

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

**SUMMERLIN ROAD SIX LANING
FROM
SAN CARLOS BOULEVARD
TO GLADIOLUS DRIVE**

LEE COUNTY PROJECT #4067

Lee County, Florida

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The Lee County Department of Transportation held a public information workshop on September 5, 2002 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court in Fort Myers for the Summerlin Road Six Laning Project. The limits of the project are from San Carlos Boulevard to Gladiolus Drive. The purpose of the workshop was to present project information to the public and to gather public opinion. A total of 76 people signed in at the registration table. Copies of the sign-in-sheets are attached as Appendix A.

Lee County DOT makes it a practice to hold public meetings on all new roadway alignments and major improvements. These public meetings are held to inform and solicit input from the public regarding the specific project being presented. The Summerlin Road public workshop was held to solicit public input regarding the 30% design plans for the widening from San Carlos Boulevard to Gladiolus Drive.

The public workshop was advertised in the September 2, 2002 edition of the News-Press as a ¼ page display ad. Letters announcing the public workshop were mailed on August 15, 2002 to persons with property lying within 300' of the right-of-way. The Lee County Department of Public Resources transmitted a press release to local media on August 29, 2002. A variable message board was placed within the project limits for a period of one week prior to the workshop to inform the traveling public. Copies of the display ad, notification letter, mailing list, and press release for the workshop are attached as Appendix B.

The meeting was conducted in an open-format style that allowed the public to view the project material between the hours of 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A project hand-out, that summarized the project to date, was provided to the public at the registration table. In addition, a brochure about the Lee County MPO and their planning process was available in both English and Spanish. Representatives from the Lee County Department of Transportation were stationed at the display boards to explain the project data and answer the public's questions. Copies of the public workshop handout and MPO brochures are attached as Appendix C.

The public was provided with comment forms in order to have their opinion recorded as public record. A total of 19 comment forms were received from the meeting and during the two-week comment period following the meeting. The comments were analyzed and recorded below. The response indicates if/how the project team is addressing the public comment. The numbers in parenthesis indicated the number of times the same comment was submitted. Copies of the comment forms are attached as Appendix D.

In general, verbal comments included discussions regarding access management, noise walls and a desire by Lakewoods residents for access to the existing county road located to the west of their property for ingress/egress.

WRITTEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

- Comment:** Request county's help with access at Lakewood Boulevard—Request possible tie-in/extension to County Road. (3)
- Response:** *Residents and/or homeowners' associations are free to pursue access tie-in to county road. Lee County will assist in any way possible.*
- Comment:** Summerlin Crossing access in/out horrible--Open access closest to Winkler & Summerlin. (1)
- Response:** *Access drives and circulation roads are designed by the projects developer, and must meet an array of design standards, zoning restrictions and other criteria. Any alterations to the drives would need to be initiated by the shopping center managers and permitted through Lee County. A median installed on Winkler Road as a part of this project. This location will have no median opening due to the length of southbound to eastbound left turn lane.*
- Comment:** In favor of project (i.e., fine plan, very good, wonderfully conceived, okay with project as shown). (6)
- Response:** *No response necessary.*
- Comment:** Thought of making a U-turn on Lakewood and Summerlin does not sound appealing-- Good Luck. (1)
- Response:** *No response necessary.*
- Comment:** Drainage concern-drainage is already slow. (1)
- Response:** *All drainage within the limits of the intersection will be addressed and modified accordingly.*
- Comment:** Request a left turn median cut southbound on Gladiolus @ Elderberry. (1)
- Comment:** Want a left turn southbound on Summerlin Road into Elderberry Lane. (2)
- Comment:** Re-visit extending Elderberry parallel to Summerlin to hook-up with Wolanin site. (1)
- Response:** *Access to Elderberry from Summerlin Road is being negotiated with frontage developers. Elderberry, in its current location, is too close to ramp touchdown to allow for cross traffic.*
- Comment:** Not in favor of project (i.e., travel this road every day--absolutely NO reason to 6 lane, other areas in need of road improvements, majority of residents elderly and can't maneuver 4 lanes let alone 6). (2)
- Response:** *No response necessary.*
- Comment:** LCDOT should screen plans & restrict signals for future planning/development along Summerlin. (2)
- Response:** *The Lee County Board of County Commissioners review and issue permits for planned developments in Lee County. LCDOT is consulted when deemed appropriate. Signals are located according to signal warrant studies specific to each intersection.*

Comment: Landscape concerns (i.e., use native trees and shrubs indigenous to location, assume Landscape Plan will be reviewed by the Roadway Landscaping Advisory Committee and Pat Moore @ LCDOT. (2)

Response: *Core level landscaping will be planted in the median along the length of the project. Core level landscaping as defined by the LeeScape Master Plan Second Edition for Lee County will be provided, and will include canopy trees, palms, accent/flowering trees and sod. Presentations to the Landscape Advisory Committee are planned.*

Comment: Concern over speed limits, sidewalks, and beautification of project. (1)

Response: *The posted speed limit for this roadway is 45 m.p.h. The existing 8' sidewalk/bike path will remain and be enhanced. Core level landscaping as defined by the LeeScape Master Plan Second Edition for Lee County will be provided, and will include canopy trees, palms, accent/flowering trees and sod.*

Comment: Concern about future plans for Pine Ridge Road (i.e., 3 lanes heading south to 1 Lane Pine Ridge, turning radius for motor homes and trucks). (2)

Response: *Pine Ridge Rd. is beyond the scope of this project, however, we will forward your concerns to our Traffic Division for their review of the turning radius.*

Comment: Need sound barriers and landscaping at least for Bass/Summerlin, but preferably for the whole project. (1)

Response: *Lee County does not build noise walls since they must typically be 14 feet or higher to make any appreciable reduction in noise. At these heights, they are cost prohibitive and create a number of problems on their own. Core level landscaping as defined by the LeeScape Master Plan Second Edition for Lee County will be provided, and will include canopy trees, palms, accent/flowering trees and sod.*

Comment: Hopeful project will be completed by 2006. (1)

Response: *No response necessary.*

Comment: Land should already be purchased for frontage roads. (1)

Response: *Lee County buys necessary right of way when funds are available.*

Comment: Concerned with the elimination of grass median at Summerlin & Bass Roads. (1)

Response: *Green space in the existing medians will need to be impacted to accommodate the new travel and turn lanes. Extensive effort will be put forth to provide for landscaping features at intersections where space is available.*

Comment: TY Lin representative said my sign would be moved. LCDOT Said No – What is the answer? (1)

Response: *Owner should coordinate with LC DOT on sign.*

Comment: Cannot develop my land if you keep cutting off my customers' entrance. (1)

Response: *Proposed improvements to this road will not prohibit access to properties. Access management is a part of this roadway design.*

Comment: Park Royal needs to be a limited interchange. (1)

Response: *Park Royal development plans warrant a full intersection.*

Comment: Remove Signal at Summerlin and Lakewood and make it a limited intersection. (1)

Response: *The intersection of Summerlin and Lakewood is being evaluated separately and improvements are planned for this intersection later this year. Please contact Don DeBerry (479-8503) or Jessica White (479-8580) to review plans for this project.*

Comment: Want confirmation that U-Turn at Lakewood and Summerlin will not be discontinued when 280-unit hotel is completed. (1)

Response: *U-turn will not be discontinued unless it becomes a safety problem.*

Comment: Requesting dual directional left turns at Gladiolus & Lakewood and right-in/right-out on Summerlin Road (1)

Response: *Lakewood at Gladiolus access from eastbound Gladiolus will be directional left. The Gladiolus Gardens Driveway on Summerlin will be a right in/right out. Lakewood at Summerlin is beyond the limits of this project.*

Comment: Requesting access to my property running approximately 2000 feet along Summerlin from station 1245 to Winkler Road. I presently have no access to this property whatsoever! (1)

Response: *Access must be permitted through Lee County Development Services. Canal crossings, if needed are the responsibility of the property owner and may involve permits from the South Florida Water Management District and/or the Army Corps of Engineers.*

APPENDIX A



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1 person would not sign the in -