

Sept 25th 10 AM

From: Marianne Lopata
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino; Sheri Smith; Diane Vollmer
Subject: RE: Florida Blvd at 26th St W Traffic Signal Request

Sheri, thanks for handling this. You can provide these to Diane as a pdf file to attach to Commissioner DiSabatino's item on the September 25th agenda.

From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 6:43 PM
To: Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>; Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>; Diane Vollmer <diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Fwd: Florida Blvd at 26th St W Traffic Signal Request

Kindly attach this and other emails from Sage and residents regarding this intersection for the Sept 25th 10 am Time Certain.

Respectfully yours,

Robin

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
District 4
941-685-5368
Robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org

Working for you and sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>
Date: September 12, 2018 at 5:26:39 PM EDT
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>, Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>, Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>, John Osborne <john.osborne@mymanatee.org>, Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>, "Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com" <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>, Michael Kenyan <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>, Vanessa Baugh <vanessa.baugh@mymanatee.org>, Betsy Benac <betsy.benac@mymanatee.org>, Carol Whitmore <carol.whitmore@mymanatee.org>, Charles Smith <Charles.Smith@mymanatee.org>, Priscilla WhisenantTrace <priscilla.whisenanttrace@mymanatee.org>, Stephen R Jonsson <steve.jonsson@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Florida Blvd at 26th St W Traffic Signal Request

Commissioner DiSabatino,

As requested, staff has taken another look at this intersection, considering the below and historic crash records.

During this past year, there have been four (4) reported crashes of which three (3) are considered correctible by a traffic signal. While we understand that any crash is unacceptable to those involved; three (3) crashes does not meet the required threshold of five (5) crashes within a twelve month period.

The other warrants for a traffic signal are also not met. Therefore, pursuant to the Board adopted Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) a traffic signal is not warranted at this time.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Public Works Deputy Director
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

From: Sage Kamiya
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 7:52 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>; Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>; Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>; Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>; Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>; Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>; Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>; Sia Mollanazar <sia.mollanazar@mymanatee.org>; Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com; Michael Kenyan <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>; Suzanna Young <youngnelson@juno.com>; Sharon Denson <originaltr@cs.com>
Subject: RE: PHONE MESSAGE: Suzanna Young @ 941-251-5727

Commissioner DiSabatino,
Certainly, we can take another look at the crash warrant portion of the traffic signal warrants.

As you may recall there are multiple warrants (volume and crash related to name a few) that need to be met to determine a need for a traffic signal. Crash Experience is only one of those criteria and it in part states that there needs to be five or more reported crashes of types correctable by a traffic control signal, within a 12-month period. The data we have to date does not support this warrant. It should be noted that pursuant to the MUTCD, satisfaction of a traffic signal warrant in itself does not require the installation of a traffic signal.

In order to determine if the mentioned crashes were correctable by a traffic signal, we need to review the crash reports. We typically don't receive these for several months after the crash takes place. Since asked, we will contact MSO and ask for these specifically to expedite the review.

Thank you for understanding.

P.S. As previously requested, we are on schedule to install the LED flashing stop signs in all directions in early October.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Public Works Deputy Director
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 7:24 PM
To: Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>; Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>; Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>; Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>; Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>; Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>; Sia Mollanazar <sia.mollanazar@mymanatee.org>; Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com; Michael Kenyan <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>; Suzanna Young <youngnelson@juno.com>; Sharon Denson <originaltr@cs.com>
Subject: Re: PHONE MESSAGE: Suzanna Young @ 941-251-5727
Importance: High

I am asking you to review this and discuss my options for putting in the 4 way light.

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
District 4
941-685-5368

On Sep 4, 2018, at 4:04 PM, Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org> wrote:

Ms. Young called about the email below and whether you could intervene by helping expedite a traffic accident report for the intersection of 26th St & Florida Blvd.

From: Suzanna Young <atyoungnelson@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Cc: newgnor@aol.com; Holly Clouse <hollyclouse@verizon.net>
Subject: Accident frequency 26th St.-Fla Blvd.

