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**'Intersection Repair' to Highlight Road Safety in West Palm Beach**

***Highly trafficked intersection becomes artists' canvas for the weekend***

**West Palm Beach, Fla. (March 3, 2017)**—The City of West Palm Beach and Dreyfoos School of the Arts students are collaborating on a unique project that will create art in a public place and raise awareness of the importance of safety on our roadways. **On Sunday, March 5 from 11am-2pm, with the intersection of Tamarind Avenue and Fern Street as their canvas, members of the community, Dreyfoos students and City leaders will paint the intersection to re-create a winning design.**

The design was created during a City-sponsored competition among students in the Visual Arts Department at Dreyfoos School of the Arts. The winning team includes Ania Johnson, Jessica Raise, Megan Tachev and Dani Walters. Their design—selected by the Art in Public Places Committee-- incorporates different species of native palm trees mixed with silhouettes of active people biking and walking. The design is wrapped in warm, vibrant colors reflective of our environment. (Design photos are included with this press release).

The purpose of Intersection Repair is to implement a low-cost project to advance the long-term goal of street safety. The location of the project—near the Tri-Rail stop—is significant, because hundreds of Dreyfoos students ages 15-to-18 ride the train and cross through the intersection and four lanes of traffic to attend. It is hoped that this creative piece of art—with a very important message-- will encourage motorists to consider non-auto oriented forms of transportation and, also, to encourage them to slow down.

Grab a paintbrush for Intersection Repair! There will be fun, live art, music and food. All ages are invited, but children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If you plan to paint, you are encouraged to wear comfortable 'paint clothes'.

This project is made possible by Street Plans, a non-profit organization, which received a grant from the Knight Foundation to implement an Intersection Repair Project. Street Plans selected the City of West Palm Beach for this pilot program.

***\*\*To arrange media interviews or coverage of 'Intersection Repair,' please contact Kathleen Walter at the numbers above. Interviews and live shots can also be coordinated for interested weekend morning TV news crews.\*\****

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