

LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

REQUEST TO SPEAK CARD

Today's Date 1-20-23

I request to speak on Agenda Item # LRT (non agenda)

NAME Beth Lane

ADDRESS ACP

REPRESENTING citizen

Please fill out and return to MPO staff in order to address the MPO at today's meeting.

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NAME MARSHA ELLIS non-agenda

ADDRESS 17850 DEVORE LN

FMY, 33913 Prop. interests inner loop & RGMC

REPRESENTING

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NAME HOLLY SCHWARTZ

ADDRESS 17520 OAK CREEK RD

ALVA 33926

REPRESENTING SELF ALVA

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NAME PATTI WHITEHEAD non-agenda

ADDRESS pbackos@gmail.com

REPRESENTING Prop interests & RGMC

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NAME Charles Morris

ADDRESS 17630 Oak Creek Rd
ALVA FL 33920

REPRESENTING Oak Creek Road Neighbors

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REQUEST TO SPEAK CARD

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I request to speak on Agenda Item # 4 Kingston

NAME Tony Cameratta

ADDRESS 21101 Design Park Ln #103
Estero, FL 33928

REPRESENTING Kingston Cameratta Companies

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NAME Quinn Stahl

ADDRESS 17370 Oak Creek Rd
Alva, FL 33920

REPRESENTING Self

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REQUEST TO SPEAK CARD

Today's Date Jan. 20, 2023

I request to speak on Agenda Item # 10

NAME Deb Arton

ADDRESS 25690 Streamlet Ct.
Bonita Springs

REPRESENTING Friends of BEET

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NAME Tom RUBBECKE

ADDRESS 19497 SILVER OAK
DR ESTERO FL 33967

REPRESENTING THE VINES

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NAME John MAJKA

ADDRESS

REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE

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REQUEST TO SPEAK CARD

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NAME Emily Porter

ADDRESS 25540 Inlet Way Ct

REPRESENTING Friends of Bonita
Estero Rail Trail

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MPO Board Meeting

Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment

- Kingston Spine Road 2026-2031
- Corkscrew Widening 2031-2035 Verdana to Kingston
 - Alico to Firehouse (4 to 6 lanes)
- Priority Losses to Projects Previously Approved County-Wide & Funding Source Implications



January 20, 2023 Marsha Ellis

Federal & State PPP (Public Participation Policies) Expectations, Guidance NOT Followed

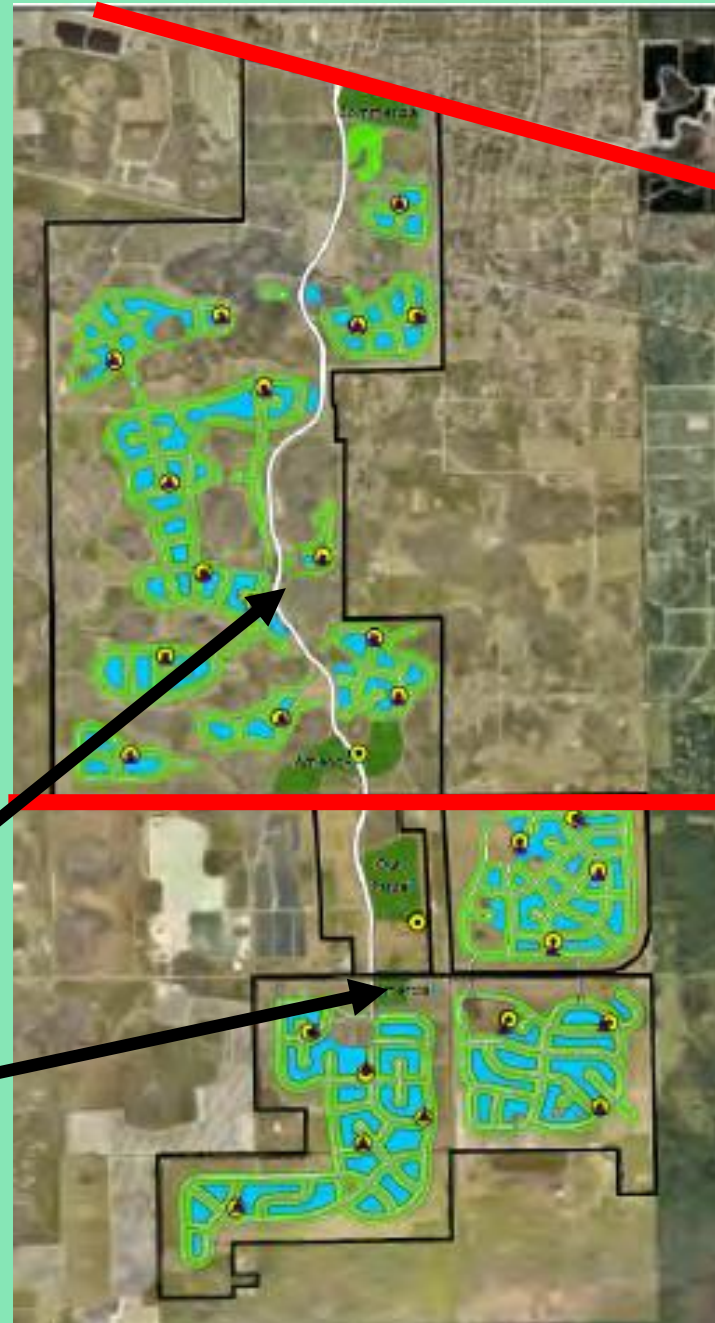
- *No OPPORTUNITY for public input & involvement at KEY DECISION POINTS (per statutes/code)*
- *No CONSIDERATION in strict legal sense given to public participation to protect safety, welfare or resources including infrastructure timing*
- *NO provision for noticing other citizens, STATE/FEDERAL funding sources in County impacted by reshuffling CURRENT PRIORITIES*
- *NEPA, PDE or other action needed to evaluate effect on WILDLIFE of REGIONAL import due to failure to address studies & Lee Plan*

Access and Construction

Phasing

Why not *begin construction* to the north with *safe access* and roadway capacity off 4-lane State Road 82 to *protect public safety & welfare*?

