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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Rachel A. Bach, Executive Director

DATE: July 25, 2006

SUBJECT: 10th Avenue North – Request to City to take Ownership

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve attached letter on behalf of the Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency to request the City take over ownership of 10th Avenue North from A Street to the east and authorize Chair to sign.

EXPLANATION:

At its June 13 meeting the CRA Board was presented with options to modify the proposed cross-section for the 10th Avenue North Gateways project which would meet the County's profile but reduce the desired landscape and sidewalk areas. At that meeting the CRA Board came to a consensus that the County profile would not be acceptable for this project and directed the Chair and Staff to try to negotiate with Palm Beach County one more time.

Since then, the Chair and Staff have met with County Commissioner Newell's office and the County Engineer. The County has not expressed an interest in negotiating with the CRA and stands firm with its policies. However, as an alternative Commissioner Newell suggested the City take ownership of 10th Avenue North which would release the CRA from compliance with County policy on this project.

PROGRAM IMPACT:

This would allow the CRA to proceed with the originally planned Gateways Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CRA had already intended to budget for future maintenance of the roadway and improvements. However, there may be an annual fee for maintenance associated with the FEC right-of-way.

Recommended by: _____
Rachel A. Bach, Executive Director