

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - July 2009



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US 1 SAFETY MODIFICATIONS REDESIGN TO PROCEED

Delray Beach City Commissioners voted to proceed with the design of permanent US 1 Safety Modification between SE 10th Street and George Bush Boulevard on May 19th. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) along with other federal funding will be utilized to support the development and construction of this project.

The *Downtown Delray Beach Master Plan*, adopted by the Commission in 2002, incorporated the modifications to US 1 (between SE 10th Street and George Bush Boulevard) to promote safety and walkability. In 2008, the City installed temporary modifications on US 1 to determine how vehicular and pedestrian traffic would be impacted by these potential changes. The goals of this project included: improving traffic safety (reduce crashes), controlling vehicular speeds, beautifying the corridor with trees and landscaping and creating a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Following a year-long study, the City found the following:

Volume and Traffic Flow – Minimal delays were caused by the corridor modification.

Speeds – Speed data collected after the modification showed a reduction of approximately 6 mph.

Crashes – Crash data was analyzed for a three (3) year period and the results indicate a reduction of approximately 50% in annual crashes overall and a 75% reduction in crashes at the US 1 intersections with Atlantic Avenue at 5th and 6th Avenues.

If permanent implementation of these safety modifications moves forward, construction could begin as early as the third quarter of 2011. Construction costs for the permanent improvements are estimated to be approximately \$11 million and are expected to be funded through the following commitments and requests:

\$ 1,400,000	Federal Earmark with SAFETEA-LU Transportation Bill
\$ 750,000	Federal Enhancement Grant
\$ 2,000,000	State Funding for SE/NE 5th Ave
\$ 2,000,000	State Funding for SE/NE 6th Ave
\$ 350,000	Developer Payments along SE/NE 5th & 6th Ave
\$ 4,500,000	Earmark Request from New Federal Transportation Bill
\$11,000,000	Total

All design/engineering costs will be paid by the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Additional information can be viewed at www.mydelraybeach.com under NEWS. Select *US 1 Corridor Modification Evaluation* to read the *Executive Summary* and to view the *US 1 Corridor Study Presentation*.

CONVERSION OF NE 1ST STREET TO "TWO WAY" TRAFFIC BEGINS IN JUNE

The City of Delray has confirmed that conversion of NE 1st Street to "two way traffic" will begin in June. This project will enhance traffic circulation by permitting vehicles to travel east and west (currently only permitted west) from North Swinton Avenue to NE 4th Avenue (NE 4th Avenue to NE 6th Avenue will convert to two way following a later signal modification project). This project will be completed in collaboration with Palm Beach County. Once the work commences, the project should take approximately two (2) weeks to complete.

Future plans include the "two way" conversion of SE 1st Street – No date to start this project has been set at this time. For more information on any transportation related projects, contact Delray Beach City Engineer Randal Krejcarek at (561) 243-7322.



Conceptual rendering of US 1 corridor after permanent improvements are installed.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
JULY/AUGUST 2009



FLOOD RISK IN DELRAY BEACH



JULY
Parks & Recreation Month

July 6

Beach Cleanup
Delray Municipal Beach
Atlantic Ave & A1A
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Info: (561) 243-7138

July 7

City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

July 19-26

USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National
Clay Court Championships
Hosted by the
City of Delray Beach
Delray Beach Tennis Center
Info: (561) 330-6000

July 21

City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

July 25

Family Fun Day
Pompey Park
4:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7356

July 31

Square One Summer Jamz
Old School Square
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922

August 4

City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

**CITIZEN
SERVICE REQUESTS**

Phone: (561) 243-7012

Online:

www.mydelraybeach.com

To report a problem, ask a question, offer a comment or file a complaint.

Delray Beach
Police Department
CRIME TIPS NUMBER
Phone: (561) 243-7839



To report information on a crime that has already occurred. Crime tips may be reported anonymously.

Flooding in **Delray Beach** is caused by heavy **rainfall** that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during summer thunderstorms. However, the greatest flood threats come from the excessive amounts of rainfall that accompany **coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes**. The natural disposition of rainwater is critical during these storms.

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Retrofitting is a different approach from other ways because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space.

There are several recognizable approaches to retrofitting, such as:

- Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
- Construction of barriers. (flooding, berms)
- Dry flood proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
- Wet flood proofing (permits entry and passage of flood waters)

In the event of pending flood threats it is always advisable to take the following emergency actions:

- Sand-bagging to reduce erosion and scouring
- Elevate furniture above flood protection levels
- Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas - garage doors
- Seal off sewer lines to prevent the backflow of sewer waters

TO VIEW INFORMATION ON-LINE:

<http://pbcgov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement>

RADIO & TELEVISION STATIONS SERVICING THE DELRAY BEACH AREA:

- NOAA Weather Radio Frequency 16.425 MHz out of Ft. Pierce
- Weather Radio, Police Scanner, Tunable VHF Radio
- WJNO-AM 1290, WBZT-AM 1230, WRMF-FM 97.9
- WKGR-FM 107.9, WZZR-FM 92.7, WFTL-AM 850
- Any AM/FM Band Receiver
- TV Channels 5,12, 25 and 29 –West Palm Beach

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY: 911

DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: (561) 243-7400

DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY RADIO STATION: 1620 AM Radio

PALM BEACH COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: (561) 712-6400

You can protect yourself from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood occurs.

Drowning is the #1 cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. *More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers; roads or bridges further down the road may be washed out.*

The #2 flood killer after drowning is **electrocution**. Electric current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Power Company or Delray Beach Emergency Operations Center.

Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowners' policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a federal program established by Congress in 1968 which enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding, including minimum elevation standards for reconstruction. Contact the Community Improvement Department before constructing improvements. Report illegal development or dumping.

To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent.