

City of Palm Coast, Florida Agenda Item

Agenda Date: January 11, 2022

Department ENGINEERING Item Key 9744	Amount Account
Subject ORDINANCE 2022-XX SLOW WAY ROAD CLOSURE	
Presenter: Jason DeLorenzo, Michael Grunewald	
BACKGROUND: THIS IS AN EXECUTIVE MATTER. <u>UPDATE TO THE JULY 6, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING.</u> This item was heard by City Council at their July 6, 2021 Business Meeting. The item was tabled for 6 months to measure the effectiveness of installing signs. In August 2021, the “No Truck” signs were installed within City limits. At the end of August 2021, the City provided Flagler County with “No Truck Zone” signs for installation on the County Road. The County installed the signs in September 2021. Traffic count studies were performed in October and again in December with similar results. Staff will present sign locations and traffic data to City Council and look for further direction. <u>UPDATE TO THE JUNE 8, 2021 WORKSHOP.</u> This item was heard by City Council at their June 8, 2021 workshop. There were no changes requested to this item. <u>UPDATE TO THE APRIL 20, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING:</u> This item was heard by the City Council at the April 20, 2021 Business Meeting. City Council continued this item. City Council requested staff provide additional information to address the concerns raised at the meeting. Staff was asked to coordinate with Flagler County administration on the closure of Slow Way, necessary signage and an alternative to closure including truck routes. City staff and County administration met on-site on May 9 th . County administration was not opposed to the closure of Slow Way. County staff will install the signs if the City provides a plan and the signs. Truck turn around areas are not generally provided on County roadways including both termini of CR 330 near Slow Way. Palm Coast Code of Ordinances Sec. 44-304 established heavy truck routes on City thoroughfares including Seminole Woods Boulevard. All heavy trucks traveling in the City shall travel on a designated heavy truck route and may deviate from the heavy truck route only as allowed in section 44-303 which includes making a delivery, providing services, or to reach a personal residence with other limitations. Signage and enforcement of the heavy truck route is an option on City roadways. Flagler County has not established a heavy truck route and as such signage and enforcement will be an issue.	

UPDATE TO THE MARCH 2, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING:

This item was heard by the City Council at the March 16, 2021 Business Meeting. City Council tabled this item. City Council requested staff provide additional information to address the concerns raised at the meeting.

UPDATE TO THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING:

This item was heard by the City Council at the February 16, 2020 Business Meeting. There were no changes suggested to this item.

UPDATE TO THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING:

This item was heard by the City Council at the February 9, 2020 Workshop. There were no changes suggested to this item.

ORIGINAL BACKGROUND FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING:

On October 12, 2020, City officials met with residents in the neighborhood of Slow Way. The purpose of the discussion was a neighborhood demand to close the road, Slow Way. At the time of the request, an emergency closure of Seminole Woods Parkway was in effect. The assigned detour did not include Slow Way, but local traffic, including a large percentage of commercial trucks, used this route to a great extent.

Slow Way has been a known concern as a roadway that brought aggressive long distance traffic through the surrounding neighborhoods. Evidence of the aggressive driving included ruts in the northeast quadrant of Slow Way at Slow Drift Turn. Drivers left behind ruts from leaving the roadway making a right hand turn. In the previous 15 months, the City had replaced a knocked down stop sign and post in that quadrant four times. The residents stated they have made this same appeal to the City, approximately every two years, for the last 15 years.

Slow Way connects to an unpaved county roadway at the edge of the City of Palm Coast boundary. A review of the City network indicates that Slow Way does not provide critical arterial flow through the City. It is an inappropriate route to be seeing commercial vehicle traffic.

This presentation is a design to close Slow Way. The intent is a permanent closure with emergency response access via a Know Box lock (ER standard lock). The proposed Ordinance is attached to this agenda item to close Slow Way and will be presented to City Council at the next business meeting for consideration.

Recommended Action :
FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION.



Slow Way Signage and Traffic Counts

Update – January 11, 2022

Actions to Date

Oct. 12, 2020: Staff met on-site with Slow Way residents

Feb. 9, 2021: Closure of Slow Way passes on 1st read

Mar. 2, 2021: Tabled on 2nd read to provide more information

Apr. 20, 2021: Tabled on 2nd read to coordinate with the County

May 9, 2021: Staff met with County Admin to address concerns

July 8, 2021: Tabled to install signs and evaluate effectiveness



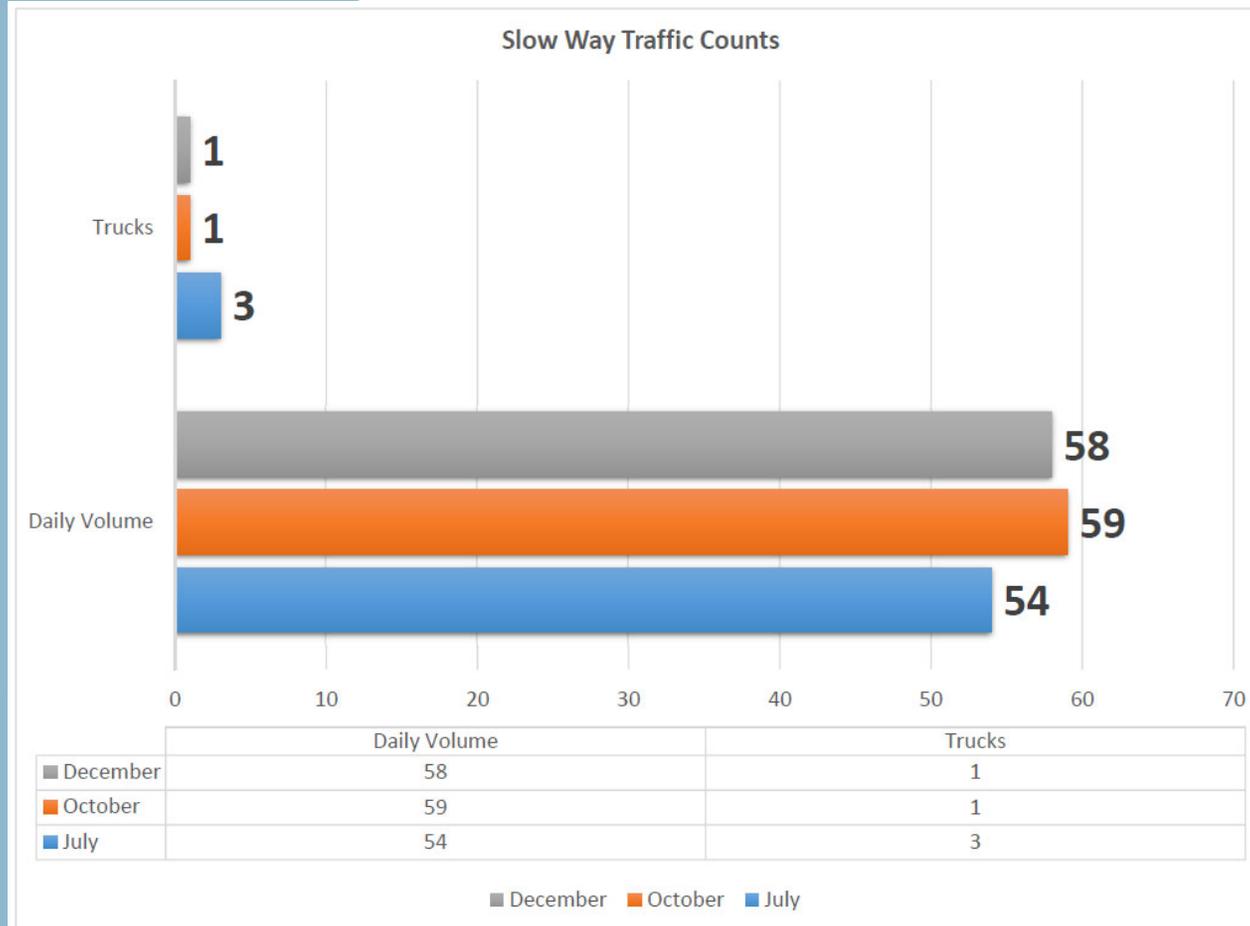
Signage Plan



Signs Installed



Traffic Count Study



Questions and Council Direction

Option 1:
Consider ordinance at 2nd reading on
January 18th

Option 2:
Consensus not to move forward with
2nd reading