Hello Robin,

You may have already heard from Sharon Denson about her recent accident. Someone ran the stop sign at Florida Blvd. and 26th St. W. and hit her car.

She was going home from a meeting so they may have been coming towards the blinking stop light.

Restore Bsyshore wants to pursue a demand stop light at that corner. We also asked for official crosswalk markings some time ago. These drivers will not let you cross if it is their turn to go.

We also need the yellow "Yield to Peds" signs too.

A week ago this Sunday was a bad "cruncher"; a car was knocked several feet up 26th from the corner. Granted minor accidents may not be reported or insurance purposes.

Last winter, there was one where one person was taken to the hospital. An eye-witness, my neighbor, pulled him from the car as gas was leaking. He said the guy was in very bad shape and unconscious and of course taken to the hospital I heard he died sometime later.

Jeff Bishop said it was "two days later but may not have been a result of the accident". We might be able to find that out? Or the County can.

I was going to request a traffic accident report of (known) accidents from the County Traffic Engineering Dept. and was told the fee will be around \$38.00 as they of course, have to extract personal information.

Of course, what I really want is a traffic circle—takes the same time as stopping for a sign and makes you slow down, instead of running a sign. Make sense?

I could probably find a whole raft of people who have had near misses, myself and Richard included. What worried me the most is this intersection has to be navigated by our kids almost daily going to the Rec Center. Kids are impatient and take chances.

Is there any way you can get this information since your "District 4 constituents are hounding you" about this?

Looking forward to your reply, Suzanna

From: Kenyan, Michael <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Matt Merucci; Jeff Grosseibl
Cc: Washmuth, Brett; Aaron Burkett; Schaeffer, Stanley; Robin DiSabatino
Subject: RE: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Thanks guys....

From: Matt Merucci [mailto:Matt.Merucci@mymanatee.org]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Jeff Grosseibl
Cc: Washmuth, Brett; Aaron Burkett; Kenyan, Michael
Subject: RE: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Jeff

Thank you sir

Sincerely,

Matt Merucci

Manatee County
ROW & Zoning Inspector III
1022 26th Ave E
Bradenton, FL 34208
Office: 941-708-7450 ext 7342
Cell: 941-737-4523
Email: matt.merucci@mymanatee.org



From: Jeff Grosseibl [mailto:JGrosseibl@pike.com]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Matt Merucci <Matt.Merucci@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Washmuth, Brett <Brett.Washmuth@fpl.com>
Subject: RE: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Hello Matt,

I am in route to make these corrections.

Thank you,

Jeff Grosseibl
General Foreman
Pike Electric
239-229-3066

Jeff Grosseibl
General Foreman

Pike Electric, LLC
JGrosseibl@pike.com
www.pike.com



From: Matt Merucci [<mailto:Matt.Merucci@mymanatee.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Jeff Grosseibl <JGrosseibl@pike.com>
Cc: Washmuth, Brett <Brett.Washmuth@fpl.com>
Subject: FW: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Jeff

Please see below regarding MOT issue and have corrected asap.

Sincerely,

Matt Merucci

Manatee County
ROW & Zoning Inspector III
1022 26th Ave E
Bradenton, FL 34208
Office: 941-708-7450 ext 7342
Cell: 941-737-4523
Email: matt.merucci@mymanatee.org



From: Aaron Burkett
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Matt Merucci <Matt.Merucci@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Kenyan, Michael <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>
Subject: RE: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Matt,
See below. Do you know who's MOT this is?



Aaron Burkett
Traffic Operations Division Manager
Public Works Department
(941)-708-7509
aaron.burkett@mymanatee.org

From: Kenyan, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Aaron Burkett <aaron.burkett@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Schaeffer, Stanley <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>; McCabe, Brady <Brady.McCabe@manateesherriff.com>; Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Florida Blvd and 26th St. W.

