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Dear Residents,

In my two months in office, I have worked to understand the details of the Atlantic/Dixie Streetscape plan that includes a lane reduction on westbound Atlantic Blvd from Cypress Rd. to NW 6th St. I have met with consultants, engineers and city staff to understand the rationale, funding and details of the plan.

Construction on the plan started this week. No doubt, you will hear that the current traffic issues are just from construction. However, the numbers tell a different story. Pre-COVID, Atlantic Blvd traffic volume was up to 64,300 while the road capacity was 59,900¹. In 2019, Atlantic Blvd was already at or above capacity. So called "road diets", like the one being implemented here, are typically designed for smaller capacity roads, not 6-lane major arteries close to an Interstate.

Our consultants told me that this Streetscape plan could either prioritize pedestrians or cars, but there is not space for both. They prioritized pedestrian connectivity. There are great benefits to the beautification part of the plan, but huge risks to the roadway reduction. In District 3, the increase in neighborhood traffic and speeding is highly concerning to many residents. City-wide, reducing a major road as we grow impacts all of us.

I made two motions for the Commission to hold a meeting with the public to discuss this plan and to hear the public feedback. Neither motion received a second. Let there be no mistake, **the Commission still drives this plan and can still make changes.** There would be costs associated with modifications and delays, but sometimes that is the price you pay for real progress. It is the work of a City to listen to the people. I encourage you to contact your Commissioner and the Mayor or to come to a Commission meeting to speak during Audience to be Heard. The next meeting is Tuesday, 1/24 at 6pm.

Sincerely,



Alison Fournier
Pompano Beach City Commissioner, District 3

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https://cdn.pompanobeachfl.gov/city/pages/go_bond/outreach_presentations/071719%20Dixie%20Highway%20Public%20Presentation%202.pdf