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Dear Property Owner

In 2005 the Town of Bethany Beach received a grant from the Delaware Department of Transportation that allowed the Town to commission a study of the pedestrian and bicycle safety needs of our community. As a result of that study a number of recommendations were made that could help ensure pedestrian safety. To date many of those recommendations have been implemented and others are undergoing consideration and will in all likelihood be implemented when resources are available.

A pedestrian safety enhancement that was recommended in this study (see the following recommendation that was made by the Engineering Firm of John Mirmiran and Thompson) was the creation of a pedestrian walkway on Collins Avenue between Halfmoon Drive and Kent Avenue.

Recommendation

Collins Avenue Pedestrian Improvements

Collins Avenue is a major pedestrian thoroughfare between adjacent neighborhoods and the Ocean. Currently there are no pedestrian facilities located along Collins Avenue. This improvement proposes to widen the existing pavement on the south side of Collins Avenue providing an area for pedestrians. This widening will occur between Kent Avenue and Fairway Drive. A crosswalk will be placed at the intersection of Collins Avenue and Kent Avenue. In addition a pedestrian facility will be constructed between SR 26 and Wellington Parkway.

This project would require coordination between the Town and DelDOT for funding purposes.

This walkway would be constructed in the Town owned right-of way between the blacktop portion of the roadway and the front property line of homes on the south side of the roadway. This is tentatively proposed to be a 5 foot wide walkway placed two to three feet from the blacktop roadway. Currently the thought is to construct the walkway as a blacktopped surface.

This recommendation was made to help create a safe area for the many pedestrians that use this street as a path to reach the beaches boardwalk and downtown business area of Town. Because this street is narrow and lacks unobstructed roadway shoulders there is no safe haven for pedestrians and cyclists forced to confront vehicular traffic in the roadway. Many other streets in Bethany Beach have similar problems with obstructions on the shoulders but few if any have the volume of both pedestrians and vehicles this portion of Collins Avenue has.

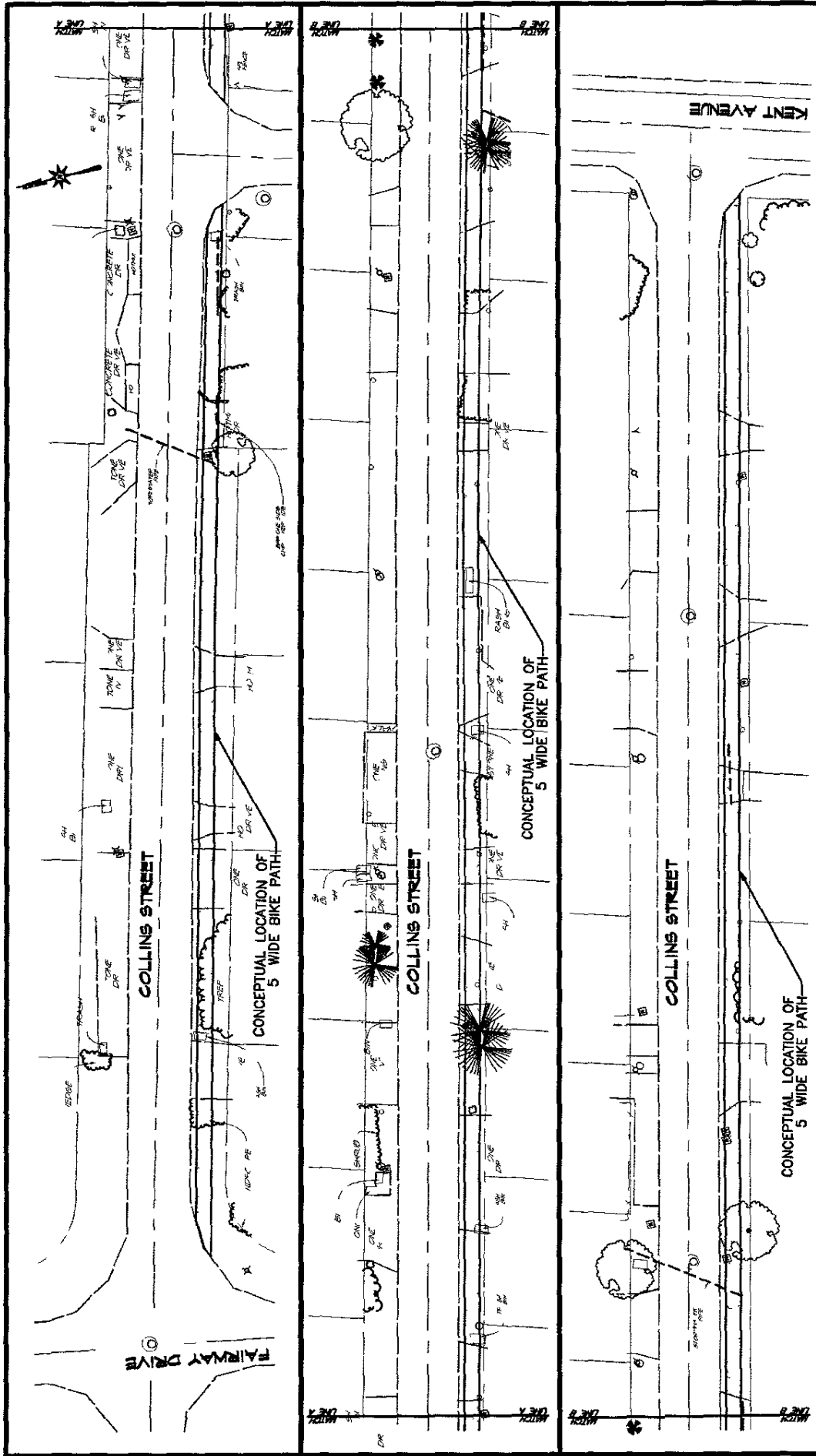
At a number of Council Workshops and Council Meetings the topic of pedestrian safety has been discussed and the Council has decided to publicly review this particular recommendation for a pedestrian walkway on Collins Avenue at a special Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing will be to solicit public input on this proposal before the Town Council makes a determination on whether to move forward with this project. This Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 27th at the Bethany Beach Town Hall.

A conceptual rendering of this project and its location is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Clifford M. Gravier
Town Manager



CONCEPTUAL PLAN
COLLINS STREET BIKE PATH
 TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH SUSSEX COUNTY DELAWARE



**TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROJECT TO CREATE
A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COLLINS AVENUE
BETWEEN HALFMOON DRIVE AND KENT AVENUE**

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Bethany Beach will hold
a PUBLIC HEARING AT

DATE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27 2009

TIME 7 30 P M

PLACE TOWN MEETING ROOM
214 GARFIELD PARKWAY
BETHANY BEACH DE

TO CONSIDER AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON A
PROPOSED PROJECT TO CREATE A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COLLINS AVENUE BETWEEN
HALFMOON DRIVE AND KENT AVENUE

All interested persons are invited to attend and comment. Copies of the
proposal are available upon request at the Town Hall at the address noted above or on
the Town's website at townofbethanybeach.com

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