Aaron,

When traveling south bound on 26th St. West approaching the four way stop intersection at Florida Blvd., there is a "DETOUR" sign for south bound traffic that obstructs the line of sight to the stop sign as you approach it.

As well there is a "no right turn" sign also posted next to the detour sign... I cannot see prohibiting right turn traffic since there are multiple streets west of 26th St. that need access.

If you are west bound on Florida Blvd there is not any signage prohibiting straight through traffic. So prohibiting right turn makes no sense.

Let me your thoughts/findings please....guessing you will need to get with the contractor

Mike

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From: Wells, Rick <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino
Cc: Schaeffer, Stanley
Subject: Re: I'm adding an item to the 25th Agenda

Absolutely!

Sent from the iPhone of Sheriff Rick Wells

On Sep 7, 2018, at 4:18 PM, Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org> wrote:

Sheriff,

Would someone from MSO be able to attend the meeting on Sept 25th at 10 am addressing a light at 26th St W and Fla Blvd and weigh in on Public Safety issue?

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Vollmer <diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org>
Date: September 7, 2018 at 3:00:48 PM EDT
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>, Vida Gordon <vida.gordon@mymanatee.org>, Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>, Bobbi Roy <bobbi.roy@mymanatee.org>, Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>, Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>, Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>, Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>, John Osborne <john.osborne@mymanatee.org>
Subject: RE: Iâ€™m adding an item to the 25th Agenda

Commissioner,

I have added the item to the September 25 agenda, under the Commissioner Agenda section, for a 10 a.m. time certain.

Diane Vollmer

Agenda Coordinator
Manatee County Government
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205
Phone: 941-745-3724; Fax: 941-745-3790
diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org

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From: Robin DiSabatino

Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 12:17 PM

To: Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>; Bobbi Roy

<bobbi.roy@mymanatee.org>; Diane Vollmer <diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org>

Cc: Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>; Vida Gordon <vida.gordon@mymanatee.org>

Subject: I'm adding an item to the 25th Agenda

I am hereby adding an Item to The Sept 25th Agenda for a 10:00 am Time Certain.

The topic is adding a traffic light at the 4-way intersection of 26th St W and Florida Blvd.

I will be sending emails to add for the Record.

Kindly confirm as soon as possible as I am notifying the residents to appear and or to submit information.

Cordially Sent from my cell

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From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino; Sharon Denson; Suzanna Young; mistyservia@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Florida Blvd at 26th St W

Respectfully yours,

Robin

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Working for you and sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wells, Rick" <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>
Date: March 24, 2018 at 9:15:51 AM EDT
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Re: Florida Blvd at 26th St W

Thanks he Cc me.

Sent from the iPad of Sheriff Rick Wells

On Mar 24, 2018, at 9:10 AM, Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org> wrote:

Forwarding

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
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On Mar 23, 2018, at 10:20 PM, Rob McNeal <rob.mcneal@verizon.net> wrote:

Robin,

Again, the officer sits right at the intersection in full view of approaching drivers. Additionally my neighbors tell me he's only there around 945AM to 1045AM. That isn't the crazy time at all. It is not a marked car but clearly drivers know they are there and they comply but only while they are sitting there. We had this discussion before-They seemed to think that is effective but it's not- except while they actually sit there. They seem to think the driving public is stupid- they aren't.. I can tell you that all of us endure near misses almost daily at that intersection. The officer is not there at the busy times- like rush hour- when people are in a

hurry and are jumping the intersection because there is nothing to keep them from doing so.. I do not know why they continue to say there isn't a problem when all of us say clearly there is. Somebody died because of a wreck there but even that is not enough to do ANYTHING different? Seriously? Does that make any sense to you? If they tried to monitor this intersection in the least bit out of sight I'm sure they would see plenty of violations. Frankly I don't think either group is truly interested in improving the traffic situation here. Clearly they don't see what we see and even more clearly they don't listen to what we say. Some months ago, I gave you a vehicle description, a license number and a name of a driver who runs that intersection every morning on work days which includes Saturdays. EVERY MORNING. He only stops if someone else is on the other side cause he has to in order to not crash. I shared the time he drives thru. I happen to leave at the same time and observe this behavior all the time. Nothing was done about it then. Not one thing. there was no effort at all to deter it. And frankly the "effort" they make during the day is simply not effective. It's token. It's not intended to fix the problem or change drivers behavior. it's intended to placate those of us that say there is a problem. So we constantly say there is a problem and they constantly say there is no problem. To tell me there are no violations at that intersection is insulting. The two officers investigating the death told me to my face that they could write violations all day long there. I don't think those guys were lying to my face. We all saw people run the signs while we were all discussing it 10 ft from the intersection.. I drive thru it twice every day. So how is it that these people talking to you say there are NO violations there? This is ridiculous. Obviously they are not interested in actually doing anything productive. Or they are so completely out of touch with the traffic reality in this county that they cannot comprehend what we're telling them.

Sheriff Wells- I'm not impressed with the support. The front line guys seem to get it. The management clearly doesn't. It's been that way for years.

The County Traffic Dept is worse. They are incompetent.

That intersection needs a stop light and it needs enforcement similar to what the school zones on 63rd get. officers out of the cars, Out of obvious sight, radioing other cars down the road of violations. Enforcement during rush hours. Actual tickets rather than warnings.

Robin, I'm done trying to get help with this thru these channels. We've been talking about it for years and years and years and the only thing that has changed is a couple of fancy flashers in 2 directions. Visibility was never the problem. I never said it was. It's driver behavior and a complete lack of effective enforcement to correct that behavior. Next time / next big wreck I just may see if any of the news channels are interested in the story and trust me I have every single one of my communications and the responses for them.

Rob McNeal

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
To: Kenyan, Michael <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>
Cc: Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Sia Mollanazar <sia.mollanazar@mymanatee.org>; Ron Schulhofer <ron.schulhofer@mymanatee.org>; Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>; Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>; Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>; Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>; Rob Mcneal <rob.mcneal@verizon.net>; Suzanna Young <youngnelson@juno.com>; Don Gassie <gassie@outlook.com>; Jeannette Sparrow <jeannettesparrow@yahoo.com>; Joyce Fisher <joycef0230@yahoo.com>; Sharon Denson <originaltr@cs.com>; Schaeffer, Stanley <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>; Wells, Rick <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>

Sent: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 3:12 pm
Subject: Re: Florida Blvd at 26th St W

Ok

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
District 4
941-685-5368

On Mar 23, 2018, at 2:36 PM, Kenyan, Michael
<Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com> wrote:

I concur, mt Staff has been monitoring and have not had any violations while they were on scene.

Sergeant M. Kenyan
Traffic Enforcement
Phone: 941-747-3011 x1077
Cell: 941-518-2158

From: Sage Kamiya [<mailto:sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino; Sia Mollanazar; Ron Schulhofer; Chad Butzow; Ed Hunzeker; Cheri Coryea; Dan Schlandt
Cc: Kenyan, Michael; Rob Mcneal; Suzanna Young; Don Gassie; Jeannette Sparrow; Joyce Fisher; Sharon Denson; Schaeffer, Stanley; Wells, Rick
Subject: Florida Blvd at 26th St W

Commissioner DiSabatino,

Last month we reviewed the most recent crash report and found that visibility of the stop sign was not an issue. We apply the more costly (installation and maintenance) LED signs for locations that visibility is a concern.

Also, in discussion with MSO staff, they did not issue any violations in the past couples weeks at this intersection.

That said, we did note that the southbound "Bike Lane Ends" signage at this intersection, could be moved to improve visibility. Staff will schedule this improvement.

