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# **Traffic Signal Synchronization Along Pacific Avenue in Atlantic City Closer to Becoming Reality**

**Atlantic City, N.J. (June 21, 2023)** - Last night, the City of Atlantic City held a public meeting at the Carnegie Building to update residents and businesses on the long-awaited synchronization of the traffic signals on Pacific Avenue, and to solicit comments.

The project includes synchronizing the 35 existing signalized intersections on Pacific Avenue from Albany to New Hampshire Avenues. The system will be interconnected to City Hall and the Public Safety Building so that it can be monitored and adjusted. The project is designed to use the existing roadway capacity and improve mobility, reduce congestion, decrease travel time, and improve air quality along the Pacific Avenue Corridor.

“Atlantic City residents, casinos and other businesses have been requesting this project for a long time,” said City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. “We heard you loud and clear, and thanks to funding from the State and Federal government, traffic flow will be vastly improved on Pacific Avenue very soon. With this new system in place, the signals can be changed to allow traffic to flow continuously after major events and during emergency situations. And it’s important to note there will be no changes to the number of lanes, roadway width or public transit stops.”

Construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2024 and be complete by the Summer of 2025. The work includes completing the conduit and junction box installation, installing fiber along Pacific Avenue, installing new cameras for vehicle and pedestrian detection, and installing new traffic signal controllers.

During last night’s public meeting, an Atlantic City resident asked if there was any way to make changes right away to improve traffic flow. City Engineer Uzo Ahiarakwe noted that traffic counts are underway, and once the timing plan is complete, the consulting team will determine if any short time measures can be implemented. Barbara Lazzaro, Regional Manager at NJ Transit, asked how the

project would affect Jitney service. Since there will be no changes to the transit stops and traffic flow will be improved, no impact on the Jitney service is anticipated.

The City retained Michael Baker International, Inc. to design the Pacific Avenue Signal Optimization Project. Baker is also preparing a citywide Smart Cities Plan to recommend signal coordination improvements throughout Atlantic City.

Public comment will be accepted through July 5, 2023. To submit your comment and learn more about the project, visit <https://www.acitsmasterplan.com/>.

Watch last night's meeting in its entirety: <https://rb.gy/kajj4>

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