proposed KINGSTON -
spine road

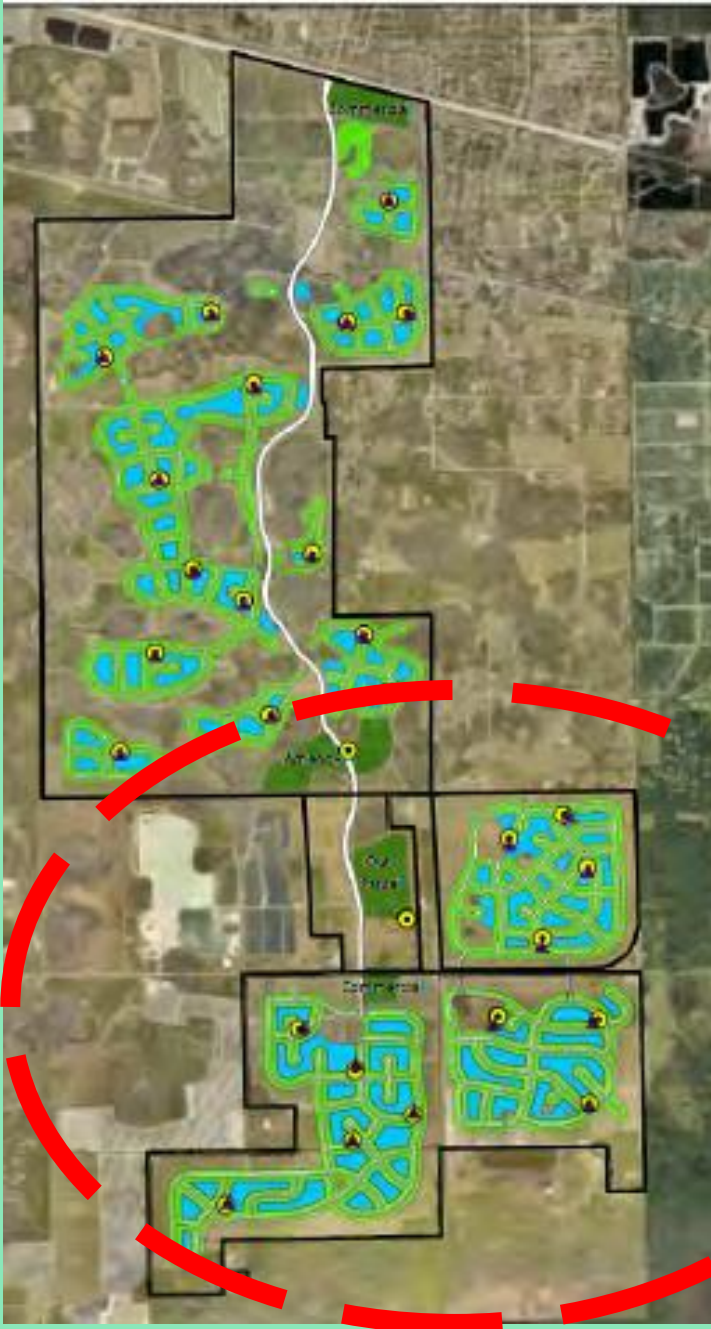


State Road
82 - 4 lanes
• **safe**

Corkscrew
Rd - 2 lanes
• **lethal**

ALL OF THIS ADDED WITHOUT ANY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- not part of original Bert Harris Claim, Developer Choosing to ENDANGER lives with access & starting south



Lethal Roads for People

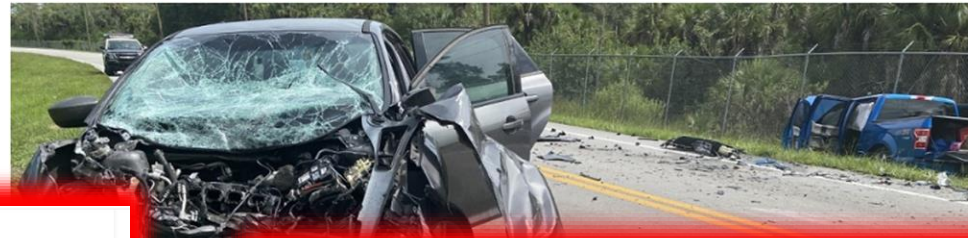
Immokalee teen killed in head-on crash on Corkscrew Road in Lee County

WRITER: MATTHEW SEAUER
PUBLISHED: NOVEMBER 17, 2021 7:12 PM EST
UPDATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2021 6:59 PM EST



1 killed, 4 injured in crash on Corkscrew Road east of Alico Road

WRITER: WINK NEWS
PUBLISHED: AUGUST 25, 2021 4:50 PM EDT
UPDATED: AUGUST 25, 2021 8:13 PM EDT



Estero man dies in Corkscrew Road crash

by [Katelyn Massarelli](#) — 12:20 PM EST, Thu February 18, 2021

AA



Three injured in fiery rollover crash on Corkscrew Rd

by [NBC2 News](#) — 8:15 PM EST, Fri March 11, 2022

AA



Phasing of Construction

- Construction to **BEGIN** to south, endangering commuters on Corkscrew Rd.
- 4-lane highway 82 is accessible to north and could be used instead of inadequate Corkscrew Rd.
- Lehigh is short grocery stores 1 per 30,000 residents
- Option for wastewater facility in the north on property set aside for facility use
- One construction access planned for Corkscrew Rd.
- Could have solution that is better fit for public interests, alerted & engaged



Kingston Proposal Wildlife Map

Lethal Roads for Panther



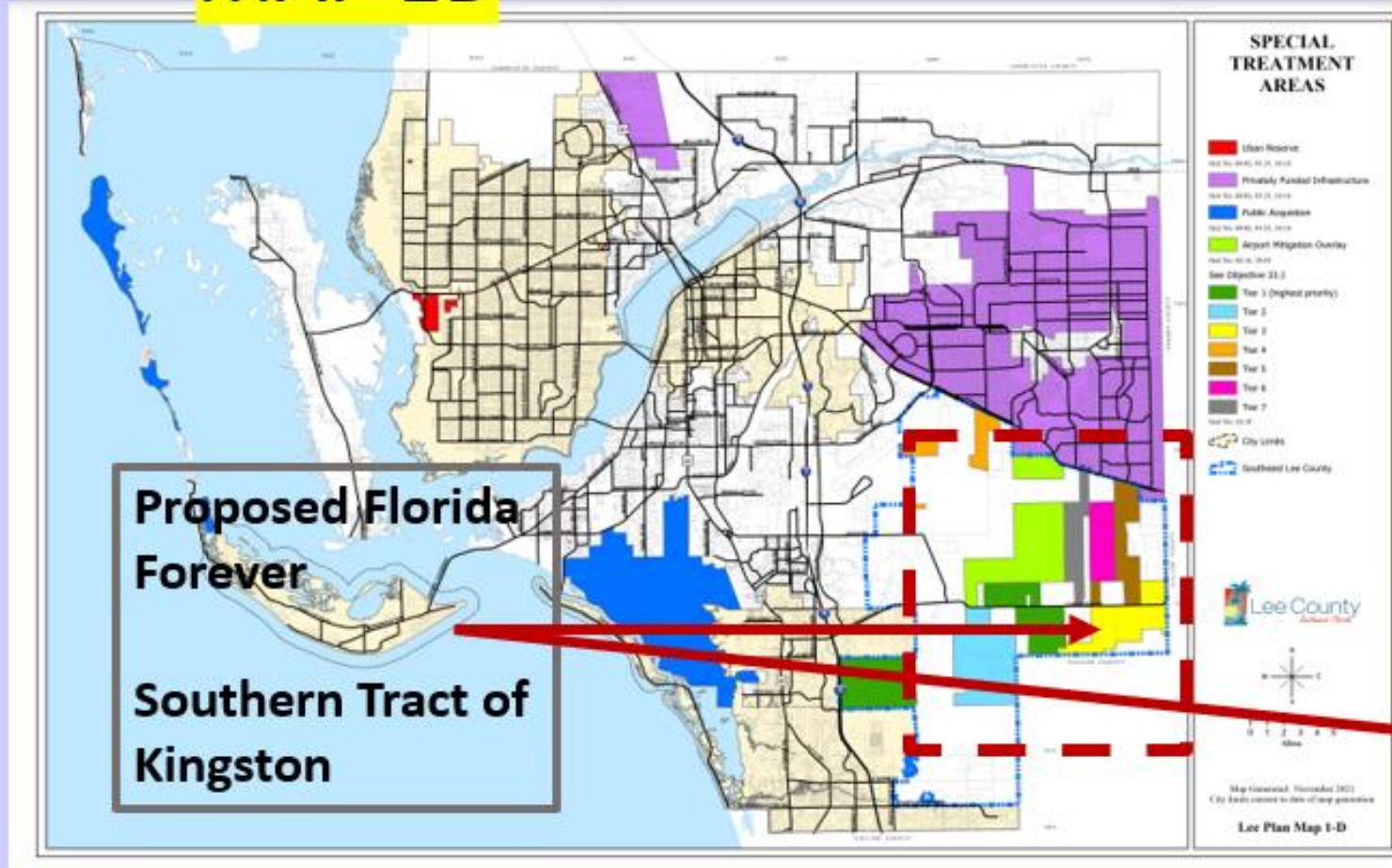
Lee Plan POLICY 33.1.3:

