

BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 011-2021

TO: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager

DATE: January 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **FDOT Pedestrian Signage Test at 9900 Block Pedestrian Crosswalk**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to share information on a test being conducted by FDOT regarding the signage at the pedestrian crosswalk located at the 9900 Block of Collins Avenue.

The study involves the use of a concept known as a Pedestrian Gateway Treatment (PGT). The PGT is a pedestrian crossing configuration that features yield signage, referred to as R1-6a signs, located in between each lane of travel prior to approaching the crosswalk. This effect requires all drivers to drive between two signs. The perceived narrowing of the road creates a traffic calming effect which helps to increase the rate at which vehicles yield for pedestrians as well as reduce the frequency of vehicles speeding.

The Request to Experiment (RTE) which FDOT is conducting is being conducted at thirty-four (34) sites statewide with a minimum of three (3) sites per FDOT District. Bal Harbour Village was chosen as one of the nine (9) testing sites within our district for this ongoing study along with a site in the Town of Surfside. The Village will continue to work in conjunction with FDOT on this effort and have offered to assist with the maintenance of damaged signs. We will also continue to work with FDOT to fine tune the configuration of the signage. Additionally, we requested FDOT to consider also testing this signage at the Frontage Road crosswalks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Chief Flowers at 305.866.5000.

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