

RESOLUTION 13-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECONFIGURE U.S. HIGHWAY ONE THROUGH THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FROM ALTERNATE A1A/BEACH ROAD TO COUNTY LINE ROAD, AS A FACILITY WITH FOUR "THROUGH" VEHICULAR LANES AND TWO DESIGNATED BICYCLE/TURNING LANES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Jupiter, Florida, is a full-service municipality located in northern Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway One (US1) is a roadway controlled by the Florida Department of Transportation that traverses the Village of Tequesta from north to south, connecting the Town of Jupiter to the south and unincorporated Martin County to the north; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is currently developing plans to resurface and restripe US1, from Alternate A1A/Beach Road to County Line Road, as part of its regular long-term maintenance program; and

WHEREAS, US1 is currently configured as a six-lane facility, with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour, without bicycle facilities or right-hand turn-lanes, and with multiple driveways that provide access to Village of Tequesta and Town of Jupiter businesses and destinations; and

WHEREAS, a reconfiguration of US1 to a facility with four "through" lanes for vehicles with designated bicycle/turning lanes would provide safer access to Tequesta and Jupiter businesses and destinations as well as safer accommodations for cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has developed a "Lane Elimination Program" to enable municipalities to request roadways such as US1 be reconfigured with fewer "through" lanes and the re-use of additional lanes for designated bicycle/turning lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jupiter participated in a public process, led by the Village of Tequesta and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, to evaluate the configuration US1, gain public input, and determine its desired configuration for the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Tequesta Village Council has received public support for the reconfiguration of existing six lane section of US1 through the Village of Tequesta to four “through” lanes with designated bicycle/turning lanes, and further believes that such a reconfiguration will serve the public health, safety and welfare, and will be in the best interest of the Village of Tequesta, as well as its residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has concerns about the Public Safety and traffic congestion at the US1 intersections North and South of the U. S. 1 bridge.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Jupiter supports the Tequesta Village Council’s request to reconfigure the existing six lane section; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further supports, as part of this initiative, the Florida Department of Transportation’s planned analysis of the intersections of Alternate A1A and US1, Alternate A1A and Old Dixie Highway and Alternate A1A and Riverside Drive in order to improve safety and traffic movement, and advocate for the analysis of intersections of US1 and A1A due South of the US1 bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The Town of Jupiter hereby requests the Florida Department of Transportation modify the plans for US1 to reconfigure the section from Alternate A1A/Beach Road to County Line as a facility with four “through” vehicular lanes with two designated bicycle/turning lanes.

Section 3. The Town of Jupiter requests the Florida Department of Transportation work with Town staff to determine the detailed configuration of improvements at intersections within the corridor.

Section 4. The Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Village of Tequesta and Palm Beach County.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

March 3, 2015


The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilor Jim Kuretski, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Harrison, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR KAREN J. GOLONKA	X	
VICE-MAYOR ILAN KAUFER	X	
COUNCILOR WENDY HARRISON	X	
COUNCILOR JIM KURETSKI	X	
COUNCILOR TODD R. WODRASKA	X	

The Mayor thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution 13-15 duly passed and adopted this 17th day of February, 2015.

TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA

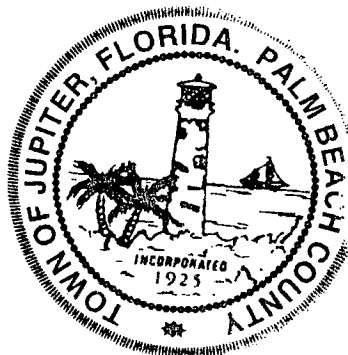
BY:



 KAREN J. GOLONKA
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 SALLY M. BOYLAN, MMC
 TOWN CLERK

(TOWN SEAL)




 THOMAS J. BAIRD, ESQ.
 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency