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Subject: Important Traffic safety meeting

Dear Baywinds Community Residents,

You are cordially invited to attend the Baywinds HOA meeting on December 1 at 6:30 PM. I will be joining you, along with representatives from Palm Beach County's Traffic Division, to discuss an important matter affecting our community.

As you may have noticed, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) installed a Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) for the left turn signal on Okeechobee Boulevard at Baywinds Boulevard on May 8th.

The FYA replaces the traditional solid green light for left turns and operates in two modes:
"Permissive Only" – a flashing yellow arrow where drivers must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning left; or,
"Protected/Permissive" – first a green arrow (protected turn when oncoming traffic stops), followed by a flashing yellow arrow (permissive turn where drivers must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians).

At Baywinds Boulevard, the FYA is programmed to be skipped during peak hours in the off-peak direction, preventing left turns across heavy traffic. When the flashing yellow arrow is displayed, drivers must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Since its installation, our office has received numerous complaints from residents expressing concerns about the traffic signal change. We have also learned that there have been at least two accidents at this intersection. While FDOT never sought public input before implementing this change, **we do want to hear from you.**

This meeting is your opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences:

- Do you support the FYA as it is currently operating?
- Would you like to see changes made to improve safety and traffic flow?
- Should the FYA be removed altogether and returned to the previous configuration?

Your input is vital as we work with FDOT and county traffic officials to ensure the safety and convenience of our community. Please join us for this important discussion.
I hope to see you there.

Gregg K. Weiss, Palm Beach County Commissioner for District 2

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