			F	F	F	F	F	E	F	F	E	F
	Int. Delay (Sec)	84.1			94.1	92.2	81.2	86.8	84.9	68	143.8	143.4	73.6	142.7
	ICU %	94.7			91.3	89.6	96.9	89.8	88	85.4	117.4	117.4	86.8	115.9
<b>Unsignalized</b>														
El Mar Dr & Commercial Blvd	Int. LOS	A			B	B	A	B	B	A	B	B	A	B
	Int. Delay (Sec)	9.2			11.9	12.0	8.4	11.9	12.0	8.3	11.9	12.0	8.4	11.9
	ICU %	42			63.3	49.4	49.7	63.3	49.4	49.7	63.3	49.4	49.7	63.3

Source: Walter H. Keller, Inc

Note: ICU = Intersection Capacity Utilization

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## Staff Recommendation

- Best Improvement Occurs with Full Closure and EB Double Lefts
- Improvement Alt. would have Negative Impacts on Business District
- Double Eastbound Lefts would remove Existing Town Parking
- Existing Condition Best Serves Traffic Flow and the Business District

**MINUTES JULY 6, 2004**

**HIBISCUS AVENUE STREET CLOSURE**

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA**  
**TOWN COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

*Town Commission Meeting Room*  
*4501 Ocean Drive*  
*Tuesday, July 6, 2004*  
*7:00 P.M.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR OLIVER PARKER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Parker at 7:08 p.m. Present were Mayor Parker, Vice Mayor Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Commissioner Wessels, and Commissioner Yanni. Municipal Services Director William Mason, Assistant Town Attorney Klahr, and Acting Town Clerk Medina were also in attendance. Town Manager Baldwin and Town Attorney Cherof were not present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEM**

- A. **HIBISCUS AVENUE STREET CLOSURE**; discussion concerning the traffic study prepared by Walter H. Keller, Inc.

Walter Keller, Town Engineer, was present and addressed the Commission concerning the traffic calming improvements that had been erected on Hibiscus and Bougainvilla Drive. He provided a history of the area and the options considered and since implemented. Mr. Keller stated that the Town had since included landscaping improvements in the median area as well.

Mr. Keller related that the intersection actually closed around August 2002 and that the construction improvements were approved at the November 26, 2002, meeting. While construction was essentially complete in March 2003, he noted that some signage remained outstanding.

Mr. Keller emphasized that the primary purpose for the improvements was to eliminate cut-through traffic through the Seagrape Drive residential area. Referring to Figure 4 of the Traffic Calming Study, he compared the traffic counts of 2000 with those collected in May 2004 and noted there had been significant reductions in traffic volume on both Seagrape and Bougainvilla Drives. Mr.

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Keller stated that, since the 2000 count included seasonal traffic patterns, the recent traffic study had been similarly adjusted. He believed that, from a traffic circulation and volume standpoint, the diverter had been successful, but he acknowledged that it had caused some inconvenience to residents. Mr. Keller recommended that, should this roadway configuration be maintained, a three-way stop be installed at the intersection of Hibiscus and Bougainvillea Drives to ensure control of the traffic pattern.

Mr. Keller explained the four alternatives of traffic calming devices studied, as denoted by Figures 5, 6, 7, and 8. Accident records had also been researched, and he provided further information concerning turning movements. He noted that Broward County's Trafficways Plan had Bougainvillea used as southbound A1A. Actual A1A carries approximately 20,000 cars per day, which is more than the road should be carrying.

In response to Vice Mayor Kennedy's inquiry about making changes to A1A to improve traffic patterns, Mr. Keller explained that A1A and Bougainvillea appeared on the Broward County's Trafficways Plan as two one-way roadways to better accept the current traffic patterns. Vice Mayor Kennedy felt that, philosophically, the Town should be a destination in and of itself and that traffic should not be made to move more quickly through Town. He understood that traffic flow needed to be eased; however, he emphasized that safety had to be the main issue of concern. Discussion ensued concerning the proposed alternatives and possible modifications.

Commenting on the statistics contained on page 10 of the Study, Mayor Parker was concerned that cut-through traffic on Seagrape Drive had increased, and he suggested that the southbound trips on Seagrape had a direct correlation with the eastbound trips on Hibiscus. Mr. Keller described the manner in which the traffic study was prepared, and he believed that the statistics indicated that most of the cut-through traffic had been eliminated. Referring to Figure 7, Mayor Parker suggested that the impact on Seagrape should be minimized through the installation of stop signs at each intersection and that another stop sign could be erected at Bougainvillea on Hibiscus to ensure that traffic was slowed near the condominiums in that area. The Mayor believed that almost all northbound cut-through traffic would be eliminated with the closing of Hibiscus.

Mr. Keller reiterated that, based on his analysis, there was little cut-through traffic through the area with the improvement in place.

Mr. Keller detailed the four options, denoted in the Study as Figures 5, 6, 7, and 8. Alternative 1 would restore the roadways to their previous configuration and increase the traffic volumes to their April 2000 level; Alternative 2 would retain the Hibiscus street closure but open Bougainvillea Drive, with resulting traffic increases on Bougainvillea and Seagrape; and Alternative 3 would close Hibiscus

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near the Chamber of Commerce and force the use of Datura Avenue, which would eliminate northbound cut-through traffic. At the Mayor's question, Mr. Keller recommended against the use of stop signs on Seagrape Drive as it would not provide safe traffic control unless the stop signs were strictly enforced. He offered that Alternative 4 would retain the intersection as currently configured with the addition of three-way stop signs at the Chamber of Commerce. He believed that traffic volumes would then remain consistent and that safety would be improved.

From a traffic circulation standpoint, Mr. Keller believed that the diverter had accomplished its intended goal. While he did not dispute the fact that the barrier was an inconvenience to some residents, he reminded the Commission that this was the goal intended for the barrier – to keep the traffic volume on A1A -- and that it had proven successful. Acknowledging the concerns of residents who enter southbound A1A from Imperial Lane, Mr. Keller suggested that DOT might be approached to restripe this area so that the southbound A1A lane would be designated right-turn only into Imperial Lane. Because the intersection of Imperial Lane and Palm Avenue was offset, channelization was not an option.

Commissioner Wessels commented that the barrier was intended to be inconvenient. He noted that the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Objective 4.3, addressed the reduction of traffic through residential areas. The Commissioner believed that the only solution that may satisfy some residents was a return to the original configuration; however, he offered that Seagrape Drive residents did not share that belief as the diverter had dramatically changed traffic volume. He advised that, although he did not object to the removal of the barrier, he wanted to maintain the reduction in Seagrape Drive traffic through some traffic-calming device. Regarding the Imperial Lane intersection, Commissioner Wessels also expressed concern regarding the use of the right lane by southbound A1A traffic.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark concurred with Commissioner Wessels that the reduction of Seagrape Drive traffic should be maintained. With regard to Alternative 3, he asked regarding the use of speed humps to maintain the reduction of traffic within the area. Mr. Keller responded that two speed humps had been proposed in the streetscape improvements; however, the use of Seagrape Drive by the community bus had negated the idea. Mayor Pro Tem Clark suggested that the bus could be rerouted to Bougainvillea. Mr. Keller replied that speed humps typically aided to speed reduction rather than traffic volume and that a greater impact would be achieved through additional speed humps. Agreeing that more speed humps along Seagrape could be installed, Mayor Pro Tem Clark also suggested, with removal of the diverter, installation of a stop sign and a warning sign to caution drivers about vehicles backing out from parking spaces.

In the alternative, and using Figure 7, Mayor Parker asked if the Town might consider making Bougainvillea Drive one-way southbound and Seagrape one-way

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northbound. Mr. Keller stated that, although this change was possible, it would cause a significant inconvenience to the residents in the area and impacts to emergency services. He commented that, as a general rule, one-way streets encouraged higher speeds.

Mayor Parker offered that he would prefer to install stop signs, rather than speed humps.

