

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
**DATE:** March 19, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Up-Date re: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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As you are aware, for several years I have been working with staff pursuing a long list of traffic and pedestrian safety improvements on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) roads, County roads and City roads. Recently, I requested an update from our Assistant Director of the Transportation Division, Melissa DeZayas, regarding these projects. The following is a summary of those up-dates.

**FDOT ROADS:**

➤ **LeJeune between U.S. 1 and Bird Road Near High School – Speed Reductions & Pedestrian Safety Improvements:**

The Florida Department of Transportation has already completed several critical safety improvements within the City. An **exclusive pedestrian crossing phase** has been implemented at the intersection of Le Jeune Road

and Altara Avenue to improve pedestrian safety and reduce conflicts with turning vehicles.

Additional improvements are currently underway along Le Jeune Road between US-1 and Altara Avenue. As part of this project, **the speed limit will be reduced** along this segment of Le Jeune Road from 40 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. The project also includes the installation of a **new traffic signal** and **high emphasis** crosswalks at the following intersections: (1) across Le Jeune Road at Greco Avenue, (2) across Le Jeune Road at the entrance to the Shops at Merrick Park Parking garage, and (3) all legs of the intersection of Altara Avenue and Le Jeune Road. In addition, **accessible pedestrian signals** will be installed at the intersections of Le Jeune Road and US-1 and Le Jeune Road and Ponce de Leon Boulevard. These improvements will help ensure safer crossings for all pedestrians, including those with visual impairment.

➤ **Bird Road, Granada and LeJeune – Intersection Improvements, Speed Feedback Signs and New Sidewalk improving pedestrian safety between High School and Red Road:**

Additionally, FDOT is planning further safety improvements along critical corridors and intersections within the City. Design plans for improvements at the intersection of Bird Road and Granada Boulevard are nearing completion. The proposed improvements include **high-visibility crosswalks** on all approaches to the intersection, a **new sidewalk** along the south side of Bird Road from Granada Boulevard to Toledo Street, and a **new covered bus shelter** at the southeast corner of Santa Maria Street and Bird Road. **Speed feedback signs** have also been installed along Bird Road to encourage safer

driving speeds. These signs are currently located west of Segovia Street, west of San Amaro Drive, west of University Drive, and east of Red Road. Additional speed feedback signs are also planned along Le Jeune Road north of Cadima Avenue and south of Sarto Avenue to further address speeding concerns along this corridor.

➤ **LeJeune between SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Bird Road**

FDOT is also working on designs for roadway improvements along Le Jeune Road between Altara Avenue and SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street. These improvements will include the installation of **accessible pedestrian signals** at several intersections and **leading pedestrian intervals** to provide pedestrians with a head start when crossing. FDOT has also confirmed that a **speed limit reduction** for the segment of Le Jeune Road from Bird Road to SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street has been approved as part of this upcoming project.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ROADS:**

Miami-Dade County is also advancing future improvements in the area. They will begin construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of **Coral Way and Anderson Road** that will improve traffic flow and safety. This project will provide much needed high emphasis crosswalks at all four legs of the intersection to enhance pedestrian connectivity.

**CITY ROADS:**

City staff are in the process updating the City website with the status of traffic calming projects completed, requested and currently in the planning stages. Regarding other roadway improvements, the City has recently

completed two state-funded projects: The Coral Way and Granada Boulevard Intersection Improvement and Last Mile Transit.

The **Coral Way and Granada Boulevard Intersection** project provided safety enhancements by increasing visibility for both drivers and pedestrians with the installation of new supplemental traffic signals and pedestrian signals at each corner of the intersection. The **Last Mile Transit** project brought necessary ADA improvements to our trolley stops along Ponce de Leon Boulevard by adding benches, bike racks, and trolley shelters at key locations. In addition, the City has made progress on other ongoing transportation projects, including the **Ponce Phase III** street and pedestrian improvements and the **Alhambra Circle sidewalk** project.

The City is also advancing several additional improvements that will further enhance safety in our community. Several roadway improvement projects are scheduled for construction within the next year. **Milling and resurfacing projects** are planned along **Columbus Boulevard** between Coral Way and Anastasia Avenue and along **Greenway Drive** during the summer and fall of 2026. Improvements along **Pisano Avenue** between San Amaro Drive and University Drive are scheduled to begin Spring 2026, and the City will also begin construction of the **permanent traffic calming devices** within the **Zone 4** neighborhood traffic calming program in summer 2026 to help address speeding in residential areas.

The City is also planning and designing several additional projects including improvements at **De Soto Fountain**, sidewalk improvements along **Granada Boulevard** between De Soto Boulevard and Bird Road as well as

between Bird Road and Ponce de Leon Boulevard, a roundabout at **Biltmore Way and Anderson Road**, sidewalk improvements along **Orduna Drive**, bicycle lanes along **South Alhambra** from US-1 to Trionfo Street, and sidewalk and traffic calming improvements along **Erwin Road**.

With careful planning and budgeting, we can continue to make these types of investments to improve safety, reducing speed, and providing pedestrian connectivity.