

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
CC: City Manager, Public Works Director, Sr. Transportation Engineer
FROM: Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
DATE: June 6th, 2024
SUBJECT: FDOT Response Regarding Street Improvement Request

Attached please find the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)'s letter responding to the City's requests outlined in my April 10th letter. The FDOT's response advised that:

"[t]he Department is pleased to inform you that we are already addressing several of the requested improvements. In addition, we have developed a plan to conduct Road Safety Audits along the LeJeune Rd., S. Dixie Highway, and Tamiami Trail corridors."

FDOT included a chart outlining its plans to:

- 1) Reduce the speed limit on LeJeune Road from Bird Road to US1 to 35 mph.
- 2) Complete Road Safety Audits for the following by September 30, 2024:
 - a. speed limit reduction on LeJeune Road between SW 8th Street to Bird Road and
 - b. installation of audible push buttons (for sight impaired pedestrians) and lead pedestrian interval intersections (all traffic stops for pedestrians to cross) on at FDOT intersections on LeJeune Road, Bird Road and S.W. 8th Street.
- 3) Complete Road Safety Audits regarding the need for audible push buttons and lead pedestrian interval intersections on FDOT intersections on Bird Road and Tamiami Trail/S.W. 8th Street by November 30, 2024 and January 31, 2025, respectively.

- 4) Install Speed Feed Back signs at specified locations on LeJeune Road and Bird Road, and evaluate additional locations on LeJeune Road, Tamiami Trail and South Dixie for installation during the Road Safety Audits.
- 5) Install No Left Turn Signs and repaint and re-stripe where the Road Safety Audits listed above reflect a need.

A copy of the letter is also available at:

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June 4, 2024

The Honorable Rhonda Anderson
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RE: FDOT Street Improvement Request

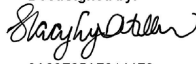
Dear Vice Mayor Anderson:

Thank you for meeting with the FDOT team on April 10, 2024; we have received the April 26th letter and May 6th email requesting infrastructure improvements to several state highways. Enclosed is an exhibit summarizing the City of Coral Gables' requests, the Department's actions, and our strategy to comprehensively evaluate all remaining recommendations.

The Department is pleased to inform you that we are already addressing several of the requested improvements. In addition, we have developed a plan to conduct **Road Safety Audits** along the LeJeune Rd., S. Dixie Highway, and Tamiami Trail corridors.

We appreciate the City's partnership and look forward to working together to enhance the safety and efficiency of our roadways, aiming for zero fatalities and serious injuries. Please feel free to contact me or Ramon Sierra at (305) 470-5336 or ramon.sierra@dot.state.fl.us if you have any questions about the proposed improvements and road safety audits.

Sincerely,

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Stacy L. Miller, P.E.
District Six Secretary

cc: Mayor Vince C. Lago, City of Coral Gables
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez, City of Coral Gables
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez, City of Coral Gables
Commissioner Melissa Castro, City of Coral Gables
Rudy Garcia, P.E., Florida Department of Transportation
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Exhibit

City of Coral Gables Requests		FDOT Response
Countermeasure	Intersection/Location	
Reduce speed from 40 MPH to 35 MPH	1. LeJeune Rd. from Tamiami Trail to S. Dixie Hwy.	The posted speed limit on LeJeune Rd. from S. Dixie Hwy. to Bird Rd. will be reduced to 35 MPH as part of an upcoming resurfacing project (FPID 446002-1) scheduled to begin construction February 2026. We will evaluate the City's request to reduce the speed limit along the segment from Bird Rd. to Tamiami Trail as part of a Road Safety Audit. The audit should be completed by September 30, 2024.
	2. Douglas Rd. from Tamiami Trail to S. Dixie Hwy.	Douglas Road is under the jurisdiction of Miami Dade County. We have transmitted your request to the County's Traffic Engineering Division for their evaluation and response.
Lead Pedestrian Intervals with Push Buttons and Audible Push Buttons	1. LeJeune Rd. and Altara Ave.	An exclusive pedestrian phase (all vehicles must remain stopped in all directions when a pedestrian activates the crossing signal) will be implemented as part of FPID 446002-1. The City's request for leading pedestrian intervals and audible pedestrian signals will be evaluated as part of a Road Safety Audit along LeJeune Rd. from S. Dixie Hwy. to Tamiami Trail. The audit should be completed by September 30, 2024.
	2. LeJeune Rd. and University Dr.	
	3. LeJeune Rd. and S. Grand Ave.	
	4. LeJeune Rd. and S. Dixie Hwy.	
	5. LeJeune Rd. and Tamiami Trail	
	6. LeJeune Rd. and Coral Way	
	7. LeJeune Rd. and Alhambra Circle	
	8. Bird Rd. and Riviera Dr.	We will evaluate the City's request as part of a Road Safety Audit along Bird Rd. from Red Rd. to Douglas Rd. The audit should be completed by November 30, 2024.
	9. Bird Rd. and Granada Blvd.	
	10. Bird Rd. and Alhambra Circle	
	11. Bird Rd. and Red Rd.	
	12. Bird Rd. and University Dr.	
	13. Bird Rd. and Douglas Rd.	
	14. Tamiami Trail and Ponce de Leon Blvd.	We will evaluate the City's request at the intersection as part of a Road Safety Audit. The audit should be completed by January 31, 2025.
	15. Coral Way and Ponce de Leon Blvd.	This intersection is under the jurisdiction of Miami Dade County. We have transmitted your request to the County's Traffic Engineering Division for their evaluation and response.

	16. Douglas Rd. and Tamiami Trail	We will evaluate the City's request at the intersection as part of a Road Safety Audit. The audit should be completed by January 31, 2025.
	17. Douglas Rd. and Ponce de Leon Blvd.	This intersection is under the jurisdiction of Miami Dade County. We have transmitted your request to the County's Traffic Engineering Division for their evaluation and response.
	18. S. Dixie Highway and Maynada Ave.	We will evaluate the City's request as part of a Road Safety Audit along S. Dixie Hwy. from Maynada Ave./Augusto St. to Douglas Rd. The audit should be completed by January 31, 2025.
	19. S. Dixie Hwy. and Granada Ave.	
	20. S. Dixie Hwy. and Riviera Dr.	
	21. S. Dixie Hwy. and Douglas Rd.	
	22. S. Dixie Hwy. and LeJeune Rd.	
	23. S. Dixie Hwy. and Red Rd.	
Speed Feedback Signs	Where appropriate to reduce speed	We are scheduled to install speed feedback signs by the end of the calendar year at the following locations: northbound and southbound on LeJeune Rd. near Sarto Ave. and on Bird Rd., three for westbound drivers on Bird Road near Segovia Street, University Drive, San Amaro Drive, and one for eastbound drivers on Bird Road near Alhambra Circle. We will evaluate additional opportunities as part of the Road Safety Audits along the LeJeune Rd., Tamiami Trail, and S. Dixie Hwy. corridors.
No Left-Hand Turn Signs during peak hours	Non-signalized intersections on LeJeune Rd. and Douglas Rd.	We will evaluate the City's request as part of the Road Safety Audit along the Bird Rd. corridor. We have transmitted your request for Douglas Rd. to the County's Traffic Engineering Division for their evaluation and response.
Repainting & restriping	Wherever necessary for road maintenance	We will conduct field reviews as part of all Road Safety Audit. Post audit, we will work with our Maintenance Department to address deficiencies in a timely manner.