

**TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE  
WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA**



**January 26, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

**TOWN HALL – MEETING CHAMBERS**

**TOWN COMMISSION**

Mayor Geoffrey A. Pugh

Commissioner Gail Adams Aaskov      Commissioner Lynn L. Allison  
Commissioner James A. Bonfiglio      Commissioner Richard J. Lucibella

**ADMINISTRATION**

Town Manager James S. Titcomb      Town Attorney Kenneth G. Spillias  
Town Clerk Karen E. Hancsak      Police Chief Hal Hutchins

**RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is encouraged to offer comments with the order of presentation being as follows: Town Staff, public comments, Commission discussion and official action. Town Commission meetings are business meetings and the right to limit discussion rests with the Commission. **Generally, remarks by an individual will be limited to one time up to three minutes or less regarding any single item on the agenda.** The Mayor or presiding officer has discretion to adjust the amount of time allocated.
  - A. Public Hearings: Any citizen is entitled to speak on items under this section.
  - B. Public Comments: Any citizen is entitled to be heard concerning any matter within the scope of jurisdiction of the commission under this section. The Commission may withhold comment or direct the Town Manager to take action on requests or comments. The Commission meetings are held for the purpose of discussing and establishing policy and to review such other issues that affect the general welfare of the Town and its residents. Where possible individual grievances should first be taken up with the Town Staff.
  - C. Regular Agenda and First Reading Items: When extraordinary circumstances or reasons exist and at the discretion of the Commission, citizens may speak on any official agenda item under these sections.
2. **ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION:** At the appropriate time, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. All comments must be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to individuals. Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission shall be barred by the presiding officer from speaking further, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by a majority vote of the Commission members present.

**APPELLATE PROCEDURES**

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The Town neither provides nor prepares such record.

Persons who need an accommodation in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at 732-2635 at least 2 days prior to the meeting in order to request such assistance.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OLD OCEAN BOULEVARD PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of Old Ocean Boulevard & History - Mayor Pugh
3. FDOT Standards, Rights of Way, Engineering and Related Issues – Town Engineer
4. Public Comment –  
Members of the public may speak for 3-5 minutes (time may be allocated differently depending upon the number of residents present desiring to speak to the topic).
5. Town Commission Comments and follow up questions to residents
6. Consensus on Next Steps with staff direction

**ADJOURNMENT**



**Agenda: January 26, 2016**  
**Memo: Workshop**

**Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida**

**Agenda Memorandum**

**Office of the Town Manager**

**Subject: 2007 P&Z Discussion and resulting Consulting Study**

Mayor and Town Commissioners:

In 2007 the Town of Ocean Ridge through the recommendation of its P&Z Board agreed to fund an Old Ocean Boulevard Right of Way & Traffic study for exploration of issues and logistics to improve the Old Ocean corridor for multiple and conflicting uses. The Commission approved up to \$5,000 for this purpose. The Simmons & White study, as well as some of the preliminary documents, minutes and letters are attached herewith.

In addition, you will receive separate multiple correspondences received from residents since the announcement of the workshop reflecting opinions and considerations from those living along or perceive to be impacted by any plans contemplated by the Town for modifications of Old Ocean Boulevard in the future.



March 23, 2007

Town of Ocean Ridge  
6450 N. Ocean Boulevard  
Ocean Ridge, Florida 33435

Attention: Mr. Ken Schenck  
Town Manager

Reference: Old Ocean Avenue - Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Assessment  
Ocean Ridge, Florida

Dear Mr. Schenck:

We are pleased to submit the following proposal for professional services in connection with the above referenced project located along Old Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge, Florida. Simmons & White, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Consultant, proposes to furnish professional services for Town of Ocean Ridge, hereinafter referred to as the Client of the scope outlined below for the fees stipulated herein.

#### Scope of Services

The Consultant will perform the following:

1. Perform a review of Old Ocean Avenue within the Town of Ocean Ridge. Review will consider resident complaints, existing pedestrian activity (pedestrian characteristics), existing pedestrian/bike facilities and existing traffic volumes. Coordinate with the Town of Ocean Ridge regarding the findings in order to determine feasible solutions.
2. Prepare a memo summarizing findings and possible improvements/mitigation.
3. Additional services requested by the Client and agreed to by the Consultant such as but not limited to attendance of meetings with Town staff, residents and or other stakeholders.

Items to be Furnished by the Client  
at No Expense to the Consultant

Assist the Consultant by placing at his disposal all available pertinent information relative to the project.

Furnish at no cost to the Consultant:

1. Traffic counts, if required.

In addition to the above, other special data, all of which the Consultant will rely upon in performing services.

It is agreed and understood that the accuracy and veracity of said information and data may be relied upon by the Engineer without independent verification of the same.

Time of Performance

The Scope of Services will be completed within a time frame to be mutually agreed upon except for delays beyond the control of the Consultant.

Fees to be Paid

For Items 1 through 3 in the Scope of Services, the Consultant shall be paid an hourly rate of \$150 for Principal, \$175 for Traffic Principal, \$250 for Expert Testimony, \$125 for Senior Engineer, \$100 for Engineer, \$90 for Senior Technician, \$75 for Technician, \$50 for Clerical, plus reimbursement for direct non-salary expenses including, but not limited to, automobile travel at \$.50 per mile, long distance telephone, printing, postage, courier and reproduction. The cost of Items 1 and 2 will not exceed \$5,000.00. Any applicable Florida State Sales Tax will be added to the above amounts. The above fees are subject to increase one year from the date of this proposal.

Payments shall be made upon monthly billing, payable within 21 days from the date of invoice. Any billing dispute or discrepancy shall be set forth in writing and delivered to Simmons & White, Inc. prior to the due date for payment. Any matter not set forth in writing and delivered prior to the due date shall be deemed waived and the invoice shall be deemed correct and due in full. Past due payments shall include interest from the date of invoice at a simple interest rate of 1-1/2 percent per month.

Fees to be Paid (Continued)

In the event any invoice or any portion thereof remains unpaid for more than forty-five (45) days following the invoice date, the Consultant may initiate legal proceedings to collect the same and recover, in addition to all amounts due and payable, including accrued interest, its reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses related to the proceeding. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to the cost, determined by the Consultant's normal hourly billing rates, of the time devoted to such proceeding by its employees.

Prior to bringing any lawsuit under this Agreement, the parties agree to submit any and all disputes to pre-suit mediation under the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediation and the applicable rules of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Good faith compliance with this clause shall be considered a condition precedent to the right of any party to bring a lawsuit under this Agreement.

Termination

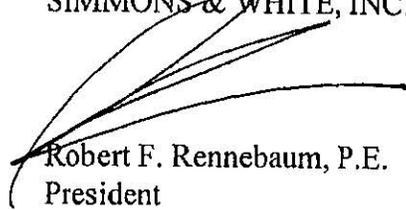
This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving three (3) days advance written notice. The Consultant shall be paid for services rendered to the date of termination on the basis of a reasonable estimate of the portion of services completed prior to termination and shall be paid for all reasonable expenses resulting from such termination and for any unpaid reimbursable expenses.

Acceptance

Acceptance of this proposal may be indicated by the signature of a duly authorized official of the Client in the space provided below. One signed copy of this proposal, along with Item 1 under "Items to be Furnished by the Client," returned to the Consultant will serve as an Agreement between the two parties and as Notice to Proceed. (By his signature, the Client certifies that he has sufficient funds reserved to pay for these professional services.) Should this proposal not be accepted within a period of 60 days from the above date, it shall become null and void.

Very truly yours,

SIMMONS & WHITE, INC.



Robert F. Rennebaum, P.E.  
President

Accepted by:

Town of Ocean Ridge

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following information and/or attach a business card when returning your signed proposal.

Client's Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Facsimile: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Client's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Addressee

sa: x:/docs/proposals/prop.schenckocanridgepedestrian

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APR 30 2007

Letter to the Editor- One-way traffic on Old Ocean Blvd.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

In the Spring 2007 issue there was an article on page 3 about Old Ocean Boulevard. It reports that the Planning and Zoning Commission apparently feels that the street is not a safe street for pedestrians and bicyclists and that it might be made safer by making it into a one-way street. \$5,000 was authorized to hire a traffic engineer to study the situation.

As a resident living on Old Ocean Blvd., I can't think of a more wasteful expenditure of our money. This is an idea without merit.