Commissioner Yanni believed that most residents in the area wanted the barrier removed from Hibiscus/Bougainvilla so that they may directly access A1A. He stated that he would have no objections to using stop signs on Seagrape Drive and acknowledged that the Commission had previously discussed this option. The Commissioner indicated that he was in favor of keeping Hibiscus Avenue open, believing that more traffic problems would be created by its closing, and allowing Bougainvilla through access to A1A. He suggested installation of a speed hump at Leisure East to slow traffic down.

Vice Mayor Kennedy suggested that safety, not convenience, was the first concern and that there was no one way to please everyone. He indicated that the southbound right turn onto Imperial Lane needed to be addressed immediately and aggressively to ensure safety. The Vice Mayor stated that he was in favor of the Hibiscus closing, which would eliminate the northbound left turn at the Chamber, and a utilization of Datura Avenue for A1A access to the area. He reiterated that the concept of the barrier was to make the area safe and predominantly for the use of area residents. He suggested installation of a traffic signal at Bougainvilla and a sign for "local traffic only" on Seagrape Drive. The Vice Mayor did not agree that Seagrape should have speed humps or be made one-way.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark indicated that he was amenable to a trial use of stop signs on Seagrape, rather than speed humps, and he believed that Seagrape and Bougainvilla should remain two-way streets. He reiterated his belief that Bougainvilla should be reopened, that Hibiscus south of the Chamber should be closed, and that a speed hump, warning sign, and stop sign should be installed at the intersection of southbound Bougainvilla and Hibiscus.

Commissioner Wessels agreed that the southbound right lane leading to Imperial Lane needed improvement. If a majority of the Commission favored removing the diverter, he offered that he would support that action with the use of stop signs and speed humps to discourage traffic on Seagrape. The "Pelican Hopper" would have to be moved to Bougainvilla.

After offering other alternatives, Mayor Parker asked William Davis if the Chamber would be greatly impacted if Hibiscus were closed. Mr. Davis expressed concern that vehicles may then cross their parking lot, and he

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suggested that angry drivers caused much of the traffic congestion. He believed that the Hibiscus closure would not inconvenience the Chamber.

Commissioner Yanni commented that, with the opening of Bougainvillea southbound, perhaps 90 percent of the turns onto A1A at Hibiscus would be eliminated.

Offering his personal view, Mr. Davis believed that, with limitations on one or both of the parallel streets, the traffic on A1A would be increased and become even more congested. He suggested that the streets belong to the people and not to the people who live on them.

Mayor Parker opened the floor to comments by the public. He then read into the record a letter from Frank Rysavy, who made a series of suggestions.

Donna Black, 259 Hibiscus Avenue, was concerned with commercial deliveries and non-tourist traffic. She favored returning the traffic pattern to its original configuration.

Referring to a handout that he had prepared, Bob Roberts, 220 Imperial Lane, suggested that Mr. Davis had overlooked that a dramatic difference had occurred with the reconstruction of Commercial Boulevard. Mr. Roberts believed that removal of the diverter would reduce traffic on Seagrape, and he favored the closure of Hibiscus.

Bob Jones, 247 Imperial Lane, concurred with Mr. Roberts and agreed with the philosophies of Commissioners Clark and Yanni. He believed that the main concern should be the right turn from the southbound lanes of A1A onto Imperial Lane. Dr. Jones agreed that the Bougainvillea diverter should be removed, and supported the Figure 6 option.

Adrienne Roberts, 220 Imperial Lane, suggested that the island approaching Imperial Lane should be lengthened to help divert the traffic for safety in the area. She believed that most people would be pleased if Bougainvillea were opened. Mrs. Roberts indicated that she preferred the Figure 7 option, which she believed the safest, but found Figure 6 acceptable as well.

Vice Mayor Kennedy agreed that the right turn into Imperial was of utmost concern, and he asked specifically what type of problems the diverter had caused. Mrs. Roberts related incidents she had experienced both as a pedestrian at Hibiscus and as a driver in that area.

Max Brown, of Tropic Drive, believed that the diverter had reduced many of the traffic problems experienced in the area; however, entering A1A from Hibiscus, either northbound or southbound, was a dangerous situation. He suggested that

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all of the options were relative degrees of inconvenience, but that he favored Figure 7.

Cindy Geesey, 256 Imperial Lane, offered that she traveled between South Seagrape and her home at least four times per day. While she believed that the traffic situation was irksome, she stated that she would rather be inconvenienced if it took traffic off residential streets and made it safer. Ms. Geesey stated that she favored Figure 6 as her first choice and Figure 8 as her second, with stop signs and remarked pavement. She welcomed the number of residents present, but commented that their involvement should have commenced with the erection of the temporary barriers. Ms. Geesey noted that a diversion to Datura Avenue may be difficult with the construction soon expected.

Bill Davis, of 4627 Bougainvilla Drive, commented that his area of Bougainvilla, south of Publix, had no accidents, no speeding, and no speed bumps.

Judy Swaggerty, 224 Hibiscus Avenue, agreed that Bougainvilla Drive should be opened. She believed that traffic backing from Hibiscus to enter Bougainvilla to then enter A1A was horrendous and that, during the season, it was even worse. Ms. Swaggerty was particularly concerned that vehicles southbound on A1A and making a right turn at the Chamber did not heed the stop signs, and she suggested a police presence in that area. She preferred the Figure 7 option.

Stuart Dodd, 232 Imperial Lane, hoped that the intersection would be returned to its former configuration, including restoration of the turn west into Hibiscus from A1A. He believed that the closing of the Chamber entrance or exit would make A1A safer, and he suggested that the Seagrape traffic be monitored for later installation of the stop signs and speed bumps as necessary.

John Kellar, 264 Codrington Drive, implored the Commission to make the traffic flow through the Town in as expedient a way as possible; he believed the Commission had the opportunity to reverse an earlier mistake. He agreed with Mr. Dodd's comments and asked that problems be addressed as they arise. He favored Figure 5.

Tony LaMarca, 287 Imperial Lane, noted that the initial study was conducted in April 2000, with the second study dated May 2004. He commented that the high-season month of April, as well as pre-improvement conditions of Commercial Boulevard and the ability turn into Seagrape, would have accounted for significant differences in the statistics. He believed that "apples to oranges" had been compared, even with a discount. Mr. LaMarca agreed that the intersection of A1A, Hibiscus, and Bougainvilla was an accident waiting to happen. He was in favor of restoring the intersection.

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Denise LaMarca, 287 Imperial Lane, added that she traveled west of the bridge numerous times daily. She stated that it had been far more convenient to use Seagrape Drive to avoid the congestion at A1A and Commercial, which somehow needed to be relieved. Mrs. LaMarca also commented about the poor placement of a mail box at the Hibiscus turn.

Ron Piersante, 227 Lake Court, commented that more children were living in the Seagrape area, and he resented that others favored the removal of improvements without consideration to the safety of those living in that area. He stated that traffic on Seagrape had significantly improved since the change and supported the addition of stop signs and/or speed humps. Mr. Piersante favored the reopening of Bougainvillea and the closing of Hibiscus Avenue at the Chamber. While he favored Figure 7, he suggested that the future construction at Datura Avenue should be considered.

Harvey Ginsburg, 279 Hibiscus Avenue, agreed that Commercial Boulevard had changed since the initial statistics. He viewed Bougainvillea Drive as a southbound thoroughfare not widely used, and he did not understand why the traffic had not shifted from Seagrape as had been anticipated. Traveling mostly to the south, Mr. Ginsburg complained that he could not make a right turn onto A1A, nor make a left to return home. He described Hibiscus at the Chamber as "gridlock" and suggested that a traffic signal be placed there rather than at Datura. Favoring enforcement of the northbound right-turn lane to El Mar Drive, Mr. Ginsburg believed that Bougainvillea should be reopened, with dedicated right-turn lanes southbound from A1A into Imperial and southbound from Hibiscus onto A1A. He felt that the streets should be returned to their previous configuration and analyzed as to current traffic conditions.

Dr. Jeff Bartnick, 267 Codrington Drive, believed all of Broward County faced potential gridlock in the next 15 years. He favored opening Bougainvillea, utilizing either Figure 5 or 6.

Walter Hanson, 256 Allenwood Drive, suggested that the barrier at Hibiscus should be eliminated and that a traffic signal be installed. He favored speed humps on Seagrape Drive and believed that Bougainvillea Drive should be returned to its original configuration of Figure 5.

John Thompson, 4900 North Ocean Boulevard, commended the Commission for its reconsideration of this issue. He hoped that the Commission would listen to the residents to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number.

Vice Mayor Kennedy took issue with his comments, indicating that the Commission had received many phone calls and letters apart from those present at this meeting. While he understood the rationale expressed, the Commission hoped to find an equitable solution that would also move traffic.

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Mr. Thompson suggested that the issue should be voted upon by residents. Additionally, he hoped that future public meetings would be held to discuss specific subjects of interest.

Hannelore Heiden, 4137 Seagrape Drive, commented that the area was redeveloping from a rental area to a residential neighborhood of families, and the future must be considered. She believed that the traffic signal should be changed from Seagrape to Bougainvillea Drive to encourage southbound traffic. At the Mayor's review of the options, Ms. Heiden favored opening Bougainvillea, closing Hibiscus, and changing the traffic signal on Commercial Boulevard from Seagrape to Bougainvillea Drive.

Tony Lurie, 222 Imperial Lane, agreed that the intersection should be restored. He suggested traffic circles on Seagrape, as used in other municipalities, rather than stop signs or speed humps. He favored Figure 5 with relief to Seagrape.

Lang Ryder, 239 Codrington Drive, favored the Figure 5 option and Figure 6 as an alternate. He believed that the diverter had been a waste of money, and he voiced his admiration that the Commission was willing to reconsider its decision.

David Minos, 263 Codrington Drive, preferred that the intersection be returned to its original configuration of Figure 5. He stated that he empathized with Seagrape residents and that whatever necessary remedial changes should be made.

Mayor Parker commented that residents of Codrington and Imperial comprised approximately 200 trips per day in the report, while residents of other areas were 2,000 trips per day.

Joe Couriel, 222 North Tradewinds, suggested investigation of a traffic calming device used on Southeast 13th Court in Deerfield Beach, which zig-zagged traffic to ensure reduction of speed without the need to stop. He said it was attractive, but not cheap, and would discourage through traffic without the use of stop signs and speed humps.

At the Mayor's question, Mr. Keller indicated that the traffic calming device was known as a chicane. He offered that it was used primarily to reduce speed rather than traffic.

Mayor Parker advised that the Town Attorney had asked the opportunity to comment and, prior to Commissioner Yanni's motion, further Commission comments would be entertained.

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Assistant Town Attorney Julie Klahr advised that it was the opinion of the Town Attorney's Office that the Traffic Study had been provided based upon the expertise of Mr. Keller and his firm. It was their recommendation for the purposes of safety and liability, adherence to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and otherwise, that the Commission take into account the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer.

Vice Mayor Kennedy clarified that his comments about inconvenience had been directed at through traffic, repeating his philosophy that the Town should be a destination and not a north-south throughway. He assured the Commission was listening to people in order to wrestle with this complex problem, but cautioned that there was no panacea. Should the Commission vote to open Bougainvillea, the Vice Mayor believed several suggestions warranted investigation, such as a sign for "local traffic only" at Seagrape Drive on eastbound Commercial Boulevard and moving the traffic signal from Seagrape to Bougainvillea.

Mr. Keller interjected that it was unlikely that FDOT would allow the traffic signal to be moved. The FDOT study had located the signal at Seagrape, which had been previously contested without success. The Vice Mayor suggested that, with the right rationale, FDOT would consider changes.

Vice Mayor Kennedy felt strongly that the intersection at Hibiscus Avenue should be closed and that Datura Avenue should be used instead. He believed that the Town should use an aggressive program for right turns into Imperial from southbound A1A. Additionally, the Vice Mayor suggested that a traffic officer should be stationed at the intersection of A1A and Commercial Boulevard to direct traffic; he indicated he would pursue this with Chief Gooding and FDOT. Mayor Parker suggested that this might be tried in specific times, such as rush hours.

Summarizing suggestions that everything should be "scrapped" and to start again, Commissioner Wessels believed the intersection should be slowly reversed to its original state. He stated that he could not support a straight motion without covering some additional issues, such as dealing with the southbound A1A lane leading to Imperial Drive. The Commissioner believed that removal of the diverter would cause an increase in southbound traffic on Seagrape Drive, which must somehow be thwarted and directed to Bougainvillea. He did not favor the immediate closure of Hibiscus at the Chamber and suggested waiting until the Datura Avenue construction was finished.

Responding to questions from Mayor Parker, Commissioner Wessels believed that, with removal of the diverter, stop signs on Seagrape should be installed, with speed humps added later if necessary.

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Mayor Pro Tem Clark supported removal of the diverter. He agreed the changes should be made in steps, with problems tackled as they became apparent, and he would favor the installation of temporary speed humps.

Mayor Parker indicated that he would support a motion to remove part of the diverter and allow traffic to continue southbound from Bougainville Drive. He opposed speed humps on Seagrape Drive because of the improbability of rerouting the community bus. The Mayor offered that he had reconsidered his desire to close Hibiscus at the Chamber due to comments made by residents and agreed that intermediate steps should be first taken. He suggested a variant of Figure 6 and the location of stop signs at Marine, Shore, and Garden Courts, eastbound Hibiscus Avenue at Bougainville, westbound Hibiscus Avenue at Seagrape, and southbound Bougainville Drive at Hibiscus.

There was additional discussion concerning the stop signs at the intersection of Hibiscus Avenue and Seagrape Drive.

Mayor Parker suggested that Mr. Keller could prepare the plan, including the variants, for implementation by the Commission at its next meeting.

Commissioner Yanni offered that the Commission had "kept score" and that many residents had favored a return to the former configuration, with which he did not agree. While he did not believe that Hibiscus should be reopened, he considered many of the ideas good ones, such as the dedicated A1A lane for Imperial Lane.

Commissioner Yanni made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark: that Figure 6 should be adopted to reopen Bougainville southbound; that three-way stop signs should be installed at Marine, Shore, and Garden Courts at Seagrape Drive and at Hibiscus Avenue and Seagrape Drive; that stop signs should be installed on eastbound Hibiscus Lane at Bougainville and on southbound Bougainville Drive at Hibiscus; and that the right-turn only eastbound on Hibiscus Avenue at the Chamber onto southbound A1A be maintained.

There was further discussion regarding the possibility of adopting other changes in the future, with the suggestion that Mr. Keller examine this plan and make recommendations. For clarification, Mayor Parker restated the motion.

In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

Mayor Parker requested a motion to direct the Traffic Engineer to vigorously pursue with FDOT a plan to extend the island or some other option to ensure traffic safety as Bougainville merges with A1A. Mayor Pro Tem Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Yanni.

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In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

Responding to the Mayor's questions, Mr. Keller indicated that the amended Figure 6 would be ready for the second meeting in July.

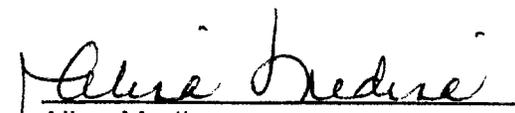
Mayor Parker asked that the public keep in mind that the Town must get the permission of FDOT and Broward County before the changes could be made, which Mr. Keller estimated could be at the least six months for the dedicated turn lane into Imperial. He indicated that removal of the diverter would take less time.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

  
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**MINUTES MARCH 18, 1999**

**CONSIDERATION OF DOT'S PROPOSED  
IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE ROADS  
COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD AND A1A**

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA**  
**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999**

**5:30 P.M.**

I. Call to order, Mayor Oliver Parker

Mayor Parker called the Special Commission Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Members present were Vice-Mayor Fontaine, Commissioner Waller, Commissioner Wessels and Commissioner Yanni. Town Manager Baldwin and Town Attorney Cherof were also in attendance. Town Planner Walter Keller was in attendance, but arrived after the meeting was called to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Public Comments

Paul Straughn of 4443 East Tradewinds Avenue said he wanted to apologize to the people that he misled on item #27 of the Redevelopment Plan, regarding the closure of West Tradewinds at Neptune. Mr. Straughn said he thought this would be one of the last things to be done but actually it will probably be one of the first.