Thanks.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Deputy Director, Traffic Management
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Sia Mollanazar <sia.mollanazar@mymanatee.org>; Ron Schulhofer <ron.schulhofer@mymanatee.org>; Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>; Ed Hunzeker

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Cc: Michael Kenyan <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>;
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<youngnelson@juno.com>; Don Gassie <gassie@outlook.com>;
Jeannette Sparrow <jeannettesparrow@yahoo.com>; Joyce
Fisher <joycef0230@yahoo.com>; Sharon Denson
<originaltr@cs.com>; Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com;
Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com
Subject: Re: Traffic Safety Issue
Importance: High

Sage,

What's the status of getting the 4-way blinking stop light at Florida Blvd and 26 th St W vs the 2-way we now have there? When can we hope to help stop that traffic better at that intersection?

Respectfully yours,

Robin

Robin Sue DiSabatino
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Working for you and sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2018, at 9:30 AM, Sage Kamiya
<sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org> wrote:

Commissioner Baugh,

We'll take a look and reach out to Mr.
O'Halloran.

Given current staffing and workload, review and
response for traffic studies like this are taking
approximately 16 weeks.

We appreciate the interest in traffic safety in
Manatee County.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Deputy Director, Traffic Management
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

-----Original Message-----

From: Vanessa Baugh
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 8:47 AM
To: Tom O'Halloran <tohall23@msn.com>
Cc: Anne.Ross@lwrtownhall.com; Sage Kamiya
<sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Clarke Davis
<clarke.davis@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Re: Traffic Safety Issue
Importance: High

Mr. O'Halloran, I am forwarding your email to Public Works requesting a traffic warrant study be done. Thank you for the information.

I am also forwarding your email to Anne Ross at LWR Townhall regarding the vegetation you refer to. Perhaps we can get this cut back as well.

Please, always feel free to contact me as I am at your service.

Vanessa

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2018, at 9:51 PM,
Tom O'Halloran
<tohall23@msn.com> wrote:

Vanessa,

We are residents of the WaterCrest Condos and would like to bring to your attention the traffic safety issue when leaving WaterCrest Way and entering onto Lakewood Ranch Blvd. There are two safety issues at play, traffic moves at a high rate of speed and there is a visibility issue when turning south onto Lakewood Ranch Blvd caused by the medium vegetation just to the north. We would appreciate the commission looking into this issue before there is a serious accident. Thank you.

Tom and Linda O'Halloran

Sent from my iPad

Tom O'Halloran
701-238-9143

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From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino; Suzanna Young; Sharon Denson; mistyservia@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Intersection 26th street and Florida Blvd

Respectfully yours,

Robin

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From: "Wells, Rick" <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 9:22:18 AM EDT
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>, "originaltr@cs.com" <originaltr@cs.com>, "Schaeffer, Stanley" <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>
Subject: RE: Intersection 26th street and Florida Blvd

Good Morning Commissioner,

I believe it's critical for the safety of our residents that we act as quickly as possible. I would consider this a dangerous intersection that warrants a traffic signal. Thanks!

From: Robin DiSabatino [<mailto:robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 2:37 PM
To: originaltr@cs.com; Schaeffer, Stanley; Wells, Rick
Subject: Re: Intersection 26th street and Florida Blvd

Sorry they have been so stubborn about a light. Perhaps that's a good question to ask at tonight's Bayshore Candidate Meeting @ 7 pm.

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
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941-685-5368

On Aug 9, 2018, at 1:36 PM, "originaltr@cs.com" <originaltr@cs.com> wrote:

Our community has lodged numerous complaints regarding the intersection of Florida Blvd and 26th Street, some lights have been added to the sign but the running of the stop sign has not been deterred.

Last night, returning home from a Board of Trustee meeting, I was hit by someone running the stop sign. I was not the first of the evening at this intersection. Our children walk and ride bicycles across this intersection as this is the only way to the pool and other activities of the District. This is the only access to the District facilities and it is not safe.

It is obvious that the 4 way stop sign is not working, nor did adding the lights.