I have lived in Ocean Ridge since 1992. I have never heard of a single accident on Old Ocean Blvd. attributed to excessive speed. So how will turning the street into a one-way street reduce the number of accidents? How many fewer can there be? In fact, traffic is more likely to speed up on a one-way street where there is no opposing traffic. I ride a bike and walk this street 2-3 times a day 365 days a year and see no special problems.

If there is a safety issue, it is that a one-way street will impede Police, Fire, and Rescue by making them travel farther to get to some residences. Plus, it will require changing the routes of the mail, trash, delivery and recycle services and confuse plumbers, electricians, cable, FPL, water meter, handymen, maid services, etc that will need to learn new ways to get to their customers.

If Old Ocean Blvd. is eventually closed at the south end during the construction at Briney Breezes then the residents of three buildings would only be able to enter or leave their homes but not able to do both. This need never happen if the street remains two-way.

If the street is made one-way northbound, then Corrine St. would also need to be made one-way west as east bound traffic would not be able to go either north nor south. Similar problems would occur if it would be made one-way southbound.

If it's true too many people are exceeding the speed limit, then the real solution is to increase police presence to stop speeders.

I also think a survey should be made of the residents of the 5 single-family homes, 2 duplexes, one apartment, and 3 condo complexes (Diamond Beach, 5500, and Colonial Ridge Club) that have driveways that require them to use Old Ocean Blvd. for access and egress. Special consideration should be given to these resident's wishes as they are the only ones in this town that use the street exclusively to get into and out of their homes.

Old Ocean Blvd. was built as a STREET not a pedestrian walkway and this is its primary purpose. People walking need to be aware that there is no sidewalk and use normal precautions or walk on A1A where there is a sidewalk.

Robert Weisblut  
Ocean Ridge

# TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

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KENNETH N. SCHENCK, JR.  
TOWN MANAGER



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NANCY L. HOGAN  
GEOFF A. PUGH

December 17, 2007

Kotlar Properties LLC  
6800 N. Ocean Blvd.  
Ocean Ridge, Fl. 33435

*Done  
1-14-08*

Re: Traffic Safety at 5000 Old Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge

Dear Sir,

In order to make the streets of Ocean Ridge safe the Town Commission had a traffic study done of Old Ocean Blvd. to evaluate unsafe areas for traffic and pedestrians. One of the recommendations is to provide a clear zone of 25 feet at each intersection. This will make it safer for cars entering the road.

The hedge on the corner of your property is within the Town's right of way and doesn't meet the safe zone criteria. If you look at it I know you'll agree that it does present a visual impediment when approaching Old Ocean Blvd. There are two options available to meet the required safe distances. The first would be to remove the hedge or move it back onto your property to allow for the safe distance. The other would be to trim the hedge to a maximum height of 30 inches. This height would then have to be maintained.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in our effort to insure safe roads in Ocean Ridge and look forward to your completing the necessary modifications to the hedge. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth N. Schenck, Jr.  
Town Manager



August 29, 2007

Town of Ocean Ridge  
6450 North Ocean Boulevard  
Ocean Ridge, Florida 33435

Attention: Mr. Ken Schenck  
Town Manager

Reference: Old Ocean Boulevard  
Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Dear Mr. Schenck:

As you requested, Simmons & White, Inc. has reviewed pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Old Ocean Boulevard. Old Ocean Boulevard is located just south of Boynton Beach Boulevard and east of A1A. Old Ocean Boulevard essentially fronts the Atlantic Ocean and is considered "The Jewel of the Town" in Ocean Ridge. The atmosphere and ocean view from Old Ocean Boulevard attracts pedestrians and motorists from the surrounding area. However, there are no sidewalks or designated pathways along Old Ocean Boulevard for the pedestrians to travel safely. Therefore, pedestrians use the roadway pavement of Old Ocean Boulevard as a walkway, which causes immediate concerns for pedestrian safety.

In November of 2003, Commissioner Bingham requested that the Town Commission review the east and west sides of Old Ocean Boulevard with regard to the private homeowner's landscaping obstructions encroaching into the Town's rights-of-way. At this meeting, it was mentioned that the landscaping made it difficult for drivers to read the street signs. Also mentioned was the fact that the rights-of-way along Old Ocean Boulevard belong to the Town and removal of the landscaping can be requested of the property owners. The Commission requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission review the right-of-way encroachments and make a recommendation. It should also be noted, during this same November 2003 meeting, the Commission denied a request from a private homeowner for a new obstruction within the Town's right-of-way. A similar request in December 2003 was also denied. The minutes for the November and December 2003 Commission meetings have been attached for reference in Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

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In December of 2004 the Town Commission moved to adopt Ordinance No. 548. During this meeting Mr. Mauro Walker, Planning and Zoning Commission member, stated the Commission recommends the Town require that property owners clear landscaping in the first 6 feet of the right-of-way for safety reasons. Mr. Walker added that a majority of the properties are in compliance and would not be affected by the request. The minutes of the December 2004 Commission meeting can be found in Appendix C.

In May of 2007, Simmons & White, Inc. was informed of the residents' concerns of pedestrian safety with regards to the private property owner's landscaping encroachments and the steps taken by the Town to resolve these concerns. Residents have been concerned that pedestrians walking on the pavement of Old Ocean Boulevard cannot step off the pavement to avoid passing vehicles because of the landscaping obstructions immediately adjacent to Old Ocean Boulevard that extend essentially to the edge of pavement in numerous locations. The issues were then brought forth to the Town Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission. It was determined that the landscaping along Old Ocean Boulevard was within the Town's right-of-way and the Town should "take back" six feet of right-of-way to provide a clear zone for pedestrians. The Commission requested that you, as the Town Manager, send notices to all of the property owners requesting they cut back their landscaping 6 feet from the edge of pavement which would provide a clear zone for pedestrians. The initial notices were sent in February of 2007. You then informed Simmons & White, Inc. that some of the property owners agreed to cut back their landscaping and others had yet to respond. To those who did not respond additional notices were sent with a May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to clear six feet of vegetation from the Towns' right-of-way. Copies of the notices sent to the property owners have been attached in Appendix D.

It was then requested that Simmons & White, Inc. attend the May 7, 2007 Town Commission Meeting in order to ascertain the Commission members' and residents' opinions with regard to the safety concerns along Old Ocean Boulevard. At this meeting Simmons & White, Inc. learned that Old Ocean Boulevard is a paved roadway that is used extensively as a recreational pathway (jogging, bicycling, walking and dog walking). Pedestrians walk 2-3 people abreast which does not allow vehicles to pass safely. It was also mentioned that the landscape fronting Old Ocean Boulevard does not allow pedestrians to step off the pavement in a safe zone when vehicles pass. Residents were also concerned of the redevelopment proposed to occur within Briny Breezes, which may create more pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Old Ocean Boulevard. However, it does not appear that the Briny Breezes redevelopment will be moving forward at this time.

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Our office has reviewed the Commission and resident concerns. A field review was performed. Photographs were taken and field conditions were recorded. The following is a summary of the field observations:

- Narrow pavement width (approximately 21 feet wide)
- No Sidewalks or pathways
- Pedestrians are not facing vehicular traffic
- 20 mph speed limit
- Landscaping within Town's right-of-way (prohibited per Town's Land Development Code, Article III Sec 64-44, Appendix E)
- Chain link fence within the Town's right-of-way (prohibited per Town's Land Development Code, Article III Sec 64-44, Appendix E)
- Very low vehicular traffic volumes
- Moderate to high pedestrian and bicycle volumes
- Pedestrians frequently walk 2-3 people abreast
- Minimal pavement for vehicles to travel around pedestrians
- On occasion pedestrians do not attempt to step aside for vehicles to pass
- Pedestrians stepping aside of traffic do not have a clear zone to step onto
- Three-way stop intersections

Based on what has been observed and researched, the property owners who did not comply with the requests to clear the landscaping are in violation of the Town's Land Development Codes. Landscaping and hedging are prohibited within the Town's right-of-way. It has also been determined, that although the Town is requesting 6 feet of the right-of-way, approximately 18 feet of right-of-way is available in most areas.

The Town has taken the appropriate measures to resolve the issue by sending notices to the property owners in violation of the Town's Land Development Codes. By sending the initial notices and follow-up notices, the Town Manager has been in compliance with Article IV Section 34-164. In addition, by setting a May 31, 2007 deadline within the follow-up notices for those property owners who did not comply, in accordance with Article IV Section 34-164(b), which has been attached in Appendix F, the Town now has the right to remove 6 feet of landscaping at the property owners' expense.

