

Scotty L. Kelly

From: Pem M. <pattyemaguire@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Laura J. DeBruce
Subject: Re: Three way stop at Rabbit Road

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Thank you for response. The amount of time that it would cause a delay would be minutes. I have always thought that intersection was an accident waiting to happen and as mentioned before now with Baileys there the possibility increases dramatically (imo). Why not have 2 lanes on rabbit road at stop sign, one for right turn and one for left turn which might ease up wait time. Another ps..the 3 way stop at Tarpon road by the gas station does not cause a delay again imo. Best regards,
Patty Maguire

On Sun, Dec 14, 2025, 07:04 Laura J. DeBruce <laura.debruce@mysanibel.com> wrote:

Good morning, Patty,

Thank you for your input. I agree that this is a tricky intersection. Many people who live on the west end of the island feel strongly that a stop sign there would impede traffic to an unacceptable level. It is good to hear a different viewpoint.

We will be readdressing this issue at Tuesday's meeting. I will keep your comments at hand.

Sincerely,

Laura DeBruce

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From: Patty Mckeen <pattyemaguire@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2025 11:15:49 AM
To: sancouncil <sancouncil@mysanibel.com>
Subject: Three way stop at Rabbit Road

Hi,
I'm so happy to hear that putting up stop signs in that 3 way intersection is a possibility especially with the Bailey's market there now. The store is a great asset but will further increase the number of cars exiting and entering Rabbit Road from their parking area. The intersection has always been tricky during the in season months with the increase in bicyclist and motor vehicles crossing the SanCap road. Please consider this proposal since it may save a life!
Happy holidays!

Respectfully,
Patty Maguire

Ps Stop signs on both sides of San Cap Road in same area for bicyclist would help since it is hard to predict whether the cyclist will head straight on San Cap bike trail or pull out and cross San Cap road.

Sent from my iPad

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From: David Hare <david@davidhare.co>
Sent: Sunday, December 7, 2025 11:45 AM
To: holly.smith@mysanibel.com
Subject: Rabbit Road/San Cap

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Ms Holly,
I've lived in Golf Shores for many years. The intersection of Rabbit Road and SanCap is, at times, amazingly dangerous.
Four times in the past ten years I've had someone turn right in front of me as I headed towards town- that person somehow thinking I had a stop sign.
When I am attempting to turn off Rabbit Road towards Gulf Shores the traffic going in both directions on SanCap just never seem to give consideration.
A three way stop would be vastly safer as more and more traffic is traveling on SanCap and Rabbit Road these days.
Thank You for your outstanding work!
Standing By With Warm Regards,
David Hare

Sent from my iPhone

Scotty L. Kelly

From: ken ernstoff <kenernstoff1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 5:36 PM
To: Holly Smith
Cc: katie moody
Subject: Re: 3 way stop

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Holly

Please feel free to share any communication we share with you with the Council or City Manager.

My email accurately reflected our positive view of any potential studies or potential changes to the Rabbit/SanCap intersection. As evident in my recent email our focus is on biking and pedestrian safety, vs getting off the island or getting to Captiva a few minutes sooner.

On a closely related topic I would encourage you and any official interested in this issue to read the article in today's NY Times, including the magazine, about the alarming injury and fatal accident numbers that cities and towns across the country are experiencing due to the increase in E- bike use. And how municipalities are struggling with how to deal with E-bikes and auto traffic. Sanibel is not alone. Let's hope we do not experience any serious injury or worse on the stretch of SanCap in question.

We return to Sanibel this week after two weeks in NH (Brrr!) and look forward to seeing you on Sanibel.

Kenny and Katie

On Sun, Nov 30, 2025, 4:35 PM Holly Smith <Holly.Smith@mysanibel.com> wrote:

Hi Ken and Katie

Thank you for the email . I must admit social media can sure stir things up without all the information. I just responded to an email . I will include below my response. I hope it's helpful and does help clarify some points. Please feel free to give me a buzz! My alternate phone is 239-707-9800 . I will share this with our City manager to sent to council with your permission .

I remember you- you had the other side of the street in at your house conveniently dropped in your yard! I was just "home ta Maine" in September

Here was my response .

Hi (name removed)

Thank you for the email. I appreciate having the opportunity to discuss. I felt compelled to respond on social media due to some of the misinformation Mr Sprecher included on the group post.

I have included our City Manager , deputy city Manager and City Attorney in on this email. I did NOT reply all to all council-members due to Sunshine.

Council had previously discussed a 3 way stop on Rabbit road several months ago, that combined with the SUP study looking at moving the bike path crossing to align with Rabbit and San Cap and the wild life study which was presented seemed like a good opportunity to look at traffic options at this growingly impacted intersection . This isnt considered only for those on Rabbit road, but also the communities west of Tarpon which use that corridor to go east and west on San Cap as well as San Cap going west and taking a left on Rabbit.

As you may recall we looked at options a few years ago including rumble strips which was not looked at with favor. What we considered at our last meeting was looking at a short term pilot study with a 3 way stop at that location. We did not give direction on a time frame for install. This was to see the feasibility of this over other potential options which were more permanent.

I cant speak to if the 2 councilmembers should recuse themselves. I will leave the legalities up to our City Attorney . I do know councilmember Johnson and Henshaw voted against it. I did vote in support as a pilot test only. I dont know what I dont know , and I dont want to speculate on any decision to be made by council.

I can say that there was no conversation of lowering a speed limit on San Cap. This seems to have gained traction on social media and is inaccurate. There was discussion east of the 4 way on Periwinkle to the light house in terms of reduced speed as the bridge height is going up a foot and there are FDOT suggested speeds for line of sight. That made have been some confusion. I indicated in my response , it's important that we all work with the facts. I do encourage you to listed to the meeting, you may have already done so.

I am meeting with city Manager Souza tomorrow for my briefing and will further discuss. I certainly do not support any slower speed limit- on San Cap .

I certainly have not made any final judgement on an unknown. I can assure you for my tenure on council I work hard everyday to do the right thing for everyone. I volunteer and do not have a business interest on this island. I do my research deeply on items which come before us. These 3 years have been trying for all of us. Im proud of what we have done , all of council and staff - to make life better on this island in the most challenging times we will face.

We will continue to do so. Please feel free to give me a call if you need to discuss further, this or any other topic. I do appreciate conversation with each other, versus through social media.

Best Holly

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From: ken ernstoff <kenernstoff1@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 28, 2025 7:45 PM

To: Holly Smith <Holly.Smith@mysanibel.com>

Subject: 3 way stop

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Hi Holly

I am very interested in the posts about a 3 way stop at rabbit and sancap but I find the extremely emotional responses to be less than helpful to the discussion.

Very little has been brought forth about bikers and walkers crossing sancap at rabbit and I wish all of the negative voices would give that a try. They may develop a different perspective. Especially during early morning and late afternoon hours the traffic is moving too fast. (most probably above the speed limit, but I am not a radar gun).

My wife and I are bikers and frequently take the rabbit trail to sancap to cross over and head to Jerry's or Timbers seafood market, or cvs, bank, etc and crossing to the bike trail is seriously dangerous. We sincerely hope that the trial run for a stop sign results in a "yes." And moving the crosswalk may help as well.

Kenny Ernstoff and Katie Moody, 3960 West Gulf.
(Katie is from Falmouth)