Mayor Parker said that up until three days ago, he did not even know it was on the plan. Mayor Parker continued to say that he did not think his fellow Commissioners did either.

Mr. Straughn said there is someone or a group on West Tradewinds that thinks they should have a private road. Mr. Straughn said he believes politics have entered into this and there is no common sense being used. Mr. Straughn said that if the eastbound traffic, with a left turn lane is allowed to go north at West Tradewinds, this closure would assure a private road and route all the traffic to East Tradewinds and Seagrape Drive. Mr. Straughn commented that The Department of Transportation plans to leave West Tradewinds open, as is. Mr. Straughn said that the Department of Transportation's claim that this is a safety hazard, was shot down, when the proposed West Tradewinds Avenue traffic is going to be allowed to turn left at West Tradewinds and go south, crossing in front of two eastbound traffic lanes. Mr. Straughn said the Department of Transportation says you cannot over the bridge. Mr. Straughn said there is something very wrong with this. Mr. Straughn asked the Commission to leave West Tradewinds Avenue open in both directions.

Susan Beatty of 230 Garden Court said the map refers to additional stacking for the left turn lane onto A1A, as well as Bougainvillea Drive, but she does not see any provision

for preventing cars from stacking in the intersection at Bougainvillea Drive. Ms. Beatty said this is currently happening and it is a big problem for people that want to come out.

Mayor Parker said there won't be a problem there because you won't be able to make a left hand turn onto Commercial Boulevard at Bougainvillea Drive. Mayor Parker said the only reason the opening is there is for emergency vehicles.

Ms. Beatty asked if regular traffic will be able to make the left turn.

Mayor Parker said traffic will not be able to go from Bougainvillea Drive west onto Commercial Boulevard.

Ms. Beatty asked if traveling east on Commercial Boulevard, they can turn north onto Bougainvillea Drive.

Mayor Parker answered that is correct.

Ms. Beatty said she understands Seagrape Drive will remain open but she does not see any sort of traffic calming to keep traffic that will now be routing itself through Seagrape Drive, as it is currently doing, to stay within the parameters of the posted speed limits. Ms. Beatty asked if this is part of the function.

Mayor Parker said he believes they have gotten the Department of Transportation, to agree, not to close the left-hand turn onto Bougainvillea Drive heading east on Commercial Boulevard. Mayor Parker said this should not have any impact on Seagrape Drive.

Ms. Beatty said this will definitely have an impact.

Mayor Parker said this may increase traffic on Seagrape Drive, south of Commercial Boulevard.

Ms. Beatty said it will definitely increase traffic.

Ms. Beatty said she is asking the Commission what provision they intend to make for the residents and the walkers in that area.

Mayor Parker stated that is something the Commission will need to consider but it is not something on tonight's agenda.

Philip Duchastel of 259 Miramar Avenue strongly suggested the Commission consider two approaches, in addition to the typical one that is being considered. Mr. Duchastel said the first is a systems approach whereby you look at, not only what is happening on Commercial Boulevard and A1A but also the implications for the whole community. Mr. Duchastel said, in particular, the impacts of traffic patterns on the residential areas. Mr. Duchastel said the second is the functional approach. Mr. Duchastel said the functional approach would look each of the different user groups that will be using the streets.

Gerald Autier, a resident of the Sea Ranch Club, said he understands the issue tonight is the decision to approve or not approve the D.O.T. project to improve Commercial

Boulevard and A1A. Mr. Autier said he and many others, from Sea Ranch Club, supported annexation to the Town on the basis that something would be done to improve State Road A1A. Mr. Autier said they would be greatly disappointed, if tonight, the Commission voted down the D.O.T. project or even postponed it. Mr. Autier told the Commission they want to see this project go through.

#### IV. Old Business

##### Consideration of the Department of Transportation's proposed improvements to State Roads Commercial Boulevard and A1A. (Walter Keller, Town Planner)

Mayor Parker stated since Walter Keller had not yet arrived, the Town Manager would handle this item.

Mr. Baldwin told the Commission that Mr. Keller had called and was delayed in Miami and could not be here tonight.

Mr. Baldwin told the Commission he is representing the Town and not the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Baldwin recapped, for the public, at the last Commission Meeting the Commission agreed to The Department of Transportation project to improve State Road A1A and Commercial Boulevard with some modifications. Mr. Baldwin said one of the modifications the Commission wanted was not to close the eastbound left turn onto West Tradewinds on Commercial Boulevard. Mr. Baldwin said D.O.T. had said they would give the Town one turn at Bougainvillea Drive and Seagrape Drive. Mr. Baldwin said D.O.T. would give the Town either a westbound left turn onto Seagrape Drive or an eastbound left turn onto Bougainvillea Drive, but not both. Mr. Baldwin stated the Commission said that if those were the options, they did not want to proceed with the project. Mr. Baldwin said he was directed to go back and see if something could be worked out with the Department of Transportation on these issues.

Mr. Baldwin said there was no conflict over issues of decorative street lighting, ten-foot sidewalks, curbing, the improved drainage, landscaping, pedestrian crosswalks at Datura Avenue and Washington Avenue on A1A and Town Hall, and the Town Hall parking lot.

Mr. Baldwin told the Commission that D.O.T. looked at a redesign of Commercial Boulevard by Walter Keller which modifies the median, substantially, between Seagrape Drive and Bougainvillea Drive and accommodates two left turn lanes, one onto Bougainvillea Drive and one onto Seagrape Drive. Mr. Baldwin said The Department of Transportation agreed to that modification. Mr. Baldwin said this leaves, in contention, the eastbound left turn onto West Tradewinds. Mr. Baldwin said he has sent a letter to Representative Debbie Sanderson and said he is relatively sure she has not had time to work with D.O.T. on resolving that issue. Mr. Baldwin said the Department of Transportation had given the Town a deadline of Monday and has changed that deadline to this Friday. Mr. Baldwin said that is why he has called this Special Meeting. Mr. Baldwin told the Commission that he has to let D.O.T. know tomorrow if the Town

wants to proceed with the project. Mr. Baldwin reminded the Commission that D.O.T. has agreed to one of their concerns and the other one they have not.

Commissioner Waller said he believes it was the Commission's intention to play hardball with the D.O.T. Commissioner Waller said he would hate to see, at this point, the project stopped just for this one item. Commissioner Waller said we are working so hard to go forward and he thinks we should go forward.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he guessed they were going to try to play hardball and they really didn't. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said this wasn't what the Town wanted. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the plan did not take our views into consideration, as it related to what was talked about in and around Bougainvillea Drive. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the only way he could support this, if it is going to be voted on and to not stop the project, is to block off Seagrape Drive and Bougainvillea Drive to through traffic. Vice-Mayor Fontaine stressed that the Town should not allow any through traffic on these two streets. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said this is the only way to remedy the problem. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said it is not fair to the residents to make a highway out of a two-lane street. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he does not believe the Commercial Boulevard improvements will have any affect on the A1A improvements. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said you can't sacrifice one part of Town for another part of Town. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said you have to consider how this will affect all the people in Town. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said there is no way he can support this.

Mayor Parker said that when the proposal to prevent left hand turns from Bougainvillea Drive to Commercial Boulevard headed north came up, his recollection was that he was the only one that didn't like it.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said there is no way a right hand turn off of Bougainvillea Drive is going to work in this Town. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the reason it will not work is because we have so much traffic coming from the south of us. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said it is not Town traffic they are dealing with. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said that you have congestion at the intersection and the congestion is caused by people not adhering to a stop sign. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said you don't adhere to a stop sign, if you have to sit there for ten minutes, you are going to put cars out in the middle of traffic.

