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Subject: Inlet Study Traffic Analysis

Kurt,

As you are aware, I had spoken with County Traffic staff about analyzing traffic volumes on the Federal Highway corridor and access roads/bridges to the barrier islands during the recent bridge closure on Woolbright Road, east of Federal. This analysis was intended to serve as background data that could be useful during any more intensive evaluation of potential changed traffic conditions that could result if the Boynton Inlet bridge was to be closed in one of several Inlet reconfiguration scenarios. Unfortunately, County staff was unable to complete this analysis prior to the Woolbright bridge re-opening a few weeks ago.

I was, however, able to speak with Dan Weisberg, County Traffic Engineer, about the potential impacts on regional traffic conditions in the event that A1A bridge over the Boynton Beach Inlet was to be closed. Both Dan and I agree that any scenario that considers closing this bridge must be done with the full understanding of precise traffic impacts on a daily, peak hour and seasonal basis. Furthermore, impacts on public services interlocal agreements (ie. Fire and Police) must be carefully considered as well. Even though a very thorough analysis would be required if bridge closure is seriously considered, Dan believed that he would be able to work with MPO staff at this time to conduct a very brief and preliminary review of traffic impacts. This type of initial analysis would be entirely appropriate at this stage of review. Any further, and much more costly analysis, would be premature and costly at this juncture. An in depth traffic analysis was neither budgeted, nor contemplated, as part of the evaluation of options related to the Inlet configuration.

If Dan is able to provide the referenced rudimentary data/traffic impacts of bridge closure, I will forward same to you for Committee review.

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