

## Memorandum

DATE: September 16, 2014

TO: City Manager

FROM: Public Works Director Keith Williams

RE: The Dunes Traffic Analysis and Report

Please find attached the Draft Analysis and Report prepared by Johnson Engineering for the Traffic Study within The Dunes. As you recall, there was a significant public input component to this project. Within The Dunes there are 377 total residential properties. Through public outreach, which included an advertised open house as well as multiple mailers, the City received 142 responses. This represents a 38% participation rate.

Within the conclusion and recommendations of the report Johnson Engineering proposes a tiered plan. It is important to note that the second tier of the plan includes the seasonal installation of removable speed tables. In considering this alternative the Public Works Department feels that this action, while likely to provide positive traffic calming results, may have significant unintended consequences, most specifically in terms of excessive vehicular noise. With that, the Department feels that consideration of this alternative should be duly noted to have potential extended challenges.

Please also note that in a select number of surveys we recorded instances where respondents commented on items not directly related to the survey topic. Public Works has documented these and will continue to address these types of items separate from the roadway project. These include three references to drainage within The Dunes and one request for improvements around the school bus stop location.

I recommend that the report be distributed to City Council at their December meeting with the proposal to discuss the contents and recommendations at the January meeting at a time certain. If this is the course of action, then Public Works will make the report readily available on the City of Sanibel website as well as provide mailers and email distribution to residents on where to find and review the report as well as noting the proposed date and time for the January meeting and discussion.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.