Commissioner Wessels asked Vice-Mayor Fontaine if the problem he has with the plan is that Bougainvillea Drive proceeds from the south to the north and stops at Commercial Boulevard. Commissioner Wessels asked Vice-Mayor Fontaine if he would rather have this left alone.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine answered no, but it is better than creating havoc. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said it is very difficult to get our people across A1A, even at the best of times.

Commissioner Wessels said he thinks the real issue is that more traffic will be shuttled down to south Seagrape Drive and back up. Commissioner Wessels said this is the path of least resistance to get past A1A. Commissioner Wessels said regardless whether the Town does this or not, the south Seagrape Drive situation needs to be remedied. Commissioner Wessels questioned whether the Town wants to take a chance and not go ahead with the project now, or wait two years and possibly be addressing the same concerns.

Commissioner Waller said he would like to find out from the Town Attorney if speedbumps are actually legal.

Town Attorney Cherof said there is a court ruling on the West Coast of Florida where a judge held that speedbumps were not legal or legitimate traffic control devices. Mr. Cherof said this case is currently on appeal. Mr. Cherof said there are several remedies to it. Mr. Cherof said the Appellate Court could rule in favor of the speedbumps and indicate they are an appropriate traffic control device, the Legislature could legislate around the prohibition, or D.O.T. could institute action through an administrative process to make speedbumps a legitimate traffic control device, although, to date, they have not taken a position in the case on the west coast to indicate they would do that. Mr. Cherof said speedbumps may not be a traffic control device that you implement in the future.

Commissioner Yanni asked about stop signs at every street.

Mr. Baldwin said stop signs are a little difficult because the county has to approve them, but it is not impossible.

Commissioner Yanni said this is another one of those situations where you are not going to please everybody.

Commissioner Yanni asked Mr. Baldwin if Representative Sanderson is still looking into closing West Tradewinds or keeping it open.

Mr. Baldwin said he called Representative Sanderson's office today and still does not have an answer on what she has found out, or if she has had time to do anything. Mr. Baldwin said Representative Sanderson's office called him to ask what they could do to help us and said Representative Sanderson's office wants to help the Town.

Commissioner Yanni asked the Town Manager if this project is voted for or against tonight, would there be a possibility that Representative Sanderson could still do something to help us at West Tradewinds.

Mr. Baldwin said if it is possible for her to do anything today, it will still be possible next week or the following week. Mr. Baldwin said Representative Sanderson has really been a true representative of this Town and he thinks she will do everything she can.

Commissioner Yanni asked Mr. Baldwin if there was any possibility of getting an extension from the Department of Transportation, at least until we find out what Representative Sanderson can do for us.

Mr. Baldwin said Mr. Keller informed him on Monday that D.O.T. agreed to extend the deadline until Friday but they would not extend beyond Friday. Mr. Baldwin said that does not mean that Representative Sanderson cannot add something later. Mr. Baldwin said if Representative Sanderson has the power to get them to change it, she can get them to do it beyond a deadline.

Commissioner Yanni said he understands the business people would love to see the project done with the sidewalks and the lampposts and he would like to see that, too. Commissioner Yanni said he is not going to take a bad situation the Town has now and substitute a situation that is going to be worse. Commissioner Yanni said he agrees that the only solution is a traffic light at Bougainvillea Drive and Poinciana Street. Commissioner Yanni said he does not know if he can support this the way it is now. Commissioner Yanni said he wishes that the Town could get an extension until we find out if Representative Sanderson can help out on the West Tradewinds issue. Commissioner Yanni said he would feel much better about this if knew what the Town could do about that. Commissioner Yanni said he knows that not everyone will be happy and someone is going to be unhappy.

Mayor Parker said there are a number of separate issues that have to be untangled. Mayor Parker said one of the issues has already been solved. Mayor Parker said The Department of Transportation indicated that we either had to get rid of a turn from Commercial Boulevard onto Bougainvillea Drive heading north, or get rid of the turn from Commercial Boulevard onto Seagrape Drive heading south. Mayor Parker said D.O.T. is telling the Town they can have one or the other but not both. Mayor Parker said this Commission, in his opinion, wisely took the position that there had to be both turns or they didn't want the project at all. Mayor Parker said if Bougainvillea Drive was closed, then all the traffic, that normally goes onto Bougainvillea Drive would be diverted over to Seagrape Drive north and Seagrape Drive north is a residential street. Mayor Parker added, Seagrape Drive is a street fronted by houses and duplexes. Mayor Parker said rightfully a residential street should not become a major thoroughfare. Mayor Parker said the Commission insisted upon that and the Department of Transportation agreed to it.

Mayor Parker said the Town never brought up, to the Department of Transportation, a claim that they had to allow the traffic to make a left hand turn from Bougainvillea Drive onto Commercial Boulevard. Mayor Parker said this is the first time this issue has been brought up. Mayor Parker questioned if this issue is worth jeopardizing the entire Commercial Boulevard and A1A project. Mayor Parker said it depends on how much traffic, there is now, going down Bougainvillea Drive, making a left hand turn onto Commercial Boulevard. Mayor Parker stated he does not think there is that much. Mayor Parker said he drives the area often, it's a very lightly traveled road. Mayor Parker said, although, it is more heavily traveled going south, because cars make a south turn there, to avoid A1A. Mayor Parker said it is not very heavily traveled going north because there is no light there and it is very difficult to make the left hand turn onto Commercial Boulevard. Mayor Parker said if you intend to make a left hand turn there, you must expect to sit there for ten minutes. Mayor Parker said, because of this, most of the traffic he has seen going in the pattern, already goes over to Seagrape Drive south and goes to the light to make their turn. Mayor Parker stated he does not see how closing this off is going to significantly increase the traffic on Seagrape Drive between Hibiscus Avenue and Commercial Boulevard. Mayor Parker added, he thinks it is good idea to put speedbumps in the area. Mayor Parker said he also thinks it is a good idea to restrict Seagrape Drive to local traffic only. Mayor Parker said if the Town does these two things, it would significantly slow down the traffic on Seagrape Drive. Mayor Parker stated he does not think it is a reason not to go through with the plan.

Mayor Parker said this leaves the third element, which is the left-hand turn onto West Tradewinds Avenue from the bridge. Mayor Parker said currently if you are on the bridge you can make a left hand turn onto West Tradewinds Avenue, headed north. Mayor Parker stated that the Department of Transportation says when they redo the road this will not be allowed. Mayor Parker said he believes the people who live on East Tradewinds Avenue have a valid gripe. Mayor Parker said these residents believe that if people can't make the left hand turn on West Tradewinds Avenue, they are going to make the left hand turn at East Tradewinds Avenue. Mayor Parker said East Tradewinds Avenue and all the side streets that will be affected have a lot of families with children.

Mayor Parker believes there is a solution to this. Mayor Parker said he found out on Monday, for the first time, that someone has proposed completely closing all traffic on West Tradewinds Avenue at Neptune Avenue. Mayor Parker said, it seems to him, instead of closing all traffic on West Tradewinds Avenue and Neptune Avenue, if traffic was left open there and a gate be installed. Mayor Parker said, it makes more sense to him to close off the traffic on East Tradewinds Avenue and Harbor Drive. Mayor Parker said if the traffic was closed off at East Tradewinds at Harbor Drive, then traffic making a left hand turn on East Tradewinds Avenue, would have to make another left hand turn onto Harbor Drive. Mayor Parker said Harbor Drive is not a residential street. Mayor Parker said with this solution, the most objectionable problem is eliminated. Mayor Parker said he does not think this problem is worth losing a four million dollar improvement. Mayor Parker said something needs to be done to the Town.

Mayor Parker said it is his responsibility to look at the big picture. Mayor Parker said he has to try to find a solution that accommodates everybody as best he can. Mayor Parker said the Town needs to redevelop Commercial Boulevard and A1A but it needs to be done in a way that doesn't hurt the residential neighborhoods. Mayor Parker said this can be done by closing off East Tradewinds Avenue at Harbor Drive, putting in speedbumps and indicating local traffic only. Mayor Parker said that perhaps this could be done on north Seagrape Drive as well.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he thinks it is unfair to the Town to try and make a decision like this in one hour. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he has heard comments, tonight that says, the Town can't get a traffic light. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said there are many reasons for a traffic light. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said a traffic light on Commercial Boulevard will slow traffic down. Vice-Mayor Fontaine stated that a traffic light would give people an opportunity to cross at the intersections. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said this would give pedestrians some rights and not just cars. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the Town has been told by a design engineer and a project engineer that it cannot have a traffic light. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said this is a major situation to our Town and does not think it should be dictated by a design engineer or a project engineer. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said this should be given to someone above these people in order get a better decision that we are getting right now.

Vice Mayor Fontaine said he does not want to stop this project and he believes there are ways of putting this project through. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he does not want to do it at the expense of half of the people. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he thinks they still have not exhausted all of their power as a Town working with the D.O.T.

Commissioner Wessels said if the Town did not have a D.O.T. project, he would still recommend that the left-hand turn be taken out at Bougainvillea Drive. Commissioner Wessels said to make a left hand turn and proceed west on Commercial Boulevard, because it is dangerous. Commissioner Wessels said he would take it out today, if there was no project. Commissioner Wessels said this can be put off, but there is no ultimate resolution that will satisfy everybody. Commissioner Wessels said he thinks the Town needs to move forward with this and at the same time, pursue those other alternatives that are out there. Commissioner Wessels said the Town needs to come up with a solution for north and south Seagrape Drive. Commissioner Wessels said whatever the solution is, it should be pursued. Commissioner Wessels said D.O.T. should be told that the Town is not done with this. Commissioner Wessels said D.O.T. needs to be told that the Town agrees with the plan in principle, subject to some additional changes. Commissioner Wessels said D.O.T. should know that the Town will pursue these changes with whatever measure is appropriate to get this plan modified. Commissioner Wessels said if the Town puts this off, we may be still faced with the same alternatives and losing two years. Commissioner Wessels said he thinks the Town has come to a point where the Town has gotten some things it wants and D.O.T. has gotten some things they want. Commissioner Wessels said this may be pretty much the best of both worlds right now or very close to it. Commissioner Wessels said the traffic is bad right now but it will continually get worse in the future as more people locate to the state. Commissioner Wessels said this is something that, perhaps, we will have to live with as best we can.

Commissioner Wessels said he believes, at this point, we should proceed and try to employ and promote some of the other strategies that will make it even better for us.

Commissioner Waller said at the last Commission Meeting there were three points and he believes that the Town has pretty much gotten what it wanted.

Commissioner Yanni said he thinks allowing U-turns as traffic comes east over the bridge will alleviate some of the problems in the residential areas.

Mayor Parker said U-turns are allowed.

Commissioner Yanni asked if there are signs posted that state U-turns are permitted.

Mayor Parker said all the No U-turn signs have been removed and you can make U-turns on every corner. Mayor Parker said, maybe signs could be installed stating that U-turns are permitted.

Commissioner Yanni proposed making Bougainvillea Drive a one way street going north and make it a right turn only. This right hand turn would take traffic right back to A1A. Commissioner Yanni said this would stop all traffic from going onto Bougainvillea Drive.

Mayor Parker asked Commissioner Yanni in which direction would the street be one way.

Commissioner Yanni responded north and traffic would be required to make a right turn only onto Commercial Boulevard.

Mayor Parker said he believes this would increase traffic on Commercial Boulevard.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said everyone talks about making our Town pedestrian friendly and he does not believe ten foot sidewalks will make it pedestrian friendly. Vice-Mayor Fontaine questioned if the pedestrians cannot cross the street, how this makes it pedestrian friendly. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the only way to make it pedestrian friendly is to stop the cars. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he firmly believes that the Town has to make a strong stand to the State to put a traffic light there to eliminate all the problems.

Mayor Parker asked Vice-Mayor Fontaine what street he is referring to.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said that pedestrians cannot get across Bougainvillea Drive, no matter what side of the street they are on.

Commissioner Waller interjected that there are traffic lights one hundred feet in either direction.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine stressed that this area needs to be pedestrian friendly and the cars have to be stopped.

Mayor Parker said it does not make sense to him not to go ahead with this plan because it will either increase traffic on Seagrape Drive or it will increase traffic on A1A. Mayor Parker said it is unfortunate, but you have to have traffic some place and it is going to increase in one place or the other.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he does not care how much traffic goes onto Seagrape Drive or Bougainvillea Drive as long as the Town can control this traffic. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the Town has the traffic, there is no way the Town is going to do away with the traffic and the Town has to live with the traffic. Vice-Mayor Fontaine stated he is merely saying let's not shift the traffic, let's take a good look at it and come up with a good solution that allows the Town to live with it.

Mayor Parker asked Town Planner Walter Keller if the Town has asked the Department of Transportation to put a traffic light at Bougainvillea Drive and Commercial Boulevard.

Mr. Keller responded no.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller why didn't the Town ask for the traffic light. Mayor Parker stated he thought the Town had asked for a traffic light.

Mr. Keller explained the plan for Bougainvillea Drive and Commercial Boulevard that is before them, is the same plan that has been, previously, presented and endorsed twice before. Mr. Keller said that in November or December, when the Commission met regarding A1A, some of the turns were restricted at Bougainvillea Drive because it is a dangerous intersection. Mr. Keller said, right now, because of the close spacing between A1A and Bougainvillea Drive, it is a dangerous intersection. Mr. Keller said the plan the Commission approved in the early part of November was sent to D.O.T. and is actually what is on this plan tonight. Mr. Keller said this plan was also endorsed a second time. Mr. Keller said, essentially, the Department of Transportation wanted to

close the entire intersection. Mr. Keller stated the Town gave him direction that said there needs to be emergency access across Bougainvillea Drive. Mr. Keller said additionally there needed to be the ability for people going east on Commercial Boulevard to turn north and go north on Bougainvillea Drive. Mr. Keller said traffic can still go south on Bougainvillea Drive and make a right hand turn to Commercial Boulevard but you won't be able to cross the intersection because it is for emergency vehicles only. Mr. Keller said, likewise, because of the congestion at the intersection, traffic won't be able to make a left bound turn to go south on Bougainvillea Drive from A1A.

Mr. Keller told the Commission, D.O.T. is saying they cannot put two left-hand turns on that section of median. D.O.T. said the Town can either have a westbound left turn at Seagrape Drive where the existing light is or an eastbound left turn at Bougainvillea Drive, but the Town cannot have both. Mr. Keller said the Commission then gave him direction to try and work that out. Mr. Keller said he has worked it out with D.O.T. and they have said they can live with this plan.

Mayor Parker said the Vice-Mayor does not want to approve the plan unless there is through-traffic at Bougainvillea, and a traffic light at the intersection.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said, at the last meeting, the Commission talked about that light. Vice-Mayor Fontaine told Mr. Keller he had said, at the last meeting, he was going to approach D.O.T. on it.

Mr. Keller said at the last meeting, one of the Commissioners has commented that maybe there was a light needed there. Mr. Keller said he told the Commission that D.O.T. would not approve a light there. Mr. Keller said, twenty years ago, the Department of Transportation, did want to put a light there. Mr. Keller said this was in conjunction with making Bougainvillea Drive one way southbound, all the way through Town and making the existing A1A northbound, all the way through Town. Mr. Keller said the Town was strongly opposed to that. Mr. Keller said that was the only time, D.O.T. agreed to put a light there. Mr. Keller stressed that the plan is exactly what he has been asked to do, twice. Mr. Keller said if the Town goes back to D.O.T. and says it has changed its mind again, the Town just will not have any credibility.

Mayor Parker said that is not a reason to at least try. Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if he thinks he could get the Town a light there.

Mr. Keller answered no. Mr. Keller said there are traffic signals, basically, within short blocks. Mr. Keller said there is a light at Seagrape Drive and a light at A1A. Mr. Keller said he does not think a light is justified there.

Mayor Parker said that Vice-Mayor Fontaine has stated without some kind of traffic light there to allow pedestrians to cross Commercial Boulevard, the plan is not pedestrian friendly.

