



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-089

Date: June 12, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

Re: Safety Improvements - Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2 Avenue

The intent of this memorandum is to inform the City Commission of upcoming safety improvements at the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2 Avenue.

In 2018, and as part of the Maintenance of Traffic plan for a nearby development, traffic control modifications were implemented at the intersection of Las Olas Boulevard and SE 2 Avenue. These modifications included the installation of stop signs for the east and west approaches. Prior to these modifications, the intersection had stop signs for the north and south approaches and rectangular high-intensity amber yellow lights known as Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) for east and west approaches. While the intent of these modifications was temporary, the stop signs for east and west traffic were not removed after development was completed.

In 2019 residents reached out to the City in support of maintaining these stop signs permanently to improve pedestrian safety. Pursuant to the Traffic Engineering Agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale, installing or modifying traffic control signs requires review and approval from Broward County. At the request of the City, an engineering study was conducted by the County to verify if the stop signs were warranted. The study was completed in 2021 after construction in the area was completed and it was determined that the modifications implemented in 2018 were not warranted and the County requested removal of the stop signs.

In March of 2024, the City requested a follow up study of the intersection and the County determined the installation of the stop signs was warranted. To further improve operational safety at this intersection, the following improvements were recently completed:

- Crosswalk pavement markings were enhanced on east, west and south sides of the intersection; and
- "STOP" lettering was installed in travel lanes for each through lane along east and west approach.

In addition, the following improvements will be implemented:

- Current "STOP" signs will be evaluated and replaced by larger signs for east and west approaches if warranted; and
- To reduce confusion the existing RRFB's will be removed from the intersection.

For any questions, please reach out to Milos Majstorovic, Acting Director of Transportation and Mobility at 954-828-5216 or <u>mmajstorovic@fortlauderdale.gov</u>

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