



US 41 (14th Street West)

from 63rd Avenue West to 53rd Avenue West

Financial Project ID : 429506-1-52-01

Public Hearing

Ramada Waterfront Sarasota

February 7, 2013

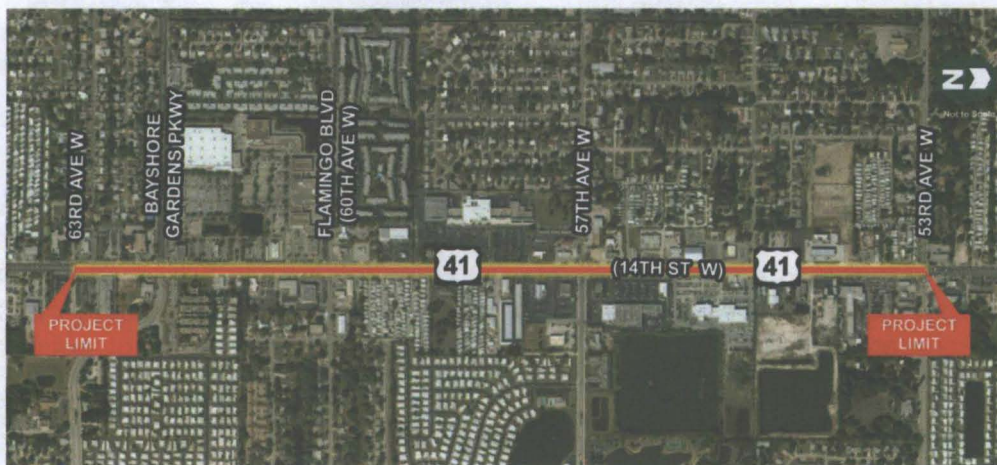
6 p.m. – Open House; 7 p.m. – Formal Presentation

Welcome to the public hearing for the US 41 (14th Street West) sidewalk and street lighting design project. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is holding this public hearing in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of this hearing is to provide you the opportunity to review project information, ask questions and offer comments about proposed improvements to US 41 from 63rd Avenue West to 53rd Avenue West in Manatee County. Maps, display boards and other project information are on display here this evening. Project representatives are available to discuss the study and answer questions.

Introduction

FDOT will add sidewalks to both sides of US 41 and add street lighting to the east side of the road within the project limits. The improvements will require the acquisition of right-of-way, or property that FDOT owns, to accommodate proposed improvements. Right-of-way acquisition will affect parking, business signs and frontage of some properties along US 41.

PROJECT LIMITS



Documents available for review

Project documents and other information developed by FDOT are on display this evening. These materials are also available for public review at South Manatee Branch Library at 6081 26th Street West in Bradenton and at FDOT District One Office at 801 North Broadway Avenue in Bartow until February 18, 2013.

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Enhance safety along US 41 - 1 1/4 miles

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Proposed sidewalk

FDOT is adding a sidewalk to the east side of US 41 from 63rd Avenue West to Bayshore Gardens Parkway. It is five feet wide and is separated from the road by a two-foot grass strip. There is an existing five-foot sidewalk on the west side of the road. FDOT doesn't need to purchase additional property, or right-of-way, to make sidewalk improvements in this area.

From Bayshore Gardens Parkway to 53rd Avenue West, the proposed sidewalk is located on both the east and west sides of US 41. It is next to the roadway curb and varies between five and six feet wide. FDOT needs about four feet of additional right-of-way for these sidewalk improvements and about 8 feet of additional right-of-way for sidewalks at various driveway locations. New sidewalks will connect to existing sidewalk, where possible, to minimize the need for right-of-way and to reduce construction costs.

Proposed lighting

FDOT is also adding street lighting to the east side of US 41 from 63rd Avenue West to 53rd Avenue West. FDOT needs up to seven feet of additional right-of-way in areas where light poles will be installed.

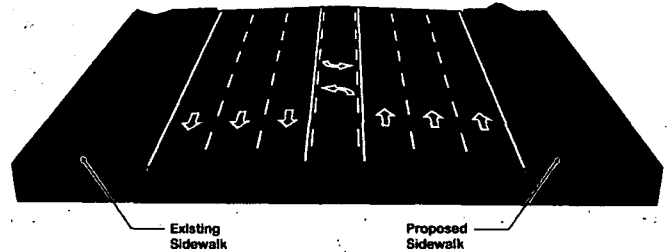
Environmental evaluations

FDOT evaluated environmental and socioeconomic factors relating to the proposed sidewalk and street lighting improvements in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and other federal requirements. The evaluation considered the project's effects on threatened and endangered species, wetlands and floodplains, cultural and historic resources, contamination, right-of-way, land use, stormwater management and permitting, noise, air quality, construction effects, and aesthetics. Based on these evaluations, we do not anticipate significant effects to the environment associated with adding sidewalk and street lighting to US 41.