This intersection needs immediate attention.

I await your response,

Sharon Denson
Chairman Bayshore Gardens Board of Trustees

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From: Suzanna Young <atyoungnelson@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino; michael.kenyon@manateesherrif.com; Sage Kamiya; Marianne Lopata; Ed Hunzeker; Sheri Smith; Dan Schlandt; Cheri Coryea; Chad Butzow; Sia Mollanazar; stanley.schaeffer@manatee.com; Sharon Denson; connercardwell@flhsmv.gov
Subject: Increasing accidents 26th St. W. & Fla. Blvd.

To: Kenyan, Michael <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherrif.com>; Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>; Ed Hunzeker <ed.hunzeker@mymanatee.org>; Sheri Smith <sheri.smith@mymanatee.org>; Dan Schlandt <dan.schlandt@mymanatee.org>; Cheri Coryea <cheri.coryea@mymanatee.org>; Chad Butzow <chad.butzow@mymanatee.org>; Sia Mollanazar <sia.mollanazar@mymanatee.org>; Schaeffer, Stanley <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherrif.com>; Suzanna Young <youngnelson@juno.com>; Sharon Denson <originaltr@cs.com>; Cardwell, Conner <ConnerCardwell@flhsmv.gov>
Subject: Re: PHONE MESSAGE: Suzanna Young @ 941-251-5727

Hello,
If I may weigh in here, living south of this intersection we have to use it almost daily. After the last accidents—not including Ms. Denson’s—we implored to Robin that further steps needed to be taken, such as a demand light and her response is characteristic of her diligence as our Commissioner.

We have experienced multiple near misses ourselves and have seen several aftermaths of accidents--one knocking a car out of the intersection. Some of these, might not always be reported.

People in Bayshore Gardens report speeding and that Stop signs are repeatedly ignored, especially on Florida Blvd. These are mostly residents who see this go on daily! I experience it when driving here.

After recently talking to other neighbors who live close by, they claim the flashing lights do not make a difference and ask why we are not getting speed tables.

Two years ago, our organization, Restore Bayshore, after working diligently with Neighborhood Services, set out to get petitions from Public Works signed for speed tables geared to local speed limits. Public Works said 67% of the community had to approve to even get them on designated streets We got to over 500 but it wasn’t enough. Residents on Columbia, a busy street, were almost at 100% approval.

Another suggestion is to install raised intersections. If one has Stop signs at an intersection, does it not make sense that a speed table like that will not be a traffic “barrier” as drivers are supposed to stop anyway?! No more running signs = safety for everyone, especially pedestrians, and of course, our kids.

With the increased incidents we are fearful about our kids. This intersection is the “funnel” to our Park & Recreation Center from all of the community.

Thank you for your utmost attention,

Suzanna Young
941-251-5727

From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 12:29 PM
To: originaltr@cs.com
Subject: Re: 26th Street and Florida Blvd



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Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
District 4
941-685-5368

On Aug 28, 2018, at 12:13 PM, "originaltr@cs.com" <originaltr@cs.com> wrote:

So far flashing lights have not worked, adding more?? The person that hit me had the flashing lights.

Sharon

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
To: Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org>; Stanley.Schaeffer <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>; Michael Kenyan <Michael.Kenyan@manateesherriff.com>; Sharon Denson <originaltr@cs.com>; Don Gassie <gassie@outlook.com>; Suzanna Young <youngnelson@juno.com>; misty <misty@misty2018.com>
Sent: Tue, Aug 28, 2018 11:01 am
Subject: Re: 26th Street and Florida Blvd

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On Aug 28, 2018, at 8:09 AM, Sage Kamiya <sage.kamiya@mymanatee.org> wrote:

Board of County Commissioners,

As an update and a little background to the below email, federal guidelines (the MUTCD) provide warrants for installing traffic signals. The warrants are not met for 26th St and Florida Blvd.