agricultural use. Tier 3 lands and the southern two miles of Tiers 5, 6, and 7 can provide an important wildlife connection to conservation lands in Collier County and an anticipated regional habitat link to the Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest. Tiers 1, 2, 3, and the southern two miles of Tiers 5, 6, and 7 may qualify for unique development incentives outlined in Objectives 33.2 and 33.3 due to the property's potential for natural resource benefits and/or wildlife connections. Additionally, the County may consider incentives, within all tiers,

“provide an important **wildlife connection** to conservation lands in Collier County and an anticipated **regional habitat link**”

Lee Plan MAP 1-D

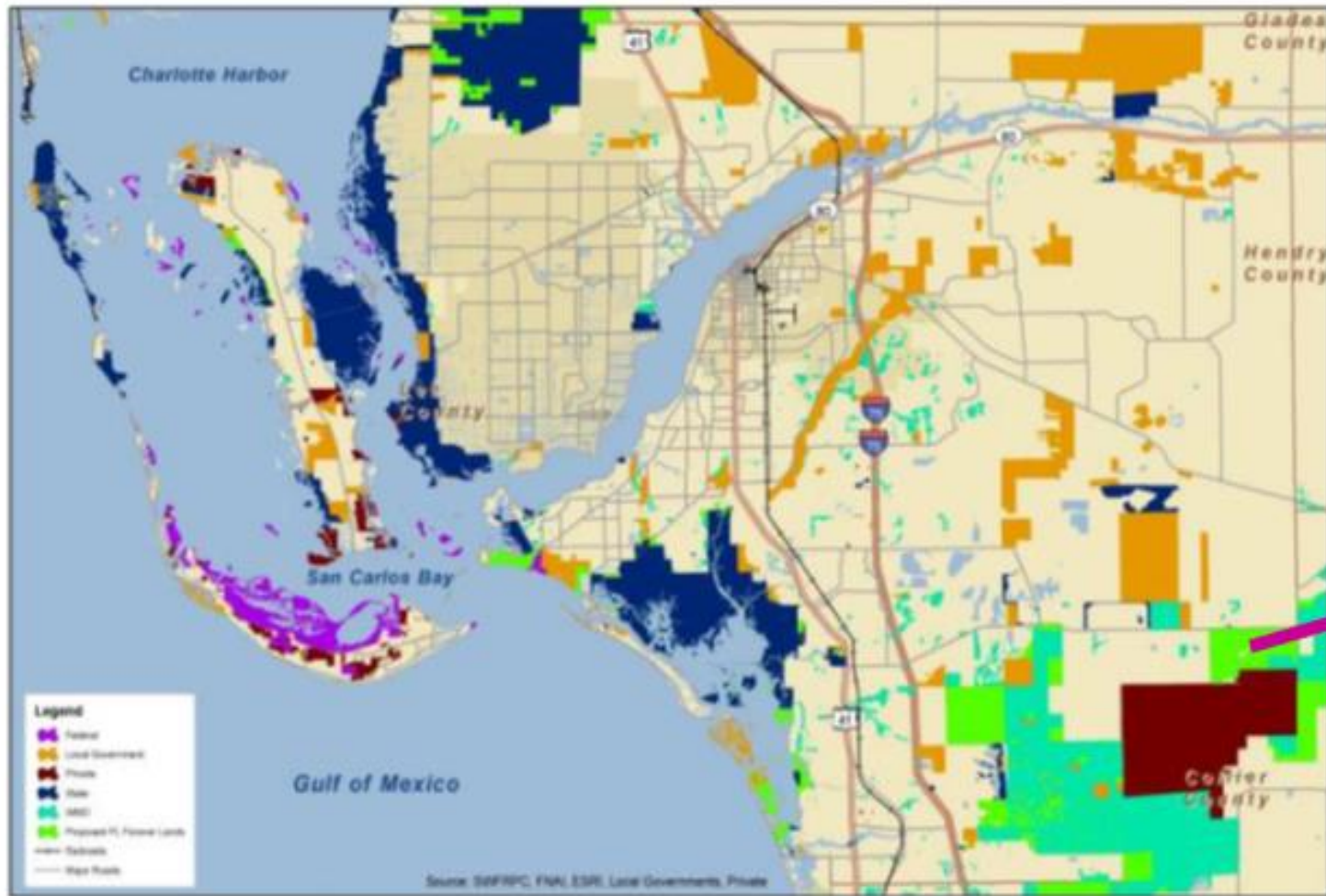
Urban Reserve, Privately Funded Infrastructure, Public Acquisition, Airport Mitigation Lands, & Priority Restoration Strategy Overlays



**Proposed Florida
Forever**

**Southern Tract of
Kingston**





**Lee County
Conservation Lands, Easements and
Proposed Florida Forever Lands**

0 2.5 5 Miles



Southwest Florida
Regional Planning
Council

www.swfrpc.org; Lee, 1997, 2013; www.fishbase.org; www.usgs.gov; Last updated by J. Walker on 5/22/2013



KINGSTON: STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

vi. as a condition of Development Agreement approval, the Developer will be required to mitigate its traffic impacts to Corkscrew Road, if deemed necessary, by paying an agreed upon proportionate share of needed Corkscrew Road roadway improvements not to exceed \$2,000.00 per residential unit due at issuance of building permits, payment of road impact fees due at issuance of building permits, and construction of an internal Spine Road connecting State Road 82 to Corkscrew Road to ensure sufficient traffic distribution to the North. Once built the spine road will be dedicated to the County with responsibility for maintenance. The Developer will be entitled to receive impact fee credits for the design, permitting, and/or construction costs associated with any right of way improvements made to the Spine Road at the request of the County that are not necessary to meet the Development's infrastructure needs, or any right of way dedication or conveyance to the County.

Credits to developer for road capacity above development needs. Taxpayer maintenance.

LEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
By: 
Chair of the Board of County Commissioners
Name (Print): Commissioner Cecil L. Pendergrass, Chairman
Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Dated: 4/27/22 District 2

KINGSTON: STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, to facilitate the necessary infrastructure for the Kingston Project contemplated by this Settlement Agreement and for future County infrastructure needs, there is a public interest in swapping the County Property with CAM; and

Land swap for Corkscrew Rd. frontage justified by providing infrastructure to **NORTH.**

- iii. identify mutually agreed upon land of similar size and quality, with frontage on SR 82, and within the Property boundaries, to swap for adjacent County Property to facilitate the construction of infrastructure needed for the Project and for the County's future regional infrastructure needs, such land swap will be contingent upon and subject to CAM purchasing the Property;

Waste of taxpayer money & critical resources to provide along Corkscrew ONLY to dig it up and replace for widening.

- iv. provide a conveyance of the mining rights for all property subject to the Development Agreement in exchange for proportionate share credits to CGLP in the amount of \$2,400,000.00;

Addition \$2.4 million prop share credit.

KINGSTON: STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

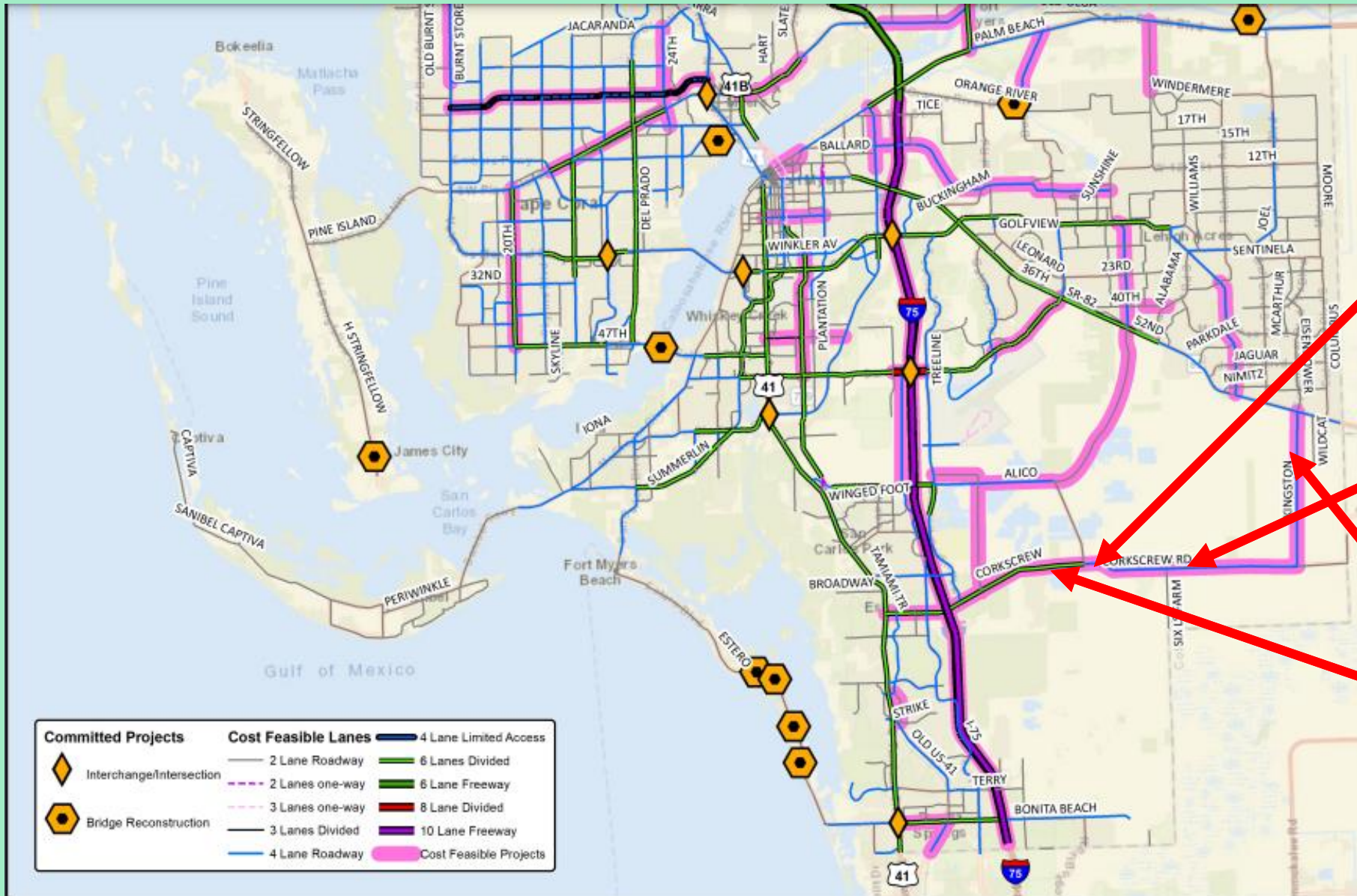
v. as a condition of development approval, the Developer will be responsible for needed utility infrastructure improvements to serve the Development. The County intends to build a new wastewater facility on Alico Road ("Alico Wastewater Facilities") and has existing County water treatment infrastructure that will accommodate the Kingston project. Once the Alico Wastewater Facilities are completed, the Development will connect to those facilities. The Developer and the County will decide the appropriate route for improvements to connect the Kingston Project to the Alico Wastewater Facilities. During the design or construction of infrastructure, the County and Developer may agree to upsize,

extend, enlarge or improve any sewer or water infrastructure desired by the County to meet future county non-Project demands, which the County will reimburse Developer for all incremental costs, design, permitting, construction, and financing, bond issuance, and overhead, attributable to the requested work with such reimbursement to be due upon inspection and acceptance of the requested improvements by the County; and

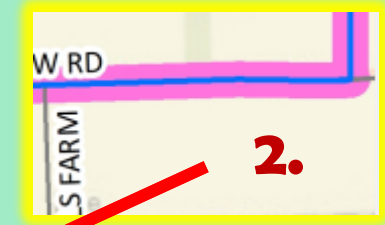
Developer responsible for providing infrastructure needs.

ACCESS & BEGIN to NORTH for infrastructure needs

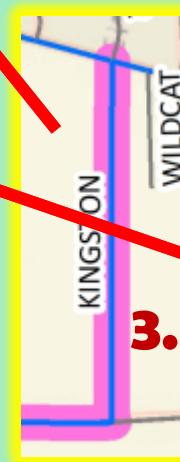
County to compensate for costs ABOVE what provided for internal use.