The Town has also taken the following measures to promote a safer bicycle and pedestrian environment along Old Ocean Boulevard:

- Reduced the posted speed limit to 20 mph
- Installed 3-way stops at the intersections with several local roads to promote slower speeds and increased pedestrian safety.
- Provided increased police patrols and enforcement (numerous public safety vehicles were observed during our field visits).

Notwithstanding the above, it is recommended the Town take the following actions:

- Follow through with the requests to have the adjacent private homeowners remove all landscaping and encroachments within a minimum of six feet (6') from the edge of pavement. This will create a consistent and continuous safe zone for pedestrians to step off the pavement to avoid oncoming vehicular traffic.
- Pursue 25' by 25' "safe sight corners" at the intersections of Old Ocean Boulevard with all intersecting local roadways. All landscaping within the sight corners should be maintained to provide unobstructed visibility at a level between 30" and 6' above the pavement surface of the adjacent roadway. This will create better visibility and increased pedestrian safety at the intersections.

In the current environment of municipal spending cuts and tightened municipal budgets, it is difficult to adopt measures that require significant capital expenditures. If and when the funds (or grants) are available to dedicate to improving Old Ocean Boulevard, the following may also be considered:

- Construct dedicated sidewalks adjacent to Old Ocean Boulevard or a paved pedestrian/bicycle pathway.
- Re-stripe the roadway and construct the minimum amount of additional pavement to allow reduced travel lane widths and an adjacent dedicated pathway. Provide additional signage to inform motorists, pedestrians and bicycles.
- Provide and promote a public awareness program to inform all residents of the safety issues along Old Ocean Boulevard. Inform homeowners along Old Ocean Boulevard of the Town Ordinances requiring them to maintain the swale and to keep the right-of-way clear of all plantings and encumbrances.

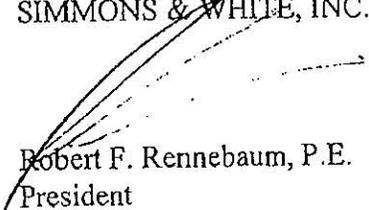
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In conclusion, the single most effective and cost efficient action the Town can take to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and improve the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians is to remove all private homeowners' plantings/landscaping and encroachments from the entire right-of-way of Old Ocean Boulevard. Although the right-of-way is significantly wider than the 6 feet the Town is pursuing to have cleared, it appears the 6 feet is an initial compromise that will provide a "safe zone" for pedestrians adjacent to the pavement. This initial effort to provide a continuous 6' safe zone will also allow the private homeowners adjacent to the roadway to maintain a significant amount of their landscaping within the Town's right-of-way, which is a generous compromise on the part of the Town Commission.

Please review the above (and the attachments) and call if you require any additional information of clarification. I am available to meet with you and/or your Town Commission if you feel it would be beneficial. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project. I have enjoyed my time in your beautiful Town!

Sincerely,

SIMMONS & WHITE, INC.



Robert F. Rennebaum, P.E.  
President

Enclosures

cc: Town Commission  
Town Planning & Zoning Commission  
Lisa Tropepe, Town Engineer  
Town Clerk

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**Town of Ocean Ridge**

## Memorandum

**Date:** May 1, 2007  
**To:** Mayor and Town Commissioners  
**From:** Ken Schenck, Town Manager  
**Re:** Old Ocean Blvd. -- Traffic Study

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At the last meeting the Commission requested a member of the firm of Simmons and White be present at the May meeting to discuss the type of recommendations that can be expected from a traffic study on Old Ocean Blvd. Mr. Robert Rennebaum, P.E. will be at the meeting. In the meantime you have received correspondence from some residents providing their thoughts on the issue. Some residents are in favor of the one way and some aren't, as expected.

## Memorandum

**Date:** March 27, 2007  
**To:** Mayor and Town Commissioners  
**From:** Ken Schenck, Town Manager *KS*  
**Re:** P & Z Recommendation for Old Ocean

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The Planning and Zoning Board met and discussed the options for pedestrian safety as requested by the Commission. They addressed the one way issue and felt that they needed more information from a professional traffic engineer's point of view. They suggested we hire a firm to give us their recommendations. Enclosed is a proposal from Simmons and White, traffic consultants, with a proposal to do a brief study and provide us with their recommendations. The fee would be cost plus not to exceed \$5,000.

If the Commission agrees with the P & Z request I will work with the firm to complete the study. As the one way idea would constitute a major change I think it's a good idea to have a professional opinion to assist in our decision and recommend we do the study.

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older pools should stay under those prior requirements. He stated that he felt all should comply, however, it may be too much to comply.

Mr. Gimmy commented that he felt some of the residents that objected in 1994 may have had financial hardships.

Mr. Gimmy questioned Atty Spillias whether it was possible to craft an ordinance requiring anyone with pools constructed prior to 1994 to have some barrier requirement around a pool. Atty Spillias stated that he would to research if it could be done.

Mr. Bonfiglio moved to table this item until the attorney could research whether an ordinance could be drafted to require some sort of barrier around a pool that was constructed prior to March 1994. Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried – Yea 5.

### VI. DISCUSS OLD OCEAN BLVD. AS A ONE-WAY STREET

Town Manager Schenck commented that the safety on Old Ocean Blvd. has been discussed at a few Town Commission meetings. He commented that he has forwarded eleven letters to property owners that have encroachments in the ROW and staff will follow up with code enforcement. During the discussions several residents suggested that Old Ocean Blvd. be designated a one-way street. He advised that staff has provided them with correspondence from 1998 when the P & Z and Town Commission discussed various alternatives for Old Ocean Blvd. including a one-way street.

Mr. Northrup questioned whether the future development of Briny Breezes was cited as one of the reasons to consider a one-way street to which Town Manager Schenck stated it was and also probably the repaving of A1A. Mr. Northrup also asked if the additional three way stop signs have helped with the traffic calming to which he was told it has helped tremendously, along with the 20 MPH.

Mr. Bonfiglio inquired if anyone has conducted a traffic analysis on aspects such as heavier vehicle traffic during certain times of day, busier intersections than others, peak pedestrian/bicycle traffic and also whether the vehicle traffic was more residential or visitors. At this point Chief Hillery arrived and stated the traffic was a mixture of visitors and residents with walkers mainly in the early morning, vehicular traffic after 8 AM with construction traffic and lawn maintenance trucks parked on the roadway and increasing again after noon time. He added that the main cross streets for traffic are Corrine, Adams and Woolbright.

Chairman Gimmy commented that he felt it seemed impractical to turn Old Ocean Blvd. into a one-way street, however, he understands the reaction caused by Briny Breezes. He added that most of the concerns relate to public safety and mentioned that a sidewalk had been suggested in the past and this may be a good idea. Chief Hillery stated that it was a good idea, however, he felt the residents would not stay on the sidewalk. Chairman

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Gimmy then suggested an 8-10' walkway on either side of Old Ocean Blvd, preferably the east side. Mr. Bonfiglio asked if a line could be painted on the east side of the existing ROW thereby dedicating a walkway. Mr. Northrup stated that he did not believe there would then be enough pavement for a 24' roadway. Town Manager Schenck then showed a map depicting the ROW on Old Ocean Blvd. and stated that most of the ROW was located on the west side (10-15') and he did not feel there was enough room on the east side. Chairman Gimmy then suggested widening the road on the west side to allow for more room on the east side.

Speaking from the public, Penny Kosinski, 6000 Old Ocean Blvd., stated she was here representing approximately 25 residents in her immediate area and that although she favors a one-way street she said they all were suggesting that before any final decisions are made that the Town conduct actual studies of the roadway. She added that she felt moving the roadway westward would be a hardship to many Old Ocean Blvd. homeowners that have vegetation on or near the ROW. She did agree that the recent police enforcement and the stop signs have provided a more calming effect.

Don Magruder, 9 Ridge Blvd., stated he was a 20 year resident who has utilized Old Ocean Blvd. daily. He stated that he has always been opposed to removing or relocating hedges along the road because he felt it would give the appearance of a more open road and thus increase the speed and enhance traffic. He stated that he could foresee heavier traffic in the future and anything that will help would be appreciated.