Staff has revisited this intersection about 2 weeks ago and we will install the flashing LED outlined stop signs for the north-south direction (in addition to the east-west direction where they are already in place). We have begun the process of ordering the necessary materials and hope to schedule installation next month, pending receipt of the signs.

Thanks.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Public Works Deputy Director
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

From: originaltr@cs.com [<mailto:originaltr@cs.com>]

Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 9:41 AM

To: Priscilla WhisenantTrace <priscilla.whisenanttrace@mymanatee.org>; Charles Smith <Charles.Smith@mymanatee.org>; Stephen R Jonsson <steve.jonsson@mymanatee.org>; Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>; Vanessa Baugh <vanessa.baugh@mymanatee.org>; Carol Whitmore <carol.whitmore@mymanatee.org>; Betsy Benac <betsy.benac@mymanatee.org>

Cc: Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com

Subject: 26th Street and Florida Blvd

Another accident that I am aware of last night at the intersection of 26th street and Florida Blvd. Thank you Sheriff Wells for supporting the residents of Bayshore Gardens with your request for a traffic light at that intersection. It is dangerous, too much traffic cutting thru and in a hurry. Many times 3 or 4 cars go thru without stopping. The four way stop at certain times of the day is a place for vehicular chicken.

There is a fence on the south east corner of that intersection that may be causing a problem for smaller vehicles. I can see over it in my truck, but could be an issue with smaller vehicles. Perhaps code enforcement could take a look at it.

I would like to know when this issue will be addressed by the Commission. Our children cross that intersection daily walking and on bicycles as well as our elderly going to the Recreation Center. This is the only way for the 1400+ homes to reach the Center that we support with our taxes and we are at the mercy of those cutting thru to save time. The one that hit me was on his way to the IMG area where he lived.

Thank you,

Sharon Denson
Bayshore Gardens Board of Trustees

From: Debbie Korell <debbie.korell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino
Subject: Re: 26th and Florida Blvd

Good Morning Robin

I will add my story to the list.

I was driving south on 26th on my way to a district meeting.

I had come to a complete stop at the corner.

I waited and let other cars pass.

I checked again and began to move forward.

I slammed on my brakes and barely avoided hitting the runner who had appeared out of the darkness

Please, streets lights or stop lights

Thanks Robin

Debbie Korell

On Aug 27, 2018, at 10:20 AM, Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org> wrote:

I'm sending this out to Administration and to County Staff on behalf of the citizens of my District to answer:

It is my understanding that there is approx \$10 million in the SWTIF and about \$7 million of potentially usable funding not designated or committed to any specific project.

I am completely baffled as to why Captain Schaefer has to beg and jump through hoops in order to get one intersection signalized?

This intersection is so dark at night that you don't realize that you've been through it till you've been through it.

I really would like to know what projects are underway that would tie up all the millions of dollars that have been accumulating in that Fund?

Please provide me with the list of all projects and their dollar amounts committed from this SWTIF FUND, showing me that there's absolutely no money left to pay for one intersection's signalization.

When compiled, please share this and the results with All Commissioners.

Respectfully yours,

Robin

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
District 4
941-685-5368
Robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org

Working for you and sent from my iPad

On Aug 27, 2018, at 8:46 AM, Schaeffer, Stanley <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com> wrote:

Good Morning Commissioner;

I know you are still getting complaints about the above intersection. I have spoken with Geri Lopez regarding using funds from the Southwest TIF for a traffic light. I was informed there are other projects underway and the funds could not be used for a traffic light. So for now we will continue with enforcement and see if driving habits are changed once the "blinking" stop signs are installed by county traffic.