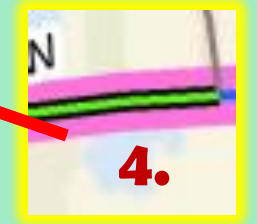
1.
 1) ALICO TO VERDANA
 (Approved in June)



2.
 2) VERDANA TO KINGSTON
 (proposed)



3.
 3) KINGSTON
 SPINE ROAD
 (proposed)



4.
 4) ALICO TO
 FIREHOUSE (from 4
 to 6 lanes)

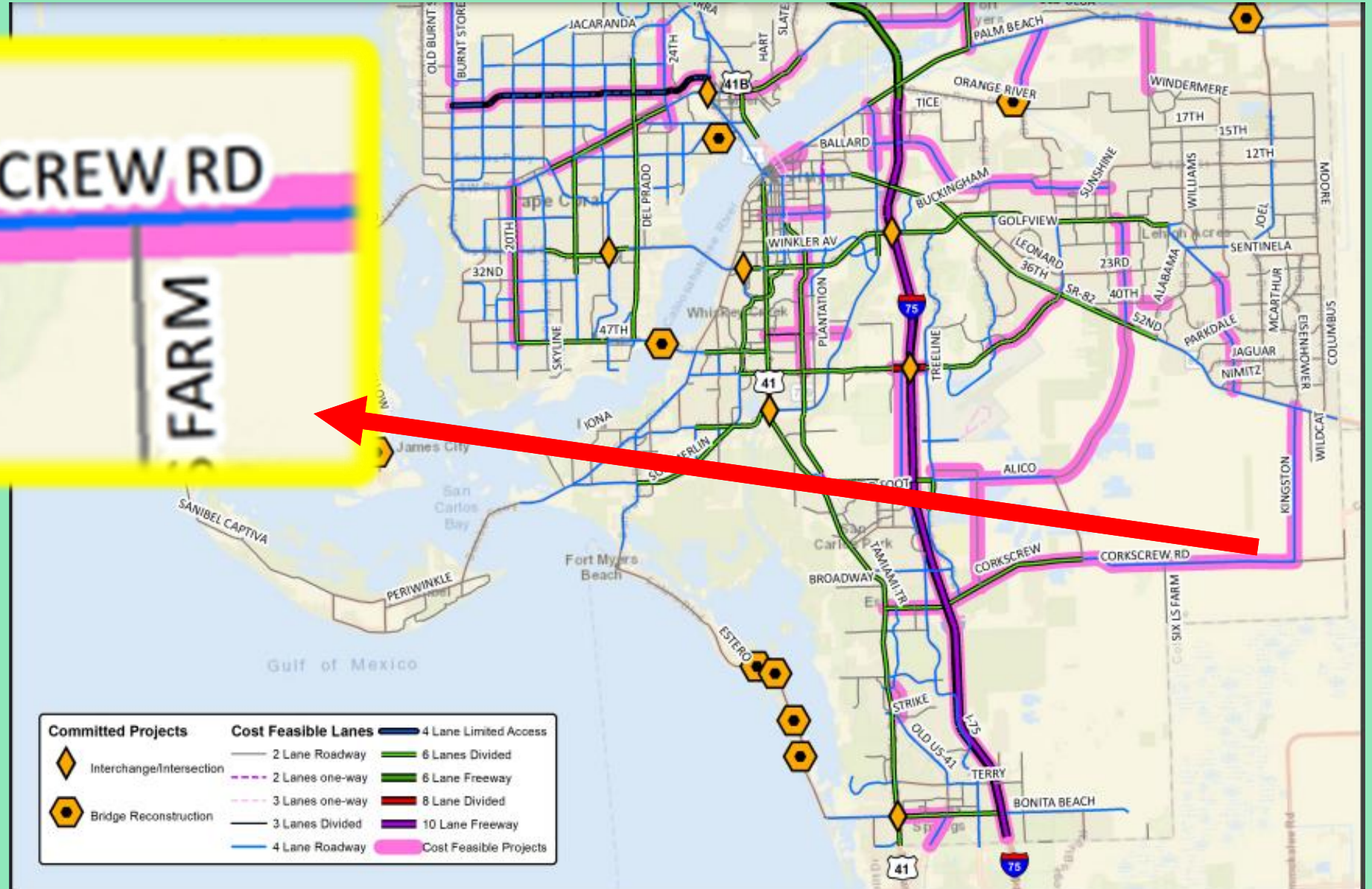
Alico to Verdana

The MPO, while updating the LRTP to add additional lanes to Corkscrew Road from Alico Road to the Verdana Village entrance, provided that the design and right-of-way phases are included in the 2026 to 2030 time frame and the construction phases are included in the 2031 to 2035 time frame, effectively adding the project to its Cost Feasible Plan. Additionally, the BoCC, at their February 15, 2022 Workshop, indicated support for adding the segment of Corkscrew Road between Alico Road and Verdana Village to the Tier 2 Priorities list for transportation projects.