Mr. Goray questioned what could be done on Old Ocean Blvd. besides making it a one-way to which Chief Hillery advised that the road could possibly be closed at Briny Breezes. Mr. Goray added that he was not in favor of speed bumps unless a designated walking area for pedestrians is provided. Mr. Walker commented that he was concerned with increased construction traffic from Beachway to Old Ocean Blvd. Mr. Northrup commented that the Town should obtain a traffic analysis prepared by a professional.

Mr. Bonfiglio moved to recommend hiring a traffic consultant to study vehicular/pedestrian options for Old Ocean Blvd. to include how it would affect the connecting artery roadways. Mr. Goray seconded the motion.

Motion carried – Yea (5).

Dr. Bajakian also agreed with the motion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 AM

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Chairman Gimmy

Attest:

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Town Clerk

**Karen E. Hancsak**

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**From:** Stuart M. Gottlieb <smg16@columbia.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 12:57 PM  
**To:** Jamie Titcomb  
**Cc:** Karen E. Hancsak; Tracey Stevens  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Old Ocean revamp

Thanks Jamie (et al.) -- that is very kind of you! I probably should have mentioned that our landscaper and other folks who may need to work on the house would no longer be able to maneuver their cars/trucks/equipment from the side of the house (Thompson) to the front of the house (Old Ocean) ... though I'm sure that's already implied. Thanks again; I look forward to seeing where this all ends up! All best; Stuart

On Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 12:14 PM, Jamie Titcomb <[jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Stuart;

Thank you for your email introduction, I look forward to meeting you in person one day when you are in town.

I appreciate your specific feedback on the issues of Old Ocean Blvd. and potential impacts on your area. I am copying the Clerk's office so your comments are included into the collective package to be circulated for the workshop meeting next Tuesday.

In speaking with the Mayor, I know his main intention is that the community hold this important dialog to imagine future configuration options of the Old Ocean corridor as may be impacted by aggressive growth to our west in Boynton and consider its other impacts.

Being a workshop format, no definitive legislative action will occur at this meeting. However, some consensus or exploratory direction of the Town Commission could emerge. Here is a link to the agenda, which as we get closer to the meeting should also include the correspondences received. <http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/Agendas-Minutes/2016-Agenda-Minutes/012616-PW-Agenda.pdf>

Thank you again for writing, hopefully we will have positive updates to report following the workshop proceedings.

Warm Regards,

Jamie Titcomb

James S. Titcomb

Town Manager

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**From:** Stuart M. Gottlieb [mailto:[smg16@columbia.edu](mailto:smg16@columbia.edu)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 11:20 AM

**To:** Jamie Titcomb <[jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com)>

**Subject:** Proposed Old Ocean revamp

Hi James -- I'm Stuart Gottlieb ... we have not met yet, but I live at 5910 Old Ocean Blvd which is on the corner of Thompson Street. Been living there for more than 20 years. Nice to meet you by email!

While I was down for the winter (between semesters -- I teach at Columbia) I found out there may be a plan to turn Old Ocean into a one-way South street (which is great by me); but also to barricade Thompson as a dead-end ... which in theory I am fine with, but in practice it would severely impact my house, because our garage is on Thompson but our main entrance is on Old Ocean. A dead-end barricade on Thompson would make it impossible for me to get my car from the garage to the front of the house without going more than 1/4 mile around A1A and back down Old Ocean; and **to get it from the front of the house on Old Ocean to the garage on Thompson would be almost 2 miles!** (At least according to the plan I linked below.)

Perhaps there is compromise: keep the plan but do not barricade the side streets as dead-ends? Seems like that would still create a much more local/pedestrian-friendly environment.

Please forgive the impersonal email but I am back in NYC and unable to see you in person or attend the upcoming public meetings.

Please let me know if this makes sense -- and if there is any other info you would like from me. Thanks! Stuart  
(917) 628-8842

<http://thecoastalstar.ning.com/profiles/blogs/ocean-ridge-mayor-pugh-wants-to-make-old-ocean-boulevard-a-promen>

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**TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE**

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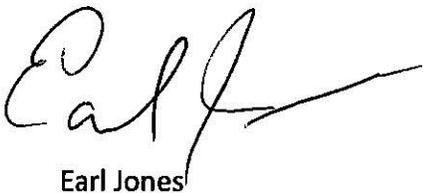
James S. Titcoms, Town Manager, Town of Ocean Ridge

Reference: My letter dated October 2, 2015, Changes to Old Ocean Blvd.

I just read in the January Agenda that you were asking for a format for the meeting regarding Old Ocean Blvd. that is to take place on Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

I would ask that the first item that should be on the agenda would be the following: What is the problem that is trying to be solved? If we don't understand the problem I do not believe we can have an intelligent discussion as to what resolution, if any, should be provided.

As I stated in my referenced letter I do not believe there is a problem and that the "proposed" will only create many. Your second item on the agenda should be to get an agreement that there is an actual problem and clearly define what that problem is. If a problem cannot be agreed to then there is no possibility that a solution could be agreed to.



Earl Jones

14 Sailfish Lane

.cc Town of Ocean Ridge Commissioners

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October 2, 2015

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Town of Ocean Ridge Commissioners

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

Subject/Reference: Changes to Old Ocean /My letter dated Sept. 17, 2015 same subject

Reviewing the proposal in the Costal Star regards Old Ocean Blvd I see that what I initially thought was a bad proposal is much worse now with the addition of "dead end" streets which would mean that ALL traffic would have to enter Old Ocean at Corrine and travel the full distance to Tropical. This I believe will only act to increase the overall traffic for the full distance of Old Ocean as there will only be one way in and one way out and not allow traffic to exit Old Ocean at several points as can be done today.

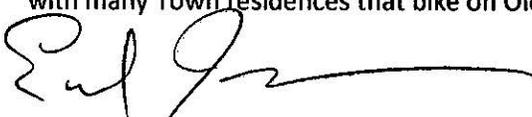
Today there are five residences north of Beach Way and seventeen South of Beach Way that will be forced to use Corrine as their only access to Old Ocean and Tropical as their only exit (their driveways exit onto Old Ocean) plus a number of condo residences north of Beach Way that can now exit either to A1A or Old Ocean. As I pointed out in my earlier letter it is difficult to turn left on to A1A from my street (Sailfish Lane) on a year around basis and almost impossible during season. Now all of the above residents plus any one else using Old Ocean will be forced to use Tropical which has no light as opposed to going to Beach Way which does have a light at A1A. This will create a significant safety issues. I also can't imagine those on Tropical wanting all of this increased traffic on their street.

The proposal also shows Old Ocean being one way south of Tropical. As I pointed out in my earlier letter there are Ocean Ridge residences south of this point. As commissioners you should know that Ocean Ridge does not own or control Cordova Ave which is part of Briny Breezes and cannot depend on Cordova as an exit point.

I believe two of you, Lucibella and Bonfigiglio, have homes that are directly impacted by this proposal and as such would need to recuse yourselves from any vote or discussion on this issue.

Living on a dead end street as I do I know the problem that creates for trash trucks, delivery trucks and any number of people who just come down my street to see what is here. Dead ending the proposed streets will just create a big problem and I can guarantee residences there are going to get tired of all the cars/trucks going in and turning around just to come back out. In addition emergency vehicles may have much further to travel to service residences on Old Ocean. Residents on these streets, with the exception of Beach Way, will also have to deal with the problems of trying to go south on A1A.

I'm not sure what problem you are really trying to solve but as I noted in my earlier letter I have been driving/biking/walking on Old Ocean for thirty-four years and there is no problem. Lastly since cyclist are supposed to follow the same rules as apply to autos (the Town is known for ticketing cyclist) are cyclist also only going to be able to go one way on Old Ocean.....not something that would be popular with many Town residences that bike on Old Ocean to avoid A1A traffic!



Earl Jones 14 Sailfish Lane

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TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

Thursday September 17, 2015

To: Town of Ocean Ridge Commissioners

Subject: Changes to Old Ocean Blvd

I have lived in Ocean Ridge some 400 feet west of Old Ocean Blvd since 1981. In those 34 years the proposal to change/eliminate traffic on Old Ocean Blvd has come up like clockwork every five years or so. It would seem to me that the Town ought to be able to pull out what should be a thick file, dust it off and explain why this is a non-issue without having to have it reviewed one more time.

I have walked, run and biked on Old Ocean for all of the years I have lived in Town and have never had a problem other than the time an unleashed dog ran in front of my bike and took me to the ground at roughly 20 miles per hour....not fun.