Right-of-way

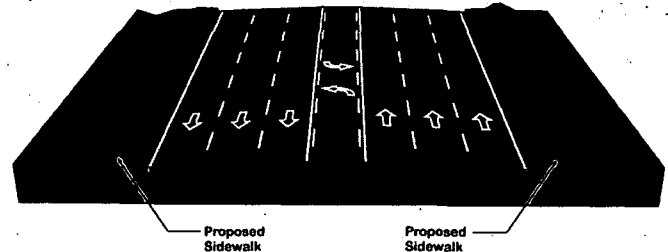
Maps on display this evening illustrate right-of-way, or property, FDOT needs to acquire to build proposed sidewalk and install lighting. FDOT carries out a right-of-way and relocation program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statutes, and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act of 1970 to address these effects. Brochures are available this evening, as are representatives from FDOT to discuss the right-of-way acquisition process with you. Please contact FDOT District One Right-of-Way Office by telephone at 863-519-2407 during business hours, if you have additional questions about right-of-way.

PROPOSED SIDEWALK 63rd AVENUE WEST TO BAYSHORE GARDENS PARKWAY



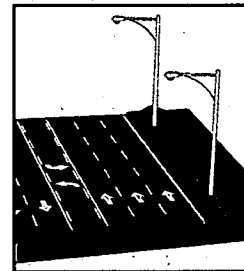
No additional right-of-way required for sidewalk

PROPOSED SIDEWALK BAYSHORE GARDENS PARKWAY TO 53rd AVENUE WEST



4 to 8 feet additional right-of-way required for sidewalk

PROPOSED STREET LIGHTING 63rd AVENUE WEST TO 53rd AVENUE WEST

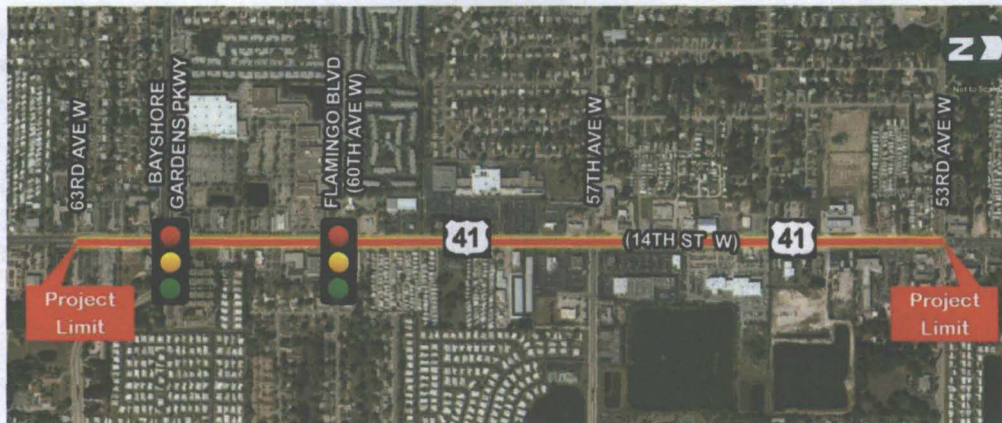


Up to 7 feet additional right-of-way required for lighting

Intersection improvements

In two design projects, separate from the sidewalk and street lighting design project, FDOT is replacing traffic signals and pedestrian crossing signals and adding ramps to the US 41/Bayshore Parkway and US 41/60th Avenue West intersections. Since these intersection improvement projects previously have been approved, they do not require a public hearing but are included tonight for your information.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)



Cost summary

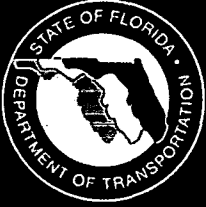
The design, right-of-way and construction phases for this project are included in the FDOT five-year work program. The costs shown in the table below are in present-day dollars.

Project Cost	
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 150,000
Right-of-Way	\$4,700,000
Construction	\$1,300,000
Total Project Cost	\$6,150,000

What happens next

Following the public hearing and comment period, FDOT will complete the environmental documentation for the proposed improvements. FDOT will proceed with right-of-way acquisition, which is scheduled to begin March 2013. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin Fall 2015.

Project Schedule	
Design	In Progress
Right-of-Way Acquisition	March 2013
Construction	Fall 2015 (Tentative)



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Federal-state partnership

Through a series of Congressional acts, the Federal Aid Highway Program was conceived and developed as a joint federal-state partnership. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviews and approves all federal-aid actions proposed by FDOT. When present at a public hearing, FHWA representatives serve as observers and technical advisors regarding federal requirements and procedures. You will have the opportunity to submit your comments concerning the project during this hearing and until Monday, February 18, 2013. All mailed statements postmarked by and emailed statements received by Monday, February 18, 2013 will be entered into the official project record.

Title VI and related statutes

This public hearing is held in accordance with Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 771 and Section 339.155, Florida Statutes. The hearing is developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

The hearing gives interested people an opportunity to express their views about project plans. Verbal comments that you make at the hearing tonight will become a part of the official hearing transcript. Written statements or exhibits submitted at the hearing, emailed by, or mailed and postmarked by February 18, 2013 will also become a part of the official hearing transcript.

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COMMENT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Comments:

Please place this form in the comment box at this workshop or mail it, postmarked by February 18, 2013 to the address below.

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