Mr. Keller said that he does not agree. Mr. Keller said he thinks the plan is pedestrian friendly. Mr. Keller said the original plan that D.O.T. came in with, had six-foot sidewalks and this plan has ten-foot sidewalks. Mr. Keller said D.O.T. is putting brick pavers across the sidewalks.

Mr. Keller said as he was rushing to get to tonight's meeting, at that intersection, he saw a car trying to turn left and a car trying to go across the intersection. Mr. Keller said this is a dangerous intersection. Mr. Keller said the problem with putting a light there is the spacing between the existing lights. Mr. Keller said this could potentially cause rear-end collisions.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if he was saying that putting a light there could make things worse instead of better.

Mr. Keller answered that it would eliminate potential accidents with people trying to cross at the intersection but it would probably increase the number of accidents in the east/west direction because of the close spacing of the intersections. Mr. Keller said this was talked about at two previous meetings and the way to clean up that intersection was to eliminate the westbound left movement. Mr. Keller said the consensus of the Commission told him that was acceptable. Mr. Keller said by eliminating that movement the Town got landscaping, which they said was important, at that time.

Mr. Keller said he will certainly do anything the Commission asks him to do. Mr. Keller added that at this point, as far as a schedule situation with D.O.T., the Department of Transportation is looking for direction by tomorrow.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if there was any chance the time could be extended.

Mr. Keller said you can certainly extend the time but the project may slip a year.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller what that meant.

Mr. Keller said it means that D.O.T. will probably not be able to modify the plans, get the plans ready and be able to bid the project by the projected time frame. Mr. Keller said in this event, D.O.T. will probably pull the project from the list and move it back a year.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if he questioned D.O.T. about the left-hand turn at the bridge.

Mr. Keller answered yes, several times.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if he spoke to them recently.

Mr. Keller answered yes.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller what D.O.T. has said.

Mr. Keller told Mayor Parker that D.O.T. did not feel they could change their position because they felt it is very unsafe.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller, if this is the feeling of D.O.T., then why did they allow it on the other side of the bridge.

Mr. Keller said D.O.T.'s explanation is, and this may be hard to understand, but the D.O.T. people that are now in are not the same people that were there when the bridge was done.

Mayor Parker said it has been suggested that the Town can go over their heads and asked Mr. Keller if this is true.

Mr. Keller said he cannot give an answer with any guarantee, but he believes the department has bent over backwards trying to work with the Town. Mr. Keller said, the only two things D.O.T. hasn't done, to his recollection, (1) they don't concur that a full traffic signal is warranted at State Road A1A and Washington Avenue and (2) at the present time, from a safety standpoint, they can maintain the eastbound left at West Tradewinds Avenue. Mr. Keller said with the exception of these two things, D.O.T. has given the Town everything it has asked for. Mr. Keller asked how many times you can go back and say "we just have one more thing". Mr. Keller said he believes there has been a lot of internal pressure for the Department of Transportation to work with the Town and he thinks they have tried to do that.

Mr. Keller said if he is asked to design for someone, as a design professional he is going to give his opinion as to whether something is going to be safe or not and. Mr. Keller stated that D.O.T. is saying that an eastbound left at West Tradewinds Avenue is unsafe and he fully concurs with them.

Mayor Parker said it has been suggested that if this is decided tonight, it is being decided in a hurry.

Mr. Keller said this has been discussed for about two years and actively negotiated for about six months.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if we have been actively negotiating with D.O.T. for six months.

Mr. Keller said he would say so. Mr. Keller said there have been at least two or three public meetings in the Town. Mr. Keller said the plans have been changed drastically to be more sensitive to the Town's comments.

Commissioner Wessels asked Mr. Keller if, by moving on tonight, it necessarily meant the debate would stop or discussions would stop where some modifications could occur in the future.

Mr. Keller said, certainly, the issue is not cast in stone and there could possibly be some modifications. Mr. Keller told the Commission he cannot speculate on what the Department of Transportation would do.

Commissioner Wessels asked Mr. Keller if he had ever experienced a situation where modifications were made after the original plan was cast.

Mr. Keller answered certainly.

Commissioner Wessels asked Mr. Keller, in his opinion, there would be a shift of traffic patterns from the existing Bougainvillea Drive, as it runs north with the elimination of left hand turn onto Commercial Boulevard. By eliminating this traffic it will shift to Seagrape Drive. Commissioner Wessels asked Mr. Keller if he concurred that is a likely possibility.

Mr. Keller said he does not believe, in his opinion, that very many people make a southbound left, if that is the movement referred to at Bougainvillea Drive. Mr. Keller said, first of all, to do something like that you would either have to have a tank or do it at a time of day when there is no traffic. Mr. Keller said this is a dangerous movement.

Commissioner Wessels asked Mr. Keller what could be done to lessen the Commercial Boulevard traffic down Seagrape Drive because it is pretty heavy on Seagrape Drive now.

Mr. Keller said he has suggestions about implementing some traffic calming devices. Mr. Keller said he does not believe that the proposed changes that are being talked about on Commercial Boulevard, do much to significantly impact local traffic. Mr. Keller said he does not believe what the Department of Transportation is proposing is going to change things a whole lot. Mr. Keller said there may be some changes but he does not believe they will be significant. Mr. Keller said the Town could use traffic calming devices such as speedhumps or speed plateaus to slow down traffic. Mr. Keller said these things could be looked at and might possibly have some success.

Commissioner Wessels said he thinks this project is significant, although not perfect, and he is ready to move forward with it and continue dialogue with D.O.T. and our State Representative to see if the Town can get some further modification.

Mayor Parker asked Town Attorney Cherof if the Commission is supposed make a decision to approve or not approve this plan tonight.

Mr. Cherof responded yes, that is what is on their agenda.

Mr. Keller interjected that the Commission is to give direction to the D.O.T. on what the Town wants as far as Commercial Boulevard and A1A. Mr. Keller said the plan is just the Seagrape/Bougainvillea area.

Mayor Parker said the Commission is to approve or not approve the plan that is presently on the board.

Town Manager Baldwin said with the modifications that the D.O.T. has agreed to.

Mr. Keller stated at the last meeting the Commission said that the Town could not live with one left turn, either between Bougainvillea Drive and Seagrape Drive and it couldn't live with the elimination of the eastbound left at the bridge. Mr. Keller stated the Commission said with those problems, they did not want the project.

Town Manager Baldwin read the motion that was approved. "Mayor Parker said can I have a may I have a motion to agree to the plan with the exceptions that we have stated which are; we want two lanes, both ways on Commercial Boulevard and West

Tradewinds and we want a left hand turn on Commercial Boulevard and Bougainvillea headed east and a left hand turn on Commercial Boulevard and Seagrape, headed west. Do I have a motion to otherwise accept the plan”.

Commissioner Yanni said so moved. Mayor Parker said do I have a second. Vice-Mayor Fontaine seconded the motion. Mayor Parker asked for any further discussion. Mr. Keller said just so it is clear, that is with the ten-foot wide sidewalks. Mayor Parker said yes, that is with it all. Mr. Keller asked as proposed before with on-street parking west of Seagrape Drive, no on-street parking east of Seagrape. Mayor Parker said yes that is part of the motion, as I understand it. Mayor Parker asked the Clerk that was in her description as part of the motion. The Clerk answered, yes sir. Mayor Parker asked for any further discussion. Commissioner Wessels said this is it. Mayor Parker asked the Clerk to please call the roll. The motion was voted unanimously.

Mr. Keller said that one of the problems has been taken care of but the other is unresolved, that is the eastbound left at the bridge.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller why he called the meeting.

Town Manager said he called the meeting.

Mr. Keller told the Commission they need to give the Department of Transportation information as to whether they want the project or not.

Mayor Parker said there have been suggestions that if there is a motion approving the plan, that there certain things they ought to do. For example, if D.O.T. is not going to allow left hand turns onto West Tradewinds from the bridge, the Town should close East Tradewinds Avenue at Harbor Drive.

