



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

March 6, 2013

Honorable Billy Hattaway
District One Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
801 N. Broadway Avenue
Bartow, Florida 33830

RE: 15th Street East PD&E

Dear Mr. Hattaway:

This letter is to request the FDOT's support of revitalizing the South County Community Redevelopment Area by including design elements in the 15th Street East PD&E which would promote multi-modal options and support mixed use development in the area.

In 2002, the County adopted the area surrounding this project pursuant to State Statutes as the South County CRA. The 2006 South County CRA Plan includes goals to improve transportation in the area, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, bus routes, and street lighting. Furthermore, this plan sought to provide improvements which would support mixed uses and more intense development in the area.


In addition, in 2012 the County adopted a Complete Streets Policy with the goal of contributing to healthy and livable communities by encouraging walking and biking to work, shopping, schools, parks, and other local destinations through the design of multi-modal options on roadways.

The County would appreciate your inclusion of the above criteria in a directive when awarding the PD&E and ultimately the design of 15th St. East.

Please contact Sage Kamiya, PE, PTOE, Deputy Director, Traffic Management (941-708-7407), with our Public Works Department, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Bustle, Chairman
Manatee County Board of Commissioners

cc: Honorable, Manatee County Board of Commissioners
Nora Patterson, Chairman, MPO
Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator 
Ron Schulhofer, Director, Public Works Department
Sage Kamiya, PE, PTOE, Deputy Director, Traffic Management

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March 26, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #35

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION March 26, 2013
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY

Subject

15th Street East Roadway Redevelopment Letter

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Sage Kamiya, P.E., PTOE, Deputy Director, Traffic Management, x7425

Action Requested

Authorization for the Chairman to send the attached letter requesting the FDOT to promote the 15th St E PD&E project to include components that include the County's complete street policy and multi-modal desire for this roadway; which would support mixed uses and more intense development in the area.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Background Discussion

The FDOT Work Program includes a Project, Development, and Environment study and design funding for 15th Street East from Tallevast Road to SR 70. As part of this study and design there are several items that should be considered.

Since this is in the FDOT work program as a result of the Sarasota-Manatee MPO, the PD&E will follow the MPO policies. In particular, the Roundabout Feasibility Consideration Policy, shall include roundabout intersection design feasibility in the PD&E.

In addition, this roadway is within the South County Community Redevelopment Area. The CRA meets the requirements of Florida Statutes and was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2002. In addition, specific to this roadway, the 2006 South County CRA Plan's goals include improving transportation, sidewalks, and street lighting. Other goals included creating a better community identity and improving retail services in order to encourage development and redevelopment of more mixed use and more intense development within the area.

Finally, in 2012, the BoCC adopted a complete street policy, which encourages more design emphasis on alternative modes of transportation in areas with significant pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users (i.e.,

future activity centers, mixed use centers, redevelopment areas, areas near schools and colleges, etc.). Complete Streets contribute to healthy and livable communities by encouraging walking and biking to work, shopping, schools, parks, and other local destinations through the design of multi-modal options on roadways.

Staff research has shown that major redevelopment tends to occur when a roadway improvement is central to the area. Considering this and all the above, this roadway project is an excellent opportunity to be a catalyst to revitalizing the South County CRA area.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Please return a fully executed copy of the attached letter to Alberta Yon, Public Works ext. 7407

Sent Via Inner Office Mail to Public Works 26th Ave E 3/27/13 vj

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [15th Street East PD&E.pdf](#)