There are a number of reasons making Old Ocean a one way street does not make sense. First the southernmost street in Town is Ocean View/Douglas. Not a street that you want to send traffic down. Then there is the fact that the Town does not own the streets to the south of Ocean View/Douglas which says the home that is in Town to the South of Ocean View/Douglas can't get to A1A without driving through Briny Breezes something that may not always be available. If you don't want cars to use Ocean View/Douglas as the main route to A1A for those residents south of Beachway it means that Tropical will now become a main exit. If you live at this end of Town you would know how difficult/dangerous it is to turn south on A1A when exiting any of the streets south of Beachway without the aid of a traffic light. It is difficult all year around and becomes extremely difficult during "season". Tropical does not have a traffic light at A1A. The residents on Tropical will not want additional traffic coming down their street which would include not only those that live on Old Ocean south of Beachway but also all of the "tourist" that come over the bridge and drive down Beachway to see where it goes and are now forced to go south when they really want to go north and their only exit is Tropical.

As I stated in my first paragraph this is a non-issue that comes up periodically. Keep a file to be brought out again in five years and don't waste more time on this.



Earl Jones

14 Sailfish Lane

**Karen E. Hancsak**

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**From:** Jamie Titcomb  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** Karen E. Hancsak  
**Subject:** FW: Mathematical Failings of Mayor Pugh's Plan with respect to Vehicle Traffic  
**Attachments:** image005.emz

FYI, I sent this to the Mayor already for the heads up.

**From:** Geoff Pugh [mailto:Geoff@pughspools.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 3:12 PM  
**To:** Jamie Titcomb <jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Mathematical Failings of Mayor Pugh's Plan with respect to Vehicle Traffic

Thank you Jamie.

I had not received this and will add it to my file.

Geoff

**From:** Jamie Titcomb [mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Leigh Allen <ccguru@leighallennyc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Mathematical Failings of Mayor Pugh's Plan with respect to Vehicle Traffic

Good Afternoon Leigh;

Thank you for sharing your information and illustrations regarding the Old Ocean Roadway discussion. So you know the latest update, nothing is happening at this time regarding this topic other than setting up the logistics for a public workshop which is scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM here at Town Hall by the Town Commission. The purpose of the workshop is to hold an open public meeting (non-action meeting format) for the elected officials and town residents to talk about the pros and cons of this idea.

The workshop intends to gather as much public input on the proposal as is possible before any decision is made to pursue, or not, further exploration of the idea. This will be the ideal forum to attend and share your information on the topic along with your neighbors and all interested or affected parties. Should you be unable to attend the workshop, we can certainly receive and distribute your information in advance of the meeting.

Thanks for writing with your concerns and stay tuned for the workshop meeting. I look forward to hearing from everyone at the workshop and hopefully a consensus direction will emerge as result of those discussions.

Best Regards,  
Jamie Titcomb

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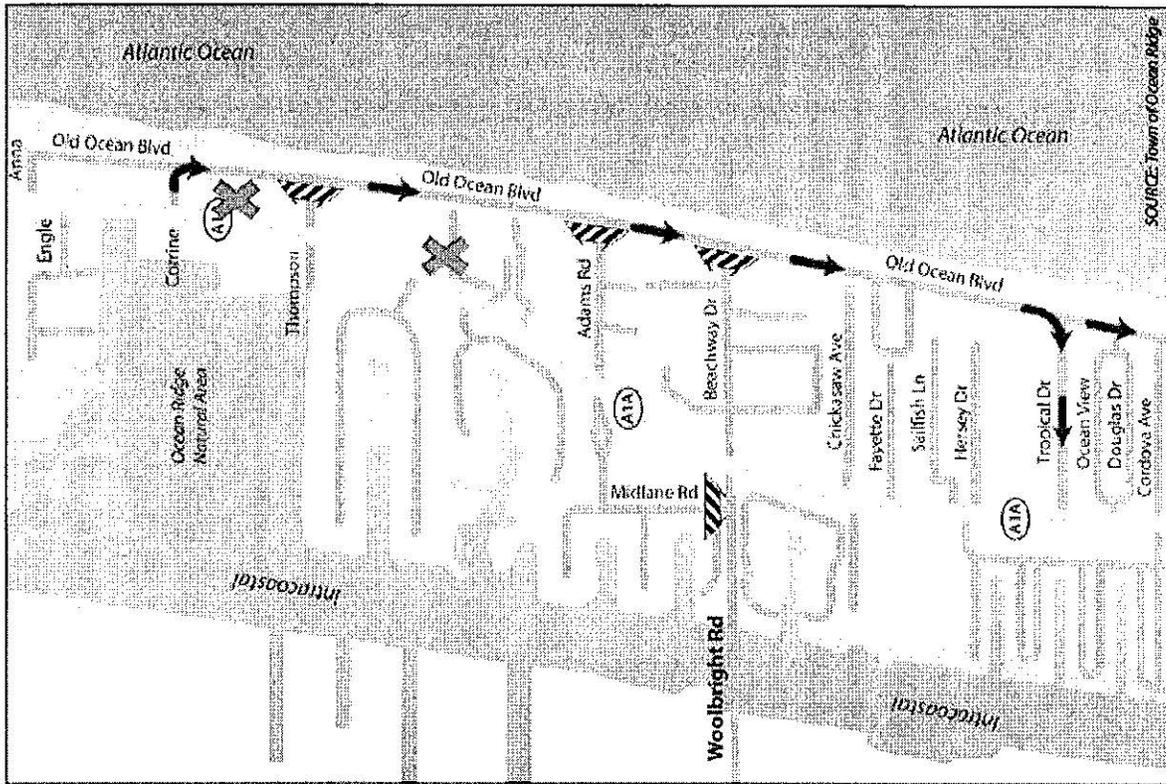
**From:** Leigh Allen [<mailto:ccguru@leighallennyc.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** Jamie Titcomb <[jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Mathematical Failings of Mayor Pugh's Plan with respect to Vehicle Traffic

Dear Mr. Titcomb

A recent article in the Coastal Star reporting on the October 5 meeting discusses how a large number of people in attendance believed that that Mayor Pugh's plan for Old Ocean Boulevard is completely unnecessary and potential harmful, and is trying to fix a problem that does not exist. But leaves out the most important point: it is a mathematical **\*certainty\*** that the plan would **\*increase\*** vehicular traffic.

I can prove this. Looking at the map below:

1. The distance on Old Ocean Boulevard from Corrine Street to Tropical Drive is about 0.8 miles or 1,400 yards
2. Let's take the house at 5959 Old Ocean Boulevard. Going south, this is the second house past Thompson Street, and going south and I believe the first house that does not have an entrance to the road other than on Old Ocean
  - a. The resident current drives about 60 yards to Thompson Street. If they make 3 trips out of the house per day, that would be a total of  $3 \times 2 \times 60 = 360$  yards each day
  - b. With the block-offs and one way, they will now drive about 1,100 yards over to Tropical Drive, and then returning will drive another 300 yards from Corrine Street (1,400 yards per trip). Compared to the 360 yards per day on Old Ocean, they will now drive a total of 4,200 yards – an increase by a factor of nearly 12x!!!
3. In fact, any resident who either chooses or is forced to drive on Old Ocean Boulevard will lose their current relatively short drives and drive the whole 1,400 yards. So will :
  - a. All the contractors (including trucks) who have work to do on Old Ocean
  - b. Anyone who makes a wrong turn and inadvertently find themselves on Old Ocean



Proposed changes would make dead-end streets at Thompson, Adams, Beachway and Midlane, and would change Old Ocean Boulevard into a one-way street. The Midlane barrier is designed to reduce traffic in the area. Bruce Borick/The Coastal Star



So the Mayor's plan is mathematically flawed. I would note that this is in addition to all of the criticism the Mayor's plan has received to date (including the name change). If he wants to give something a catchy name, he should give the beach access point across from the Villas the name "Ocean Ridge Town Center."

I am hopeful that I will be able to attend the workshop at the end of January, but if I am not please circulate this to the appropriate people. And don't be surprised if I do some circulating of my own at Ocean Ridge Town Center!