Commissioner Waller said this has nothing to do with the Department of Transportation. This is something the Town has to do.

Mayor Parker says he understands that. Mayor Parker continued to say that the Town, on Seagrape Drive, both north and south of Commercial Boulevard, should put in speedbumps and designate the street for local traffic only.

Mayor Parker asked Town Attorney Cherof if these can be done in one motion or do they need to be separate motions.

Mr. Cherof said he would advise separate motions. Mr. Cherof said he would resolve Mr. Keller's dilemma which is what shall he inform D.O.T. tomorrow, by their deadline, thumbs up or thumbs down.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Cherof what if the Commission's willingness to vote thumbs up or thumbs down depends on the Commission's willingness to take these other actions.

Mr. Cherof answered to take a motion first to deal with the other actions separately that the Commission will direct the administration to pursue those other actions.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Cherof if it would be appropriate to have a conditional motion that if it is approved then these other actions are to be taken.

Mr. Cherof said he thinks these are two separate issues.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Cherof if the Commission could do both of those today.

Mr. Cherof responded yes.

Mayor Parker told the Commission whether or not they are willing to vote up or down on the plan, in part, depends on whether they are willing to solve the problems, as pointed out, the plan will create. Mayor Parker said as he sees it, there will be at least two problems created. Mayor Parker said it will create a problem at East Tradewinds Avenue and Harbor Drive where traffic will be going down East Tradewinds Avenue unless East Tradewinds Avenue is closed off at Harbor Drive. Mayor Parker said he does not mean to close it off tomorrow but when the plan comes through. Mayor Parker said the other problem is increased traffic on Seagrape Drive, both north and south of Commercial Boulevard unless Seagrape Drive is designated for local traffic only and some sort of traffic control devices are installed to slow the traffic down. Mayor Parker said he believes it would be irresponsible to vote for the plan if they didn't first vote for these items. Mayor Parker said he thinks the Commission needs to make sure that what the Department of Transportation does, will not adversely impact the residents and if it does adversely impact them, that the adverse impact is a minimal as possible.

Commissioner Wessels said he agrees with that. Commissioner Wessels said he cannot imagine any Commissioner wanting to oppose these strategies. Commissioner Wessels said he would leave the motion, generally worded, so that whatever the alternatives are after the situation is studied, is the best solution.

Mayor Parker said his suggestion would be to do three motions. The first motion would be to direct the administration to close off East Tradewinds Avenue at Harbor Drive at such time the left turn lane at the bridge and Commercial Boulevard going north onto West Tradewinds Avenue is closed.

Commissioner Wessels said that he does not think the Commission needs to put themselves in a corner. Commissioner Wessels said if you want to speak generally that the Town needs to recognize a problem of reducing the encouragement of traffic on Harbor Drive, East Tradewinds Avenue and north and south of Seagrape Drive and to seek those remedies.

Mayor Parker said it will increase traffic on Harbor Drive and he does not see any choice to increasing traffic on Harbor. Fortunately, Harbor Drive is a non-residential street.

Mayor Parker said he wants this plan to go through but he also wants to be able to reassure the residents in Town, both those who live on Seagrape Drive and East Tradewinds Avenue, that are not going to be harmed.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion that it would be the intention of the Town Commission to limit the encouragement of Commercial Boulevard traffic into the

residential areas, East Tradewinds Avenue, Seagrape Drive north and south, and any other street that would require attention.

Commissioner Waller seconded the motion.

Mayor Parker asked for any discussion of this motion.

Commissioner Yanni said before he votes he wants to know how this can be guaranteed.

Town Attorney Cherof said this is a directive to the administration to take appropriate action to study and possibly recommend implementation of traffic calming devices that will be necessary after the D.O.T. plan is implemented. Mr. Cherof said it is simply a directive. Mr. Cherof continued to say that this will come back to the Commission, at some point, for specific approvals necessary to implement.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Parker asked the Clerk to call the roll. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the Commission needs to talk about pedestrians. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said if the Town is going to do all of these things, we need to protect our pedestrians. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said in order to protect our pedestrians, the Town needs to stop all right hand turn on red at Commercial Boulevard and A1A. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the Commission needs to think about people not cars.

Mayor Parker requested Vice-Mayor Fontaine to make a motion.

Commissioner Yanni said he does not think the Town has the authority to do that.

Mr. Keller said the Town could post that turning vehicles have to yield to the pedestrians.

Mayor Parker said this won't work.

Mr. Keller said the Town can enforce it by putting out police enforcement.

Mr. Keller said there is another technique that could be used. Mr. Keller said it is possible to put a turn signal in that when there are pedestrians in the crosswalk, they push a button to cross.

Mayor Parker said the Town already has one.

Mr. Keller said this would have a right turn signal that would restrict movement.

Mayor Parker said this would be up to D.O.T.

Mr. Keller said, this would be an issue that doesn't have final layout. Mr. Keller said that is a difficult intersection and needs lots of improvement, particularly to assist the pedestrians.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Keller if he thought D.O.T. would go along with no right turns on red.

Mr. Baldwin said the Town has already asked D.O.T. to review that and they undertook a study.

Mr. Keller said they changed their design to make that a right turn lane again. Mr. Keller said we can work with D.O.T. to try and make this intersection more pedestrian friendly. Mr. Keller said he thinks this is important.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine made a motion to have the Town administration to seek a right hand turn signal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yanni.

Mayor Parker asked for any further discussion.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Parker asked the Clerk to call the roll. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Parker said, at this point, he thinks the Commission is ready to consider a motion to approve the Department of Transportation's plan as amended.

Commissioner Waller made a motion to approve The Department of Transportation's Plan as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessels.

Mayor Parker asked for any further discussion.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said he would like to approve the plan with the possibility of future changes.

Commissioner Waller said that is understood.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said no, it is not understood. Vice-Mayor Fontaine said the Town has been asking for changes for the past six months and he is not seeing very many.

Mayor Parker asked if there would be a problem with the Commission approving the plan subject to being able to make further recommendations and requests to D.O.T.

Mr. Keller said the only difficulty is, what is that going to tell D.O.T. Mr. Keller continued to say that if the D.O.T. feels the Town is not supportive of this project, the project is going to be delayed. Mr. Keller said he firmly believes the D.O.T. wants the Town's support on what is built out there. Mr. Keller said the plans are in, what is called, a 65% stage. Mr. Keller said this means the plans are more than conceptual but they are still rough and they have not been finalized. Mr. Keller said with some of the direction the Commission gives them, they will move to finalize the plans. Mr. Keller said the Town will have some opportunity to review those plans but if the motion says subject to further Town requests, he does not know what type of direction that provides the D.O.T.

Town Manager Baldwin said he would intend to continue to seek Representative Sanderson until she gives him an answer. Mr. Baldwin asked the Commission if they have a problem with that.

Mayor Parker told Mr. Baldwin the Commission encourages him to do that.

Mr. Baldwin told the Commission that he agrees with Mr. Keller that the motion should be worded that we approve the project as modified but it should allow him to continue to work with Representative Sanderson.

Mayor Parker said he understands the motion would allow Mr. Baldwin to continue his efforts with Representative Sanderson.

Vice-Mayor Fontaine said that the motion does take away the urgency of doing it.

Mayor Parker said he thinks the urgency is still there.

Mayor Parker said the Town Manager knows he will have a very happy Commission if he can get D.O.T. or Representative Sanderson to agree.

Mr. Baldwin said he believes that Representative Sanderson earnestly wants to help the Town.

Mayor Parker said he believes she does, too.

Commissioner Yanni said he wishes the Commission could delay their vote until they get her answer.

Mayor Parker said he does not think the Commission can do that.

Mayor Parker asked for any further discussion. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Parker asked the Clerk to call the roll.

The motion passed 3-2 with Commission Wessels, Commissioner Waller and Mayor Parker voting yes and Vice-Mayor Fontaine and Commissioner Yanni voting no.

#### V. Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Mayor Parker adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:20 P.M.

  
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Mayor Oliver Parker

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Town Auditor/Clerk