

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
From: Chad Butzow, P.E., Interim Director Public Works
Date: December 31, 2018
Subject: **Project Status Report**
44th Avenue Roadway Projects



To keep the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) informed, this Executive Summary has been created to address the ongoing status of the various phases of the 44th Avenue Roadway Project.

Scope of Project:

The segment of 44th Avenue East from US 41 to 15th Street East is designed as a three-lane divided roadway with sidewalks and streetlights. The segments from 15th Street East to 45th Street East are designed as a four-lane divided roadway with grassed medians, bike lanes, sidewalks and streetlights. The segments from 45th Street East to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard will be designed as a four-lane divided roadway, with grassed medians, bike lanes, sidewalks, and will include two bridges.

44th Avenue East – from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East (Braden River Crossing)

Design Status:

Final 100% design revisions associated with land acquisition negotiations have been completed by the consultant (AECOM).

Permit Status:

- An Environmental Resource Permit was issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) on January 31, 2018.
- A Dredge/Fill Permit was issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) on February 28, 2018.
- An Eagle Disturbance Permit that was prepared in coordination with the consultant on the adjacent project (44th Ave. E. – 44th Ave. Plaza E. to Lakewood Ranch Blvd.) was issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on August 27, 2017. As of June 2017, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission no longer requires a state bald eagle disturbance permit as long as a federal permit is obtained from the FWS.
- An advance approval letter with an expiration date of September 29, 2020 has been received from the U.S. Coast Guard for the bridge over the Braden River.
- A gopher tortoise technical memorandum is to be prepared prior to construction activities.

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- A FEMA No-Rise Certification has been approved by Manatee County Public Works.
- A Utility Permit for the potable water systems was issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on March 19, 2018.
- A Utility Permit for the wastewater systems was issued by FDEP on June 6, 2018.

Land Acquisition:

As of December 31, 2018, appraisal reports have been received and offers have been delivered for the 39 parcels that will be impacted by this project, there have been 33 closings, 3 parcels currently in negotiations with the owner, and 3 parcels acquired through eminent domain.

On March 6, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved of a Conservation Easement to be established on a County owned parcel in Duette that is required for the Federal Eagle Disturbance Permit.

Schedule:

Permitting is complete and land acquisition is anticipated to occur through the Spring of 2019.

Current Activities:

Land acquisition is ongoing.

Proposed revisions to a Florida Power and Light (FPL) Facilities Relocation Agreement to relocate transmission poles affected by the proposed roadway alignment over the Braden River are being coordinated with FPL.

44th Avenue East – from 44th Avenue Plaza East (crossing I-75) to Lakewood Ranch

Design Status:

The project is being designed in two phases with Phase 1 extending from 44th Ave. Plaza E. to approximately 1,100 feet west of the Interstate 75 (I-75) right-of-way. Phase 2 includes the proposed I-75 overpass and extends easterly to Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The 75% Phase 1 plans were submitted in September of 2018. The 75% Phase 2 plans are being prepared with an anticipated delivery date to be determined based on permitting coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the SWFWMD.

Permit Status:

An Eagle Disturbance Permit that was prepared in coordination with the consultant on the adjacent project (44th Ave. E. – 45th St. E. to 44th Ave. Plaza E.) was issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on August 27, 2017. As of June 2017, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission no longer requires a state bald eagle disturbance permit as long as a federal permit is obtained from the FWS.

The consultant (HDR) is continuing with regulatory permit coordination with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Land Acquisition:

Land acquisition needs for Phase I have been determined and preparations have begun for two (2) parcels. Land acquisition needs for Phase II will be determined as the design develops.

On March 6, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved of a Conservation Easement to be established on a County owned parcel in Duette that is required for the Federal Eagle Disturbance Permit.

Schedule:

Anticipate 100% Phase 1 design submittal in the Fall of 2019. The 75% Phase 2 design submittal date will be determined based on permitting coordination with the FDOT and SWFWMD.

Current Activities:

The 100% Phase 1 design, 75% Phase 2 design and regulatory permit coordination are ongoing. Field crews are conducting survey, environmental and geotechnical data collection.

The 44th Avenue East and Creekwood Boulevard Improvements project is currently under construction in accordance with a developer reimbursement agreement with Neal Communities. These improvements include a portion of Phase 1 of the 44th Avenue East project.

Budget Status

Total Budget:

US 41 – Lakewood Ranch Boulevard	\$182,152,114.00*
*Budget shown includes Utilities	

Total Expenditures to Date:

US 41 – Lakewood Ranch Boulevard	\$69,095,953.12
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Funding Sources:

Gas Taxes, Road Impact Fees, Transportation Bonds, and \$1,530,150 FDOT contribution.

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