Best regards,  
Leigh Allen

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**Old Ocean street project**

**Goals:**

- 1. One way direction (southbound) from Corrine Street to Tropical drive. Exempt bicycles.**
- 2. Create dead end streets at Thompson Street, Adams Road and Beachway Drive.**
- 3. Create a southbound turning lane from A1A onto Beachway Drive.**

**Anticipated costs:**

- 1. Temporary stop sticks. Same type as used at crosswalks.**
- 2. Signage showing streets are now dead ends and One Way signs.**
- 3. Street markings.**
- 4. Cost and engineering study for the turning lane.**

**Other idea:**

- 1. Shut down entrance to Midlane Road from Woolbright Road. This would make for a one way in and out for the residents that live in that area.**
- 2. Change the name from Old Ocean Blvd to Ocean Ridge Blvd.**



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in setbacks, and to increase FAR from 36% to 40%. She presented a chart that showed the average lot size for single family homes, the 35% lot coverage, current 36% FAR and the proposed 40% to FAR.

Comm. Bonfiglio was not in favor of increasing FAR, and felt it would change the quality of life, as the size of the homes, driveway, size of family, numbers of vehicles and traffic would increase. He felt Ocean Ridge was a good town, and if not broken, don't fix it.

Comm. Lucibella stated that adding 400-500 sq ft was not that a huge increase, and would increase the value and not be a nuisance. He understood why affluent families would want a bigger home than 3500-4000 sq. ft. He was against exempting garages. He also felt it was an injustice to the P&Z Board to vote down their recommendations.

Comm. Allison and Comm. Aaskov were not in favor of changing the FAR and felt it would change the quality of life.

Don Magruder, 9 Ridge Blvd, Terry Brown, 23 Harbour Dr. So, and Betty Bingham, 1 E Ocean Ave. were not in favor of increasing the FAR. They felt it would cause drainage problems, increase the size of the homes, and change the atmosphere of Ocean Ridge.

Clerk Hancsak stated that the Lot Coverage would stay the same and not change the footprint. The setbacks were staying the same, and she also explained the 75% rule for 2 story homes.

Steve Varga, 33 Ixora Way, stated that as a contractor he had built 4 homes in Ocean Ridge and understood the ratios. He felt that increasing the FAR would make the homes more comfortable for buyers. The Commission could cap it off if they wanted.

Richard Bajakian, P&Z member, stated that the Commission had requested P&Z to review changing the FAR for the last 2 years. Ocean Ridge has the most restrictive zoning code. He felt it was important for the Commission to respond to the will of the people while maintaining a quality of life. He felt 40% was a nice compromise while keeping the current setbacks. Comm. Allison said the Commission appreciated the P&Z Board, but felt it was the Commission's job to approve any changes.

Jeff Lee, 15 Sabal Island Dr., stated that his request to the P&Z was to focus on the smaller lots (9000 - 11,000 sq. ft.), that were also restricted with water front setbacks. This would alleviate having to go through a variance process to build. He asked the Commission to readdress it at a later date, and focus on the smaller lots.

Comm. Bonfiglio motioned to keep FAR at 36%. Seconded by Comm. Aaskov.

Mayor Pugh urgently requested that this item be tabled and the facts reviewed more thoroughly by the Commission as to definition of FAR vs. Lot coverage.

Motion Carried – yea (3). Nae. (2) Mayor Pugh, Comm. Lucibella

16. Discuss Possible Changes to Old Ocean Blvd.

Mayor Pugh stated that Old Ocean Blvd was owned by Ocean Ridge, and his concern is for the safety of the residents and pedestrians and to make it easier to navigate. His idea was to change Old Ocean Blvd to a One Way street from Corrine St to Tropical Dr, while making Thompson St, Adams Rd, and Beachway Dr. dead ends, and to create a southbound left turn from A1A onto Beachway Drive. He also suggested to shut down the entrance to Midlane Rd from Woolbright Rd. This would make for a one way in/out for

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the residents that live in that area. He also suggested to change the name from Old Ocean Blvd to Ocean Ridge Blvd.

Chief Hutchins, stated that currently there is no southbound left turn onto Beachway Drive from A1A. He had spoken with FDOT, and they would approve the change. He didn't feel it would increase traffic flow if it was marked dead end. They had researched the width of the road and the ROW shoulders. The intersection would need a new traffic signal. If Old Ocean was changed to a one way street it would calm traffic in that area.

Comm. Allison and Comm. Lucibella thanked Mayor Pugh and Chief Hutchins for their work, citing that it has also been discussed in the past. While it was an exciting concept they would need time to review to see if the changes would work. Comm. Bonfiglio was concerned with fire rescue access.

There was a consensus for staff to get a cost for new signage and to further review any changes to Old Ocean for the October meeting.

Don Magruder, 9 Ridge Blvd., was in favor of the changes to Midlane Road because his neighborhood was too easy access for robbers. Blocking off Old Ocean Blvd. would create a walkabout, and prevent vehicles from dropping off others to beaches on Old Ocean Blvd. Terry Brown, 23 Harbour Dr. So, was also in favor of shutting off Midlane Rd from Woolbright Rd. However, concerning Old Ocean Blvd., he was concerned that Tropical Dr would be too narrow of a road for extra traffic, and that bicycles are only allowed to go with the traffic flow which would be one way on Old Ocean Blvd.

Christine Schulte, 5 Osprey Dr, stated her concern with pedestrians crossing A1A and not observing the traffic signals and asked the Police Dept. to monitor it closer. Chief Hutchins stated he would ask the officers to study the area, but as Boynton Beach grows so will pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

### RESOLUTIONS

17. Resolution No. 2015-04; Amending the 2014/15 Budget to Include a Transfer from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund Operating Budget (for the purpose of reimbursement of legal fees to Commissioner Lucibella) (Deferred from the Aug. 3, 2015 Meeting)

Comm. Lucibella stated that this item had been tabled 2 times to allow for Comm. Allison to vote and express her thoughts.

Comm. Allison stated that this issue has upset Ocean Ridge. In her 12 years there has never been a recall petition. While citizens have a right to recall a Commissioner, the Town has every right to protect their Commissioners and provide legal counsel. Her understanding was that the recall petition was insufficient on its face. She felt it could have been resolved in a different way, and it got out of hand. She considers Comm. Lucibella a serious Commissioner; however, it does not excuse his inappropriate behavior. She would vote to approve reimbursing him his legal costs.

Comm. Lucibella stated he felt he had to take a stand. Residents must show proof that there were 2 illegal actions as alleged in the petition. The election process is sacred. It was very personal attack against him and he did regret some of his actions. It was a bogus recall and felt if the Commission had taken action at the beginning, it would not have gone to court and the costs would not have been as high.

Comm. Bonfiglio motioned to Approve Resolution No. 2015-04. Seconded By. Comm. Aaskov.

# Memorandum

**Date: September 21, 2015**  
**To: Mayor & Commissioners**  
**From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager**  
**Re: Cost Estimates for Converting Old Ocean Blvd. to a One Way Street and Blocking off the Entrance to Midlane Rd. from Woolbright Rd.**

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The Mayor brought up the concept of changing Old Ocean Blvd. to a one way street. The Commission requested staff to develop estimated costs for the project. The following are some cost estimates involved in converting Old Ocean Blvd. into a one way street. As this street is used primarily for bike and pedestrian traffic there is a concern for the safety of these residents. By converting the street to one way traffic the safety of the users would be enhanced.

The proposal is to have traffic moving from north to south on the west half of the road. The eastern half would be restricted for pedestrian and bike traffic. It would include closing the entrances to Old Ocean from Thompson St., Adams Rd. and Beachway Dr. The main entrance to Old Ocean would be from Corrine St. The exits from Old Ocean would be Tropical Dr. and Oceanview Dr. The costs also include blocking off Midlane Rd. from Woolbright Rd.

As there are several options for traffic barriers and signage the following is a general estimate until a more detailed plan and designs are developed. The variables would not alter the costs significantly.

If a traffic study is desired by the Commission the estimated cost would be about \$10,000. I believe this would be beneficial as this is a significant change and there may be technical and legal aspects in traffic and pedestrian flow and signage we should address.

The estimated construction costs are as follows.

**Paving:** Based on present costs the estimated cost to pave Old Ocean Blvd. from Corrine to Oceanview would be about \$120,000. This cost varies as the cost of oil fluctuates.

**Stripping:** The cost to stripe a double solid white line on Old Ocean Blvd. is about \$4,600. The cost to put on the designation for a bike lane is about \$150 each. To place these every 500 feet would be about \$1,350. The placement of signs will have to follow any State requirements so this distance may change. The markings would be thermoplastic and not paint as paint doesn't hold up very well. The cost for these markings would be about \$5,950.

**Signage:** There are two types of signs that could be used. One is the fancy wooden signs we use in Town and the other is the standard metal sign. The wooden signs are much more expensive but are much better looking. The number of signs will vary depending on the final design of the project. These costs will also vary depending on the final wording and sign size. Sign distances will follow State requirements which may change the numbers. The dead end streets will be Thompson, Adams and Beachway. Midlane will also be a dead end on the west side of A1A if that part is done.

|   | wooden       | metal      |
|---|--------------|------------|
| Five one way signs and one enter and one exit sign: | \$1,800      | \$540      |
| Four dead end signs at street entrances:            | <u>1,600</u> | <u>480</u> |
| Total   | \$3,400      | \$1,020    |

**Dead End Barriers:** There are several types of dead end barriers. The individual pipe is the least expensive. Depending on height, design and mounting method they vary in price but average about \$50 each. If we used six on each road the cost would be about \$1,200. More substantial barriers could be \$3,000 or more.

|                        |                |              |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b><u>Summary:</u></b> | Study          | \$ 10,000    |
|                        | Paving         | 120,000      |
|                        | Stripes        | 5,950        |
|                        | Signage - wood | 3,400        |
|                        | Road Barriers  | <u>1,200</u> |
|                        | Total          | \$140,550    |

An additional item that needs to be addressed is a left turn lane on A1A from the north to turn into Beachway Dr. Without the turn lane the only way onto

Beachway is from Woolbright or from the south on A1A. I have no idea of the cost as FDOT would have to do a study to determine the distances and the traffic light changes that will be required.

I've spoken to the Boynton Beach Fire Dept. and they would like to review any plans we develop to make sure it won't affect their response time to emergencies and access on the dead end streets as there are no cul-de-sacs for turning. Republic Services also needs to comment as it relates to the collection of trash and turning of their vehicles.

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14. Discuss Concept of Converting Old Ocean Blvd. to a One Way Street, Closing Entrances to Old Ocean Blvd. on Several Streets, Blocking off Midlane Rd from Woolbright Rd., and Changing the Name of Old Ocean Blvd. to Ocean Ridge Blvd.

Mayor Pugh announced that this was an open discussion at this time. His proposed ideas were a culmination of over 20 years. There is a change coming from Boynton Beach that will greatly affect Ocean Ridge and he felt it was important to discuss and make plans for the next 5-10 years. He welcomed the residents' comments.

The following residents were not in favor of the proposed changes to make Old Ocean Blvd a one way street, while closing other streets: Bob Weisblut, 23 Sailfish Ln; Bryan Okeefe, 49 Oceanview; Carol Vasler, 5906 Old Ocean Blvd; Martha Joa, 35 Hersey Dr; Kate Newton, 5500 Old Ocean Blvd; Judi Andrews, 21 Oceanview Dr; Pat Kropp, 16 Tropical Drive; Julia Steere, 4 Oceanview Dr. They were concerned with emergency response time and garbage service if streets were blocked off. New dead end signs would also just result in new problems of vehicles turning around in private driveways. It could become problematic also if pedestrians, dog walkers, and bicyclists were made to use just one side of the street. They asked if the speed limit could be lowered from 15mph to 10mph to slow traffic and to enforce the 3 way stops. They felt that the additional traffic flow to Tropical and Oceanview would be challenging as both streets are narrow and already congested with street parking. They also mentioned their concerns of exiting A1A without a traffic signal (other than the one in Briny Breezes).

Kathlyn Hohill, 5500 Old Ocean Blvd, polled 20 residents in Ocean Manor, and they were not in favor of the proposed changes. This would cause people to travel farther to get to/from their homes. They were also not in favor of changing Old Ocean Blvd to Ocean Ridge Blvd. She asked if the Town would reimburse the residents for the cost of changing their personal records to the new street address.

Mayor Pugh reported that other municipalities have changed street names to George Bush Blvd and Martin Luther King Blvd. You can change the name of the road without changing the address of the properties.

Gerry Magruder, 9 Ridge Blvd, requested that the Town organize a Crime Watch, as there has been multiple burglaries in her neighborhood. She also felt this would be a great opportunity to install cameras and she asked if the officers could check between homes when cruising down the streets. She would like a 2 month trial of installing a retractable gate at Midlane Rd and Woolbright Blvd to allow fire access.

Meg Williams, 11 Ridge Blvd agreed with Ms. Magruder as she felt open and susceptible to crime because of easy access to their neighborhood. She asked the Commission to make the closing of Midlane a separate issue from Old Ocean Blvd and Beachway Dr. She frequently saw the police patrolling her neighborhood and thanked them for their service.

Gary Kosinski, 6000 Old Ocean Blvd, stated that while he loved Old Ocean Blvd, the pedestrian traffic is hard with cars. He thanked the Commission for addressing the problem now. Instead of pushing the traffic pattern to only 1-2 streets, he asked to possibly consider one way exists off of Old Ocean Blvd.

The Commission discussed to make the closure of Midlane Rd. a separate issue. They suggested polling the neighborhood of those that would be affected, and a possible trial period.

Atty. Spillias stated that the City of Atlantis has a gatehouse that gives the impression of a private road. The Town could create a method of slowing down or an impression of surveillance.

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Mayor Pugh suggested installing speed bumps to slow traffic down on Oceanview Drive, and to make it safer for the residents. He also suggested sending out a letter stating that a temporary barrier would be installed to close Midlane Rd. It would cost a few thousand to make the citizens feel safer. He was concerned that the added population from the new developments in Boynton would cost the Ocean Residents with increased crossover and road repairs. He was searching for a way to govern those that use our beaches.

Comm. Bonfiglio commented that the median in the middle of Ridge Blvd. will create difficulties for large delivery trucks to turn around if there is only one ingress/egress. He also mentioned an area in Lake Clarke Shores that has a hoop gate that automatic opens after 20 seconds. He was advised that there was no stacking area available off of Midlane Rd. from Woolbright Rd.

Chief Hutchins appreciated the comments regarding the larger trucks but pointed out that fire/emergency and garbage trucks regularly access narrow and not through streets without any complaints.

Comm Lucibella stated that the common theme was to maintain the small town atmosphere and questioned whether too much traffic would be created for Oceanview and also Ridge Blvd. but also felt the traffic generated from the west should be controlled if possible, citing it will only get worse with more development. He stated that security concerns have been raised for the Midlane/Ridge area and he felt the proposed temporary closure was a good attempt to alleviate some of the concerns.

Comm Lucibella moved to direct staff to obtain specific pricing for the November meeting to temporarily close off Midlane Rd. from Woolbright Rd. and that notice be provided to all residents via email and the newsletter. Comm Allison seconded the motion.

Motion carried – yea (Pugh, Aaskov, Allison, Lucibella)  
nay (Bonfiglio)

There was a consensus to schedule a Workshop Meeting, possibly in December, regarding the traffic concerns for Old Ocean Blvd.

### 15. Approval of Town Manager Contract with James Titcomb By: Kenneth Spillias, Town Attorney

Atty Spillias reviewed the contract that both he and Mr. Titcomb had been working on which resulted in several minor changes. The final contract will be revised.

There was also discussion that Ken Schenck will work through Oct. 31, 2015 and be hired as a consultant on an as needed basis for the month of November.

Comm Allison moved that the amended contract with Mr. Titcomb be approved as presented by the Town Attorney and that Ken Schenck be approved as an independent consultant through November based on one month of his current salary, seconded by Comm Lucibella.

Motion carried – yea (5).

## RESOLUTIONS.

16. Resolution No. 2015-11; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Joint Powers Agreement Between the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and the Town for the Purpose of Accessing Available Contracts for Goods and Services from the NJPA Awarded Vendors

**Karen E. Hancsak**

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**From:** Kate Newton <katenewton72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:47 PM  
**To:** Info; Kenneth Schenck; Karen E. Hancsak  
**Subject:** Old Ocean Blvd

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in reference to two proposals that are apparently being considered by the town officials: 1) To make Old Ocean Blvd. a one-way street; and 2) To rename Old Ocean Blvd. to Ocean Ridge Blvd.

1) The presumed claim regarding making Old Ocean a one-way street is that it will make the road safer for bikers and walkers, but this is simply not true. Studies have shown that one-way streets are actually more dangerous for pedestrians than two-way streets. Here are just a couple of examples:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10927849?dopt=Abstract>

<http://sun.louisville.edu/pdfs/love%20is%20a%20two-way%20street.pdf>

There are numerous studies that bear this out. It's easy to see why a one-way conversion would be very dangerous. We cannot discount the effect this change will have on the attitudes of those who live on Old Ocean. Drivers who are made to alter their route, for example, driving south on Old Ocean, taking a side street, and then heading over to A1A to go north are likely to drive faster in their attempt to make up lost time. This is just a fact of human nature. Creating an irritable situation for those who travel these streets every day is not going to make the street safer.

Furthermore, by forcing people to circle back on A1A to drive north, A1A will become more congested, and bikers and walkers are in *far more danger* on A1A they they are on Old Ocean. Making Old Ocean a one-way street will not achieve the goals of the proposal.

2) Changing the name of Old Ocean Blvd to Ocean Ridge Blvd: This is a proposal that makes me question if our town government really has nothing better to do with its time. For those who don't live on Old Ocean I can see why this might sound like a "fun" idea. But for those who live here, changing the street name will pose a huge hardship, forcing people to change all of their legal documents and correspondence. I have searched the Ocean Ridge Tidings to determine if there is a practical basis for this idea, and I have found none. I can only assume that this is a mere fanciful idea that came to someone on a whim. As such, it does not deserve serious consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Kate Newton  
5500 Old Ocean Blvd. Apt. 106  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

## Kenneth Schenck

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**From:** Kenneth Schenck  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 8:58 AM  
**To:** 'Joan Burgasser'  
**Subject:** RE: Old Ocean one way

Thank you for your comments. We look forward to your results. The traffic flow is proposed from north to south from Anna to Oceanview.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth N. Schenck, Jr.  
Town Manager  
Phone: 561-732-2635  
Fax: 561-737-8359  
Email: [kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com)

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**From:** Joan Burgasser [mailto:[oceanmanorcondo@comcast.net](mailto:oceanmanorcondo@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 4:02 PM  
**To:** Kenneth Schenck <[kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com)>; Karen E. Hancsak <[khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Old Ocean one way

I noticed in the latest Town Newsletter that changing Old Ocean Blvd. to one way is being considered by the Town Commissioners.

This will definitely affect our 20 condos at Ocean Manor Condo, 5500 Old Ocean Blvd, as our only entry and exit is to Old Ocean Blvd.

Can you let me know what direction the one way will be at 5500 and I will poll our owners as to their opinions and write a letter to the Town with our comments.

Thank you,  
Joan Burgasser  
Secretary  
Ocean Manor Condo Association  
[OceanManorCondo@comcast.net](mailto:OceanManorCondo@comcast.net)

“If It Ain’t Broke, Don’t Fix It”

January, 23, 2016

Dear Council Members

I understand that the council is considering dividing Old Ocean in two – one for vehicle traffic and the other half for the considerable pedestrian traffic of walkers, runners, bikers and dogs.

Moreover, it is considering only an entrance street Corrine to the North and an exit, Tropical Drive to the south. If I have the concept right, I have the following comments.

1. Old Ocean is unique and one of the significant advantages of living in Ocean Ridge. Every day, all day, and into the night, residents utilize the street for a variety of uses -- walking, (dog or not), running, biking, etc. Vehicle traffic is very light given the parking rules. There is no similar road to Old Ocean from Miami to Jupiter. I have walked, ran and biked on the road for 8 years. We have friends who have done the same for over 20 years. None of us have ever seen an accident on Old Ocean !! This is despite the sharing with vehicles who always cruise at low speeds and obey the stop signs. This is despite the frequent gathering of people with their dogs that can take up the whole 20 foot road. Old Ocean serves as an English Pub -- a place to chat with neighbours and friends. This would never work in the same way with a half road.
2. Additional traffic will be created on Corrine and Tropical Drive which the residents of Tropical should oppose. Our development borders on Tropical (Turtle Beach) and we are collectively opposed.
3. When service vehicles are stopped for landscaping and various other services, they have no choice but to park on the street thus

blocking the vehicle behind. This would create severe congestion of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the remaining half.

4. Vehicle traffic is currently very light throughout the day and to give up  $\frac{1}{2}$  the road versus the quantity of pedestrian traffic just makes no sense.
5. I understand part of the initiative for this proposal is the large developments scheduled for Woolbright and Federal and a comparable one at Ocean and Federal. Time will tell if that becomes a concern. I could see it adding to pedestrian traffic but not to additional vehicular traffic. If so, and the road is divided, that would add more congestion to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the road.
6. The one way in and one way out would certainly inconvenience the residents who need their car to go for groceries and other needs. This just would not be efficient to go so far out of the way.
7. In the event of an emergency, the proposal would prevent timely response given the limited egress and exit which would curtail timely response -- particularly important if there was a life threatening event.

I do not know where the initiative for this proposal came from but I do hope it is not a proposal by a few to the detriment of the many happy users. I would look forward to answering any questions and participating in the debate. I am for enlightened government for the populace as a whole.

Yours truly,

Peter R. McMullin

**Karen E. Hancsak**

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**From:** Jamie Titcomb  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 8:34 AM  
**To:** Gary Kosinski  
**Cc:** Tracey Stevens; Karen E. Hancsak  
**Subject:** RE: Creating the Old Ocean Promenade - An Equitable Alternative

Received, thank you. I will make sure it gets distributed for the meeting.

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**From:** Gary Kosinski [mailto:gkosinski@KoreCapital.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** Jamie Titcomb <jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com>; Kay Harvey (KHarvey@BHinc.org) <KHarvey@BHinc.org>  
**Cc:** Geoff Pugh (geoff@pughspools.com) <geoff@pughspools.com>; Gary Kosinski <gkosinski@KoreCapital.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Creating the Old Ocean Promenade - An Equitable Alternative

Mr. Titcomb,

Please confirm receipt of the e-mail below from Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
I did not see it in the attachments for the town hall meeting.

*Thanks,  
Gary Kosinski  
6000 Old Ocean*

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**From:** Gary Kosinski  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2016 2:44 PM  
**To:** [jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com); [khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com)  
**Cc:** Geoff Pugh ([geoff@pughspools.com](mailto:geoff@pughspools.com)); [info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:info@oceanridgeflorida.com); Gary Kosinski; Jerry Lower ([publisher@thecoastalstar.com](mailto:publisher@thecoastalstar.com))  
**Subject:** Creating the Old Ocean Promenade - An Equitable Alternative

To: Town Manager, Town Commission, Town Engineer, Town Attorney (please distribute)  
From: Gary Kosinski, 6000 Old Ocean  
Re: Public Workshop on Old Ocean Blvd – Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

An easy, inexpensive, and equitable, traffic calming solution for Old Ocean is to divide Old Ocean into 3 separate but equal sections by dead-ending Old Ocean Blvd at only two strategically located sites; similar to Midlane Road.

This will:

- Divide Old Ocean into 3 sections – equal for all residents
- Decrease traffic & minimize total miles driven on Old Ocean
- Fair & Equitably distribute traffic for roads and residents along Old Ocean
- Allow residents and delivery trucks to reach their destination directly & most efficiently
- Allow all bikers, walkers and emergency vehicles to travel both ways (not one-way) on Old Ocean
- Create a beautiful “Old Ocean Promenade” for all Ocean Ridge Residents

Logistically Simple:

- Two Locations with Planter Boxes

Planters strategically placed adjacent to larger condominium driveways, so “lost” traffic can turn around easily.

- Signs at 4 intersections on Old Ocean
  - South Side Thompson
  - North Side Adams
  - South Side Beachway
  - North Side Tropical

***“No Outlet – Dead End - Local Traffic Only”***

1. Dead End and Planter Box at North side of 5900 Old Ocean



2. Dead end and Planter on Old Ocean north side of Colonial Ridge



This will create three separate, equal sections of the Old Ocean Promenade:



1. Traffic can only Enter Anna and Enter and Exit Corrine and Thompson but cannot go through south of Thompson.
2. Traffic can Enter or Exit Adams and Beachway, but cannot go through north of Adams or go through South of Beachway.
3. Traffic Can Enter or Exit Tropical and Douglas, but cannot go through north of Tropical

*J Gary Kosinski  
6000 Old Ocean*