Captain Stanley Schaeffer
District 2 Commander
Manatee County Sheriff's Office
600 US HWY 301 Blvd W.
Bradenton, FL 34205
941-747-3011 ext 1000

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From: Sage Kamiya
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino; Marianne Lopata
Cc: Sheri Smith; Sia Mollanazar; Marianne Lopata; Ed Hunzeker; Dan Schlandt; Cheri Coryea; Chad Butzow; John Osborne
Subject: RE: PHONE MESSAGE: Suzanna Young @ 941-251-5727

Commissioner DiSabatino,

Staff has revisited this intersection and based in part on your concerns of limited night time visibility, we will install the flashing LED outlined stop signs for the north south direction, too. We have begun the process of ordering and will schedule installation in approximately 6 weeks, depending on receipt of the equipment.

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE
Public Works Deputy Director - Traffic Management
(941) 708-7407 ext. 7425

From: Robin DiSabatino
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org>
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Subject: Re: PHONE MESSAGE: Suzanna Young @ 941-251-5727
Importance: High

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On Aug 15, 2018, at 2:51 PM, Marianne Lopata <marianne.lopata@mymanatee.org> wrote:

She called to follow up about her email requesting signalization of the intersection of 26th St W and Florida Blvd. I told her you had gotten other correspondence about this and was following up with staff.

Let us know how you'd like to respond.

Thanks,
Marianne

From: Suzanna Young <atyoungnelson@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Robin DiSabatino <robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org>
Cc: newgnor@aol.com; Holly Clouse <hollyclouse@verizon.net>
Subject: Accident frequency 26th St.-Fla Blvd.

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She was going home from a meeting so they may have been coming towards the blinking stop light.

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From: Schaeffer, Stanley <Stanley.Schaeffer@manateesherriff.com>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Robin DiSabatino
Subject: RE: 26th and Florida

I ran a check in the State Crash Reporting system, here is what I got for that location, just FYI

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Summary:

2 Total Crashes **4** Total Vehicles Involved

Injury Details:

2 Crashes with Injuries* **5** Total Injuries
1 Injury Crashes** **4** Driver Injuries
0 Crashes with Incapacitating Injuries **0** Total Incapacitating Injuries
1 Crashes with Non-incapacitating Injuries **1** Total Non-incapacitating Injuries
2 Crashes with Possible Injuries **4** Total Possible Injuries

*Crashes with Injuries are all crashes with at least one reported injury, and including those where a fatality was reported.
**Injury Crashes are any crash in which there was at least one reported injury, and excluding those where a fatality was reported.

Fatality Details:

1 Crashes with Traffic Fatalities **1** Total Traffic Fatalities
0 Driver Fatalities

Criteria: **Geolocated Latitude** is between 27.4222170215745 and 27.4233788593401 And **Geolocated Longitude** is between -82.5882587494617 and -82.5872502388721 And **Date of Crash** is between 1/1/2017 and 8/13/2018 And **Agency** is one of: FHP TROOP F, MANATEE CO SO

*As of Date: 8/12/2018

*Crash Data is compliant with FS 316.066(1)(a) exclusively. Refer to 'Types of Crashes Included' for further information.

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Captain Stanley Schaeffer
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From: Robin DiSabatino [mailto:robin.disabatino@mymanatee.org]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Schaeffer, Stanley
Subject: Re: 26th and Florida

I'm up in Tampa at a Regional Planning Commission Meeting. May I call you (hands free, of course), on my way back to Manatee County around 11:30-12?
What number should I use?

Cordially Sent from my cell

Robin Sue DiSabatino
Manatee County Commissioner
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941-685-5368

On Aug 13, 2018, at 10:19 AM, "originaltr@cs.com" <originaltr@cs.com> wrote:

Thank you for forwarding my email to the Sheriff. I received a call from the county on Friday , I was outside with the insurance adjuster when I received the call informing me that the intersection was not dangerous at least not enough to warrant a light. I did not catch his name, but was calling in reference to my concerns/complaint.

The Sheriff's Dept receives the 911 calls, not the county. I hope that the Sheriff will carry more weight than someone that does not appear to have the training to draw that conclusion.

Please stay on their backs about this and let me know what more I can do. This is a real danger to our children.

Sharon

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