



April 16, 2021

Secretary Phillip Gainer
Highway 90 East
Chipley, FL 32428-0607

RE: SR 292 (North Pace Boulevard) from Barrancas Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue (FPID 439735-1-52-01)

Dear Secretary Gainer,

Bike Pensacola is a six-year-old organization with the goal of promoting bikes as a safe means of transportation by organizing social rides and advocating for safer streets. Our monthly social ride regularly attracts upwards of 400 participants who are able to experience the benefits and pleasures of using a bike as a means of transportation.

The resurfacing and restriping project of Pace Boulevard from Barrancas Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue is an opportunity to provide necessary transportation options and critical safety improvements along a corridor travelling through a transportation disadvantaged neighborhood. Bike Pensacola is requesting the following modifications to the roadway be incorporated into the project.

- Reduction in the posted speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph along the corridor.
- Reduction in vehicle travel lane widths to 10 feet with 11 foot wide bus/outside lanes.
- Consider further reducing the speed limit to 30 mph in areas closer to the City of Pensacola and Brownsville urban core areas. These areas include the stretch from Barrancas Ave to Jordan St. This stretch of Pace Boulevard passes through an area that includes an elementary school, residential neighborhood, and busy commercial corridor resulting in higher transit, pedestrian, and bike traffic volume.
- Add buffered bike lines using the excess roadway attained through the reduction in traffic lanes. The bike lanes would also provide a buffer for pedestrians and public mass transit users.
- Add signalized crosswalks in commercial and residential areas along the corridor. Several stretches of roadway approach nearly a mile without a safe pedestrian crossing.
- Elimination of non-stop right hand turn lanes at pedestrian crosswalks.

We hope that you are able incorporate our recommendations into the project thereby providing safety improvements and appropriate transportation alternatives along the Pace Boulevard corridor. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this project.

Regards,



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