Per concurrency report: \$62.5 million

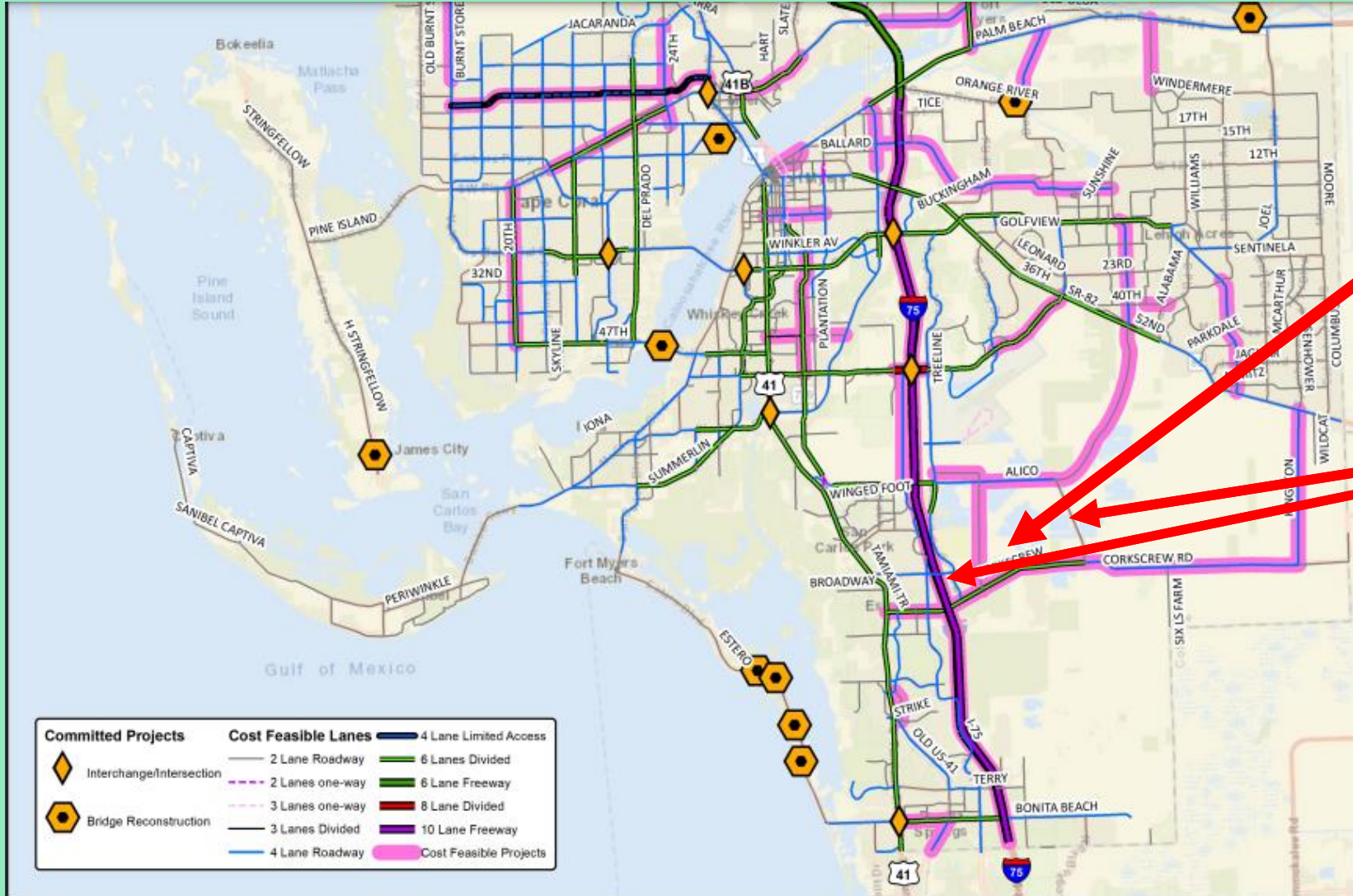
APPROVED in June

Verdana to Kingston



\$ > 62.5 million

Alico to Firehouse (now under construction, widen from 4 to 6 lanes)



Will force overage onto Alico Road and BACK UP I-75.

VISUALATION REQUEST

Request **enhanced visualization** with live GIS map showing ALL priorities in LEE COUNTY in the CONCURRENCY REPORT with priority numbering history, distance, costs %, construction, utility availability in accordance with federal and state enhanced engagement guidance to assess new proposals. Identify projects impacted by amendments to protect public interests and assets.

Don Scott

From: Norman Cannon <normancannon@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2022 12:19 PM
To: dist1@leegov.com; dist2@leegov.com; dist3@leegov.com; dist4@leegov.com; dist5@leegov.com
Cc: Don Scott
Subject: Sunshine Boulevard North

Good afternoon Commissioners –

It has come to my attention that future extension of Sunshine Boulevard North to State Route 80 is on the calendar at the next meeting of both the MPO and the MPO Advisory Committee. According to the map that outlines this extension ([Proposed-LRTP-amendments-January-2023.pdf \(leempo.com\)](#)) it will go through Hickey Creek Mitigation Park. Are these preserved lands going to be disturbed by this extension?

Awaiting your response –

Norman Cannon

Normancannon@embarqmail.com

Cc: Don Scott, AICP Executive Director, MPO

Don Scott

From: Kevin Wyman <kcofhb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Proposed LRTP amendments

MPO Board Members, It has come to my attention that the County is considering building a road extension from Sunshine in Lehigh Acres to SR80, Palm Beach Blvd. I am writing in opposition to the proposal and would ask that the considered amendment to the current traffic plan be rejected. I believe this project would have several negative impacts on the community in which I live, the area in general and the roads and local traffic patterns. If you haven't made the commute down SR80 in the morning and/or evening recently, I highly recommend that you give it a try. The number of commuters that are currently being funneled down this corridor is unsustainable, unhealthily and dangerous. The current amount of traffic creates excess stress, noise and hostility between drivers that the thought of adding more vehicles to this chaos is unfathomable. As I make this drive each morning I see more and more car accidents and frustrated drivers. Putting more cars on this path will simply worsen the problem. Additionally, the area that you intend to take this road past is a small residential community on one side and a preserve on the other. This road will have significant negative impacts to both. The increase noise and pollution will decrease the value of both the housing community and the ecological systems that this road will divide. Finally, this project will have significant negative fallout on the homeowners in the area as this road will cause the homes in the area to lose monetary value. When people purchase a home, each person considers the positives and negatives of the purchase and either chooses to move forward or not. When we moved in to his home it was because of many different factors. I knew my commute was going to be a long one but accepted that fact because of a cost benefit analysis. It seems to me that the people on the other side of this project made similar rational decisions with respect to the length of their commutes. Please do not go forward with this road extension.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Wyman
17370 Oak Creek Rd
Alva

714-794-7193

Don Scott

From: Tonia Harder <traeharder@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Concern re amended road extension from sunshine and 75th st to co rd 80

Mr Scott,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and a resident of Hickey Creek neighborhood. We live on Oak Creek Road and our street dead ends at the west border of Hickey Creek preserve.

The reason we purchased our property was solely based on the fact that we were next to a preserve and the land surrounding this neighborhood had already been built up so there didn't appear to be any way for new developments or roads to be built near enough to us to impact our lives and ability to enjoy the quiet and peace that this community offers.

Putting a four-lane road at the end of our street between the preserve and our equestrian neighborhood would not only destroy our and all of our neighbors reason for living here but would also negatively impact the preserve and wildlife.

Please consider the impact of this project on the lives of those of us who have lived here for years. We have many homes with horses and use our quiet dead end roads to ride our horses. We moved here for the quiet life this area affords and placing a road through our neighborhood would bring so much traffic it would detrimentally affect our lives and purpose for living here.

Have you considered using Bateman road as an alternative? Or Joel Blvd?

Are there any plans being discussed re our private road of Oak Creek Rd? Or Frank Rd? We all paid to have Oak Creek rd paved a several years ago.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stan and Tonia Harder

Sent from my iPhone

Don Scott

From: Quinn <quinnstahl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Sunshine Blvd to SR 80 extension

Hello,

I am writing today in strong opposition to the proposed Sunshine Blvd to SR 80 extension slated to extend along the Lehigh Canal. I am requesting the MPO does NOT approve this proposed plan. This extension plan would significantly disrupt the existing Oak Creek/Hickey Creek/Frank Road neighborhood by introducing excessive noise, pollution, safety concerns and destruction of wildlife habitat. I am a resident on Oak Creek Rd and specifically purchased our single-family home to allow my family an escape from the chaos of busy roads, noise, pollution and crime. Safety is a primary concern for us and by adding a roadway along our neighborhood, it automatically allows more access for criminal behavior. That is unacceptable. We are not willing to trade the safety of our family just to get more people to an already overly-congested Palm Beach Blvd. Our desire in choosing this property was to hear the birds, see the stars. We intentionally chose to live in a location with a rural dead-end road and back to an easement, knowing that our nature would not be impacted when the busy world around us continued building upon itself. That's why we paid an exorbitant amount of money for a house on this street. Now it seems the county is interested in forcing a major roadway along our rural community of single family homes. How do you think this will impact our quality of life? Property values? Human and animal welfare? Congestion along Palm Beach? Just last week it took me 20 minutes to drive from Hickey Creek Rd to Buckingham Rd (2.6miles). What do you think will happen when we add even more people entering Palm Beach Blvd around this location? If we wanted noise, congestion and pollution, we could have picked a much less expensive property much closer to town.

Please vote NO on the Sunshine Blvd extension.

Regards,
Quinn Stahl

Don Scott

From: Tara Cooley <jtcooley@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Proposed amendment extending Sunshine blvd to SR 80

It has come to my attention that the LEE MPO is looking to amend the LRTP to include extending Sunshine Blvd, from Alico road, to SR 80. I am a homeowner in the beautiful and serene Oak Creek/Hickey Creek/Frank road neighborhood.

I oppose the proposed amendment. I have significant concerns regarding the negative impact such an extension would bring to my neighborhood. Increased traffic, noise, pollution, and crime are a few of the reasons for my opposition. Not to mention, possible eminent domain cases.

It is my hope the MPO board will reconsider any such extension and preserve our beautiful and serene neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Tara Cooley
17341 Oak Creek Road

Sent from my iPhone

Don Scott

From: Alison Davison <alisondavison2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Sunshine extension

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am a homeowner in the Hickey Creek neighborhood and I am writing to express my displeasure towards the proposed plan to extend Sunshine Blvd to Palm Beach Blvd, FL 80. Our neighborhood is a quiet, rural, sleepy, and safe community that would be drastically and negatively impacted by the proposed road. All of the neighbors I have spoken with feel similarly. I plan to attend the meeting this Friday to express these concerns as well. Please consider the impact this plan would have on a long-established and culturally-defined neighborhood such as Hickey Creek/Oak Creek.

Sincerely,
Alison Davison

Don Scott

From: Connie Hamilton <bd64ch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:58 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Objection to the amendment extending Sunshine Blvd.

Please reconsider this proposal!

Those of us living in this area are concerned about several things we are asking you to consider.

The increased amount of traffic that this would put out onto the already congested

SR 80 is just unacceptable. It already a very dangerous road. Many of our young people must travel it getting to school.

Do you want that responsibility?

This is a rural area and the main reason most of us chose to live here. Now you want to take that away from us. The traffic, pollution, water depletion, possible increase in crime are just a few of our concerns.

As it is now, children play outside, ride their bikes, walk to visit neighboring children. Adults can walk, ride bikes or even skate.

Do you want to take those pleasures, that very few can safely enjoy anymore, away?

PLEASE reconsider this proposal!!

Constance Hamilton
17800 Oak Creek Rd
Alva, FL. 33920

Don Scott

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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:12 PM
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17370 Oak Creek Rd
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Sent from my iPhone

Don Scott

From: ami lewis <amilewis1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Don Scott
Subject: New Road Proposal

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as my letter of opposition to the proposed road amendment for the long-range transportation plan in Lee county. This proposal would have an adverse effect on the neighborhood. As a new resident of Lee County, I strongly oppose this proposal.

Thank you for your time,

Ami Lewis

Don Scott

From: KIM WALLIN <dkba4321@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Extension of Sunshine Blvd to Hwy 80

We very much oppose the road extension of Sunshine Blvd to Hwy 80. We live in a small, quiet, rural community. Hwy 80 is already extremely busy and dangerous.

Please do not allow this.

Thank you

David and Kim Wallin

Don Scott

From: TomMillerTeaches <tommillerteaches@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:37 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Sunshine blvd. extension LC30 project 50 &60

I am a resident of Lee county who will be severely impacted in a negative way if projects 59 &60 (LC38) goes forward.

Therefore I am requesting that the mentioned projects are rejected by the planning board.

Thank You

Thomas Miller

17950 Oak Creek rd

Alva, FL 33920

Don Scott

From: Aaron Lindsay <pantera1548@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:06 AM
To: Don Scott
Subject: LRTP

As a Hickey Creek resident I must strongly appose the extension project. The area has roads, fix them. R 884 is already very close by. Widen it.

Buckingham rd is another alternative.

As someone who travels route 80 every day I would much rather see improvements done there. I could make a list of issues with 80.

Those of us who live in the proposed area bought here for a reason. We have a quiet, secluded community and we want to keep it that way. Plainly put we do not want traffic here or to be connected to Lehigh. Building a new road in the name of LRTP does not always mean progress. This proposal would only cause more back up on 80 and damage our small community.

Thank You for your time.

James Lindsay.

Sent from my iPad

Don Scott

From: Andrea Lindsay <alindsay77@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Don Scott
Cc: info@conservancy.org
Subject: Sunshine Blvd Extension

Good morning,

I am writing to you to encourage you to oppose the proposed lengthening of Sunshine Blvd to Palm Beach Parkway in Alva. Please read my three reasons to reconsider as I am asking that you do not approve this road.

1. **Endangered Animals and Plants:** The path you would need to take to open Sunshine to Palm Beach can only take two routes, one through the Hickey Creek Mitigation Park, or one through Privately owned rural sites. Either route will cause tremendous stress on the wildlife and watershed in the area. Southwest Florida has already decimated the wildlife and their natural habitats. This will cause a major disruption and relocations of endangered animals that live here, including the panthers. As I live on Frank Road, I can personally vouch for Panthers, Bobcats, Tortoises, Kite (birds) and other animals live in this area.
2. **Safety and traffic:** Current traffic situations on Palm Beach Pkwy at rush hour (morning and evening) are strenuous and Palm Beach Parkway cannot handle the current volume. It currently (when school is in session) takes approx. 25 minutes during rush hour morning to make the 4-mile trek between Buckingham Road and Route 31. My typical non-rush hour commute used to be 30 minutes, Since the housing boom (that they are still building in Buckingham and River Hall), my commute to work is 1 hour. The backup from Buckingham headed west is creating a tremendous amount of traffic to bypass Palm beach Parkway and go through Fort Myers Shore and Olga residential areas, that at the same time are trying to load school buses. I have taken this route to avoid the standstill on Palm Beach and have witnessed many children on the streets and even adults walking right out into the streets to slow down the throughfare that citizens have created on Caribbean Road (and all residential are with a 25-mph speed limit that no one is obeying). Opening Lehigh Acres onto Palm Beach Parkway in Alva is only going to catapult the volume into a dangerous stand still. Not to mention the issues when there is a minor traffic incident. Palm Beach parkway must be addressed prior to adding additional traffic. There are not enough turning lanes or travel lanes to handle the influx of additional residential homes. I currently turn off Palm Beach parkway onto Hickey Creek rd. every evening around 6. There is NO turning lane. It is a gamble to make sure that the vehicle behind you is slowing enough to not hit you as you try to turn. Without the turning lanes into every road, and adding large amounts of traffic going to Lehigh, this gamble turns into a death wish. **Simply put; Palm Beach cannot handle any more traffic.**
3. **Crime:** I believe statistics will show that Lehigh Acres' crime rate is much higher than Alva or Olga. Opening a path straight out of Lehigh Acres open a crime wave that can travel quietly through this rural area right into the backyards of people, who intentionally purchase land up against a mitigation park, to avoid crime rates. This opens a quick getaway from any fleeing felons, to migrate off Palm Beach and get lost in the many roads in Lehigh Acres. (If you recall a high-speed chase has just occurred in this area). You are also decimating the land and the value of the homes in the Hickey Creek area, especially if the county tries to enforce any form of eminent domain.

Again, I am asking you to consider all facts before approving any such extension of Sunshine Blvd. The cons out way any possible pro.

Thank you for listening,

Andrea Lindsay

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CC. Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Don Scott

From: TERRY WEISS <kook1012@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Proposed Extension of Sunshine Blvd

I am unable to attend the meeting scheduled for January 20. Please include this email as my formal statement.

I strongly oppose the extension of Sunshine Blvd through the Oak Creek Farm neighborhood. This proposal will negatively impact our community by eliminating my neighbor's homes. These people have lived in our close-knit neighborhood for many years. This is completely heartless.

Additionally, this road would negatively impact the environment of the county. This road would go right through two specific areas of designated protected lands: the Hickey Creek Mitigation Park and the golfer tortoise preserve. Our protected lands have been violated with increased building for years. These were supposed to be left alone as a "compromise". To destroy them now is unconscionable.

Finally, the voices of the citizens of the rural areas of Lee County have been ignored for too long with the changes in density continually being approved by the County to expand the tax base. Sadly, there are almost no rural areas of Lee County left. We live in Lee County rural areas for the lifestyle that affords. Do not turn our city into a second Miami/Ft. Lauderdale.

It is time our voices are heard. Do not disappoint us again.

Thank you

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Don Scott

From: Calandra Barraco
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Don Scott
Subject: FW: MPO Proposal Sunshine Boulevard to SR 80 Connection

Here is another one.

Calandra Barraco
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Mangan <thmangan@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Calandra Barraco <cbarraco@Leempo.com>
Subject: MPO Proposal Sunshine Boulevard to SR 80 Connection

To Whom it May Concern:

Thirty two years ago I purchased property in a deed restricted neighborhood on a private road because I wanted a nice and peaceful place to live. It seems that this potential road project would be further erosion of the somewhat rural way of life that remains.

The ramifications of this or something like it are too numerous to list but one thing is for certain, it would forever change the entirety of northeast Lee County.

It is doubtful that there would be a proposal to build this road connection through Lee County's Mitigation Park. My commitment to preserving my home and neighborhood is equally strong.

Sincerely,

Alan Mangan
17240 Oak Creek Road
Alva, FL 33920

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Mangan <thmangan@embarqmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 12:02 PM

To: Calandra Barraco <cbarraco@Leempo.com>

Subject: MPO Proposal Sunshine Boulevard SR 80 Connection

To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly oppose the mere thought of a roadway adjacent to the end of Oak Creek Road in Alva.

I can hardly imagine all of the negative impacts, more noise, more litter, water pollution, more crime and decreased property values. Over the last thirty years the environment in this area has suffered greatly from development and so called improvements.

The hope had been that at least the two and half acres where our house sits could exist in its current form while the progress took place all around. Now there are visions of Oak Creek Road being a potential connection to a major thoroughfare. Maybe not at first but who knows where this could lead.

Is there not an end until there is no discernible boundary between Fort Myers and West Palm Beach?

Thank you for your attention,

Tina Mangan
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Sent from my iPhone

Don Scott

From: Denise Eberle <deniseallheal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Sunshine extension

January 19, 2023

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
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dscott@leempo.com

Subject: Sunshine Road Extension to SR 80

To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to the proposed Sunshine Road extension. All this sunshine extension will do is promote more development. It will increase traffic not decrease it. There needs to be a moratorium of construction/building.

Maybe you haven't driven down 80 lately. It's becoming more and congested, don't forget this road goes to the East coast . So,it's not just Lee County. Now you want to divert even more traffic from Lehigh towards SR 80. The developers would love this!

That's currently a rural area and you are playing into their hands. If this gets approved, before it's ever built, you'll have every developer buying up that land.

Sincerely,

Denise Eberle
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Alva Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Don Scott

From: Calandra Barraco
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Don Scott
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Sunshine/SR80 connection

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From: ruthann yeomans <ladyra1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:37:17 PM
To: Calandra Barraco <cbarraco@leempo.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Sunshine/SR80 connection

I wish to add my husband and two dogg's to my notice earlier. Total --4 from a his home. Thanks, Ruthann yeoman's 17221 oak creek rd, Alva fl----239-313-8131. 😊

On Thu, Jan 19, 2023, 11:52 AM Calandra Barraco <cbarraco@leempo.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Ruthann,

It was great speaking with you earlier. Thank you for your public comment for the MPO Board meeting being held on Friday, January 20, 2023.

We will print out the comment and distribute it to the MPO Board members.

Best always,

Calandra Barraco

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From: ruthann yeomans <ladyra1956@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Calandra Barraco <cbarraco@Leempo.com>

Subject: Proposed Sunshine/SR80 connection

NO---- use east side of canal, land ALREADY acquisitioned by County for Wetland Mitigation. Resident's of west side of canal live here for a reason: quiet, safe for families and pets, space. Long term resident, Ruthann Yeomans--17221 Oak Creek Rd, Alva FL. 33920. PHONE--239-313-8131.

Don Scott

From: Terri Lewis <tllewis@planetconnected.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Peters, Victoria; Don Scott
Subject: Truck Parking - Daniels & I-75

Victoria and Don,

I would like to provide some comments about the proposal for overnight truck parking on I-75 & Daniels corner.

I believe that there is an opportunity to address a broader set of transportation challenges of the area, improve land use, and economic development (e.g. businesses). Trucks do use this space in the evenings but much less so during the day. This seems like an excellent opportunity to address daytime transportation needs by including park-and-ride capacity.

As you know, there is a growing East-West corridor transportation challenge as people, due to cost of housing, live in the eastern part of Lee county, but work in the western part of the county(ies). People now in Lehigh acres are at the tipping point of length of time to get to work as well as challenged with increasing cost of transportation on top of increasing housing expenses. If the area wants to help businesses remain competitive and economically thriving, we must work to reduce the costs and time for workers to get to and from work. We also need to improve land use by increasing the density of transportation options, looking at other options than personal cars.

I would hope that the scope of this project would look more holistically what is needed to improve transportation density and land use by expanding the scope to evaluate a Park-and-Ride center on this site and eventually along the Colonial & I-75 corner. There is a need for in both areas.

Some ideas for evaluation:

- Bus loop design - work with Lee Trans (and other bus companies) to incorporate the space where bus routes can regroup and incorporate better their micro transit strategies. A simple opportunity would be to move the current bus stop in front of the Race Trac gas station to this area. (The bus stop location was under 2-8" of mud/water during the bulk of the rainy season in 2022).
- Pedestrian drop-off/ pedestrian pick-up - evaluate the opportunity for pedestrians as a 'kiss-n-ride", especially working with schools off of Daniels and Treeline. Can the "final mile" be made more efficient than parents in cars sitting for 30-45 minutes to drop off and pick up?
- Ride-share - poll businesses and see which ones would benefit from a location for ride-share and evaluate the network needs to benefit them.
- Provide Bike storage lockers and other bike parking to encourage improved density transportation, especially e-bikes/scooters. Is there is an opportunity to gather beach-goers further than the current park and ride near the beach?
- Improve the marked bike lanes and protect the users, again to encourage usage. Currently, it is dangerous-by-design for cyclists and pedestrians using the multi-use path and even worse in the bike lane due to speeding, texting, etc.
- Provide charging stations
- Provide a coffee shop for people to use while waiting.

Measure it! If there is carbon reductions funding requested, please provide before and after metrics that are available to the public.

I'm not a transportation engineer, so looking for your expertise in viable solutions.

Thank you,
Teresa L. Lewis
Planet Connected LLC