

LAUREL ROAD

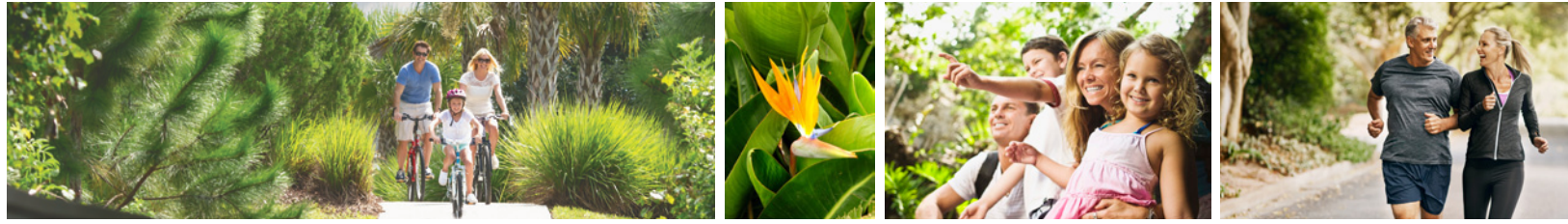
EXPANSION

PROGRESS REPORT

1/24/2023

Presented by:

THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS WORKING GROUP



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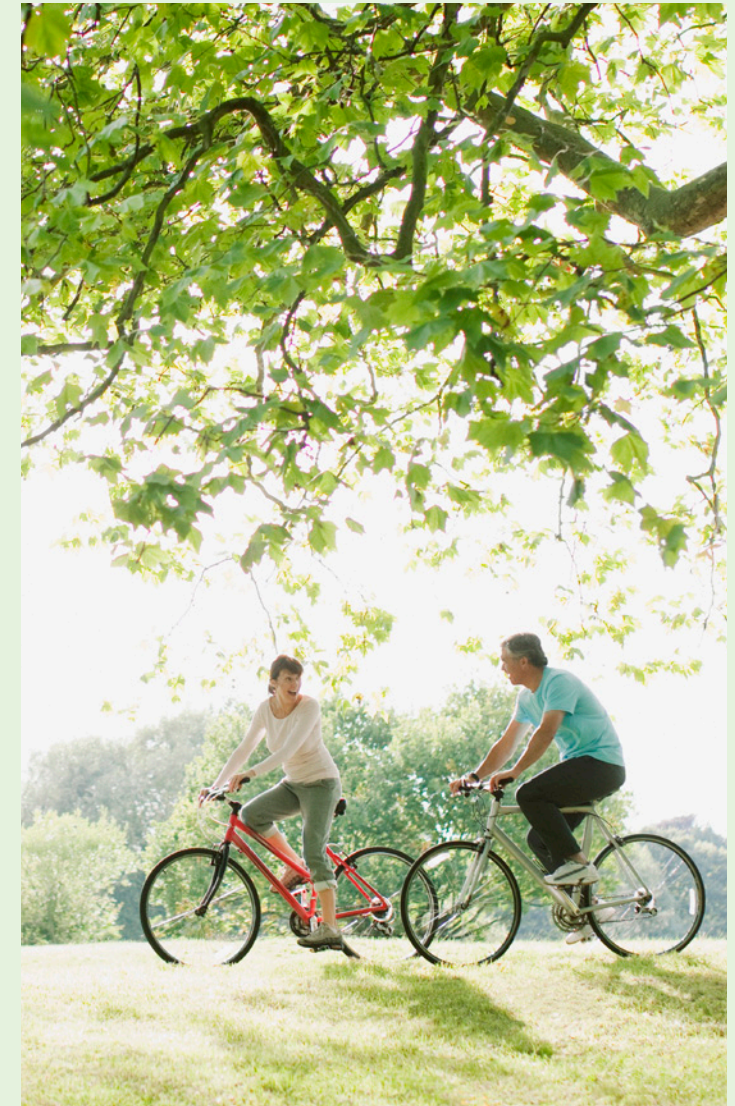
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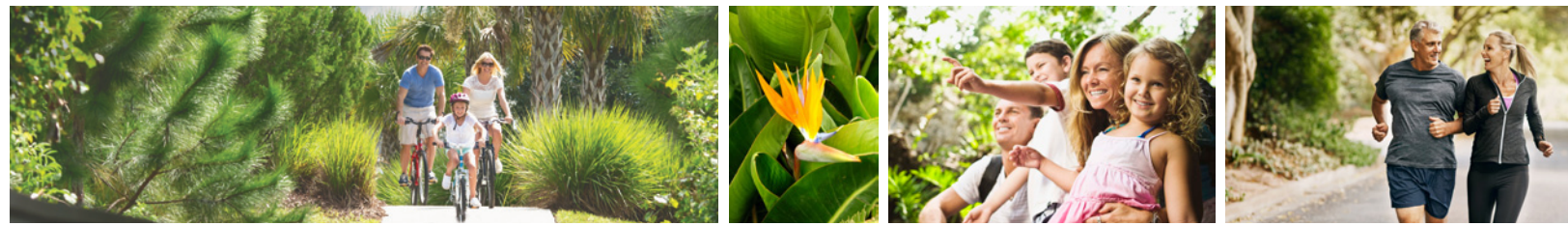
OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEETING

- Brief history of the project for new council members and the public

- To provide an update on engineering design

- To provide an update on the appropriation request





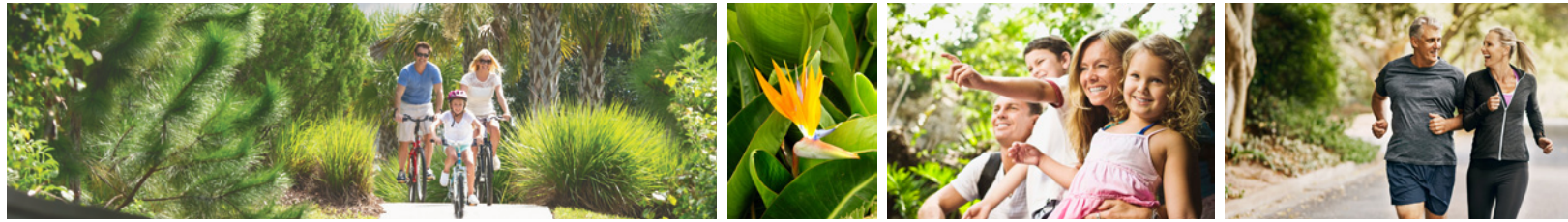
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SUCCESSFUL HISTORY OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- **Resulted in major savings for taxpayer**
- Our previous public/private projects
 - US Highway 301 in Manatee County
 - Budgeted for \$32 MM, built for \$21 MM
 - Honore Avenue Extension (3.2 miles in Manatee County)
 - Built for \$6 MM under original estimate
 - Fort Hamer Bridge project
 - Bay Street sidewalk for Sarasota County
 - Budgeted for over \$1.294 MM, built for \$304,000 and completed just 2 months after receiving approval
 - Currently working on the Missing Link in Sarasota County
 - East of I-75 Connecting Clark Road to Knights Trail
- The County budget for Laurel Road is \$16,000,000
- **Our estimate for Laurel Road is consistent with our normal savings of 30% to 40%**



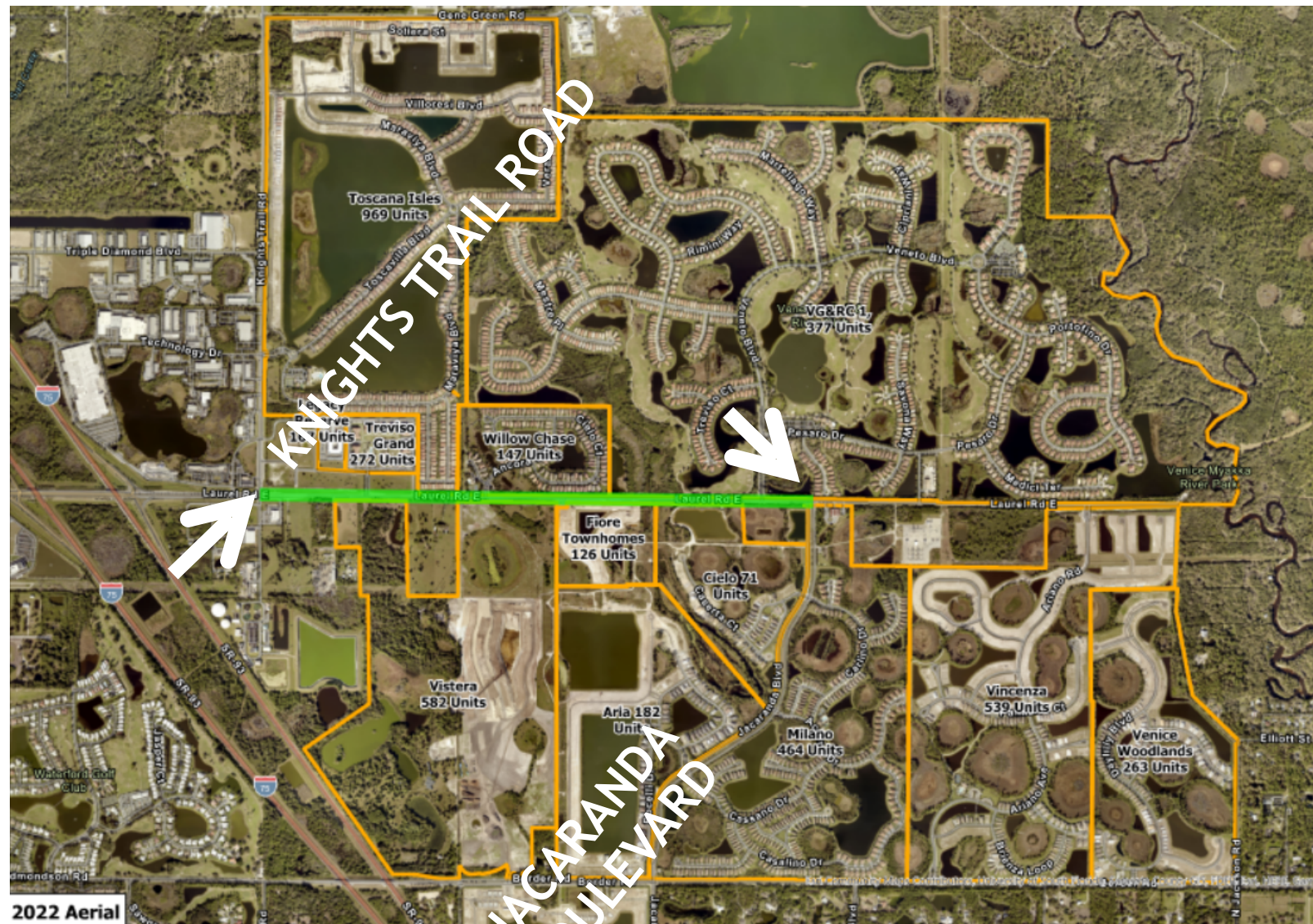


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SCOPE

Widening of Laurel Road from Knight's Trail to the intersection of Laurel and Jacaranda, a distance of 1.4 miles.

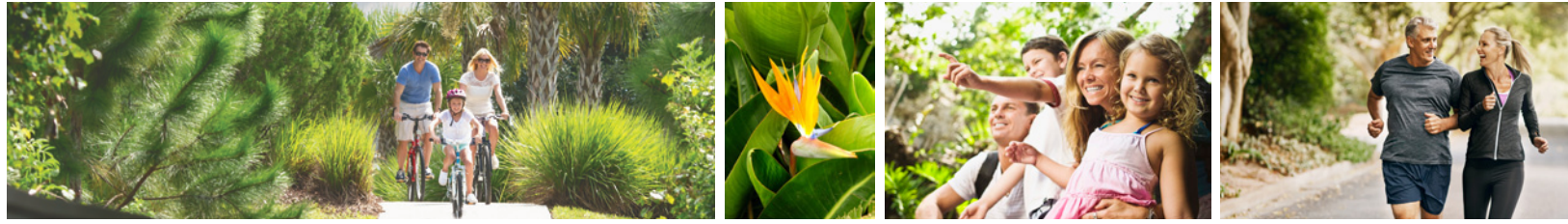


Current conditions:

- 2-lane roadway
- Minimal shoulder
- Inconsistent curbing along roadway
- No stormwater/ drainage
- Minimal lighting



EXISTING ROADWAY



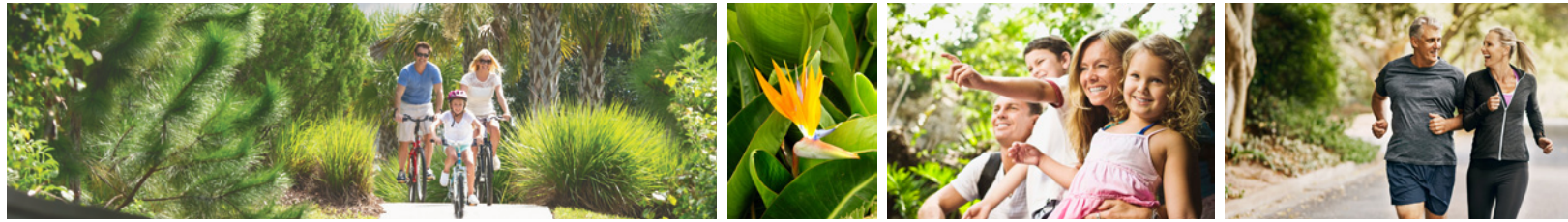
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LAUREL ROAD TYPICAL SECTION

View from the West
looking East





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BRIEF OVERVIEW

Hurricane Evacuation

- Design above the 100-year 24-hour floodplain to promote safe evacuation

Provide capacity to accommodate existing and future traffic

Consistent with Comprehensive Plan Traffic Circulation Policies

