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Dear Neighbor,

In the spirit of entering a new year on a positive note, I am writing to tell you about an opportunity to change the face of the Village of Tequesta.....one that is unlikely to present itself for another fifteen years.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is finalizing its 2018 engineering plans to resurface all six lanes of US 1 in Tequesta. The Village Council recognizes this as an opportunity to redefine US 1 in a way that would reflect the beauty, tranquility and wellbeing we enjoy throughout our Village. With the support of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), we have reached out to FDOT, which has agreed to postpone its engineering plans and grant the Village time to create a new vision for this corridor.

As you know, US 1 is the commercial center of Tequesta and the primary entry point into the Village. The Village Council is contemplating the transformation of US 1 into a "Main Street Boulevard" by returning it to four lanes, reducing the speed limit, creating bicycle lanes and wider medians, and installing enhanced landscaping and street lighting. The intent is to give the US 1 corridor a greater feeling of community, with enhanced aesthetics, and more pedestrian accessibility and safety features.

FDOT has a budget to repave the six lanes on US 1 in 2018. It is our intention to use those funds, together with funds available from other regional transportation agencies, to pay for the enhanced version of US 1. The total cost of the project will not be known, however, until the concept is finalized and engineering plans completed.

No decisions on this concept have been made, and none will be made without input from you. A host committee comprised of long-time Village residents, retirees, families with children and business owners has been formed to work with TCRPC on this project. The Committee's purpose is to gauge public sentiment, and identify key issues and logistical hurdles that will need to be overcome should the project move forward. In addition, TCRPC interviews with the public are ongoing.



On Saturday, January 10, 2015, a public workshop will be held in the Council Chambers at Tequesta Village Hall. The doors will open at 9:00 am with presentations of the initial concept for redeveloping the US 1 corridor. The interactive workshop will continue for approximately 4 hours to accommodate all who wish to attend and participate.

Please join the members of Village Council for coffee and meet with representatives from TCRPC and the MPO. Your thoughts and opinions concerning the project are of paramount importance and will significantly impact our decision to proceed or not. Of course you do not have to wait for the workshop. Village Council members and the Village Manager welcome your input at any time.

I look forward to seeing you at the public workshop on **Saturday, January 10, 2015, 9:00 am at Village Hall.**

Best regards,

Mayor