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Secretary Smith,

Thank you to you and your team for evaluating the intersection of SR 30 (US 98) East Gregory Street at North 14th Avenue for potential safety improvements in response to the high crash rate at this location. The City appreciates our continued partnership with the Department as we work together to address this issue.

After reviewing the intersection analysis provided by FDOT, City staff have several concerns with the recommendations as presented. We believe that several important factors affecting both traffic operations and nearby businesses and residences were not fully considered. Additionally, the report does not include any recommendations to address the documented speeding on SR 30 as vehicles approach and enter the intersection.

Below is a summarized list of challenges the City would like to see addressed in the report.

1. Speed

- Report does not address how speeding on Gregory St impacts the crash rates nor what can be done to mitigate it
- 85th Percentile Speeds on Gregory at 42.5mph, 7.5 mph over posted speed limit

2. Alternative Truck Route & Vehicle Route

- 14th Avenue serves as the backup port/general truck route when 9th Avenue is closed (due to 17th Ave height restrictions at Graffiti Bridge)
- Typical Closure Detour scenarios:
 - Accidents (Bayfront/Graffiti Bridge/9th Ave)
 - Special Events on Bayfront (Parades, 4th of July, McGuires Run)
 - Construction

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3. Business Impacts

- New Hotel Development: Access limited to 13th and 14th Avenues (FDOT denied development direct SR 30 access)
- Gregory Street Businesses: From east of 12th Ave to the Gregory/Old Gregory St merger, vehicles lose access to 14th Avenue from Bayfront Parkway
 - Traffic Diversions will increase other local road volumes
 - Belmont St from 17th Avenue
 - Heinberg St from 9th or 10th Avenue
- 14th Ave Businesses (Nabisco/Mondelez)
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 - Heinberg St. from 9th Ave

4. Resident Impacts

- Oak Point Private Neighborhood at the eastern end of Heinberg St
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 - Heinberg from 9th or 10th Avenue



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5. Bicycle Route Options from East Hill - Alternative away from 14th Avenue

- Eastward toward roundabout
 - Due to the one-way condition of Gregory, cyclists cannot be sent eastward on Gregory St or Old Gregory St to connect to the trail
- Westward towards 10th Avenue
 - Same issue as 14th Avenue with documented speeding

We look forward to continuing our discussions to develop solutions that effectively address the issues at this intersection.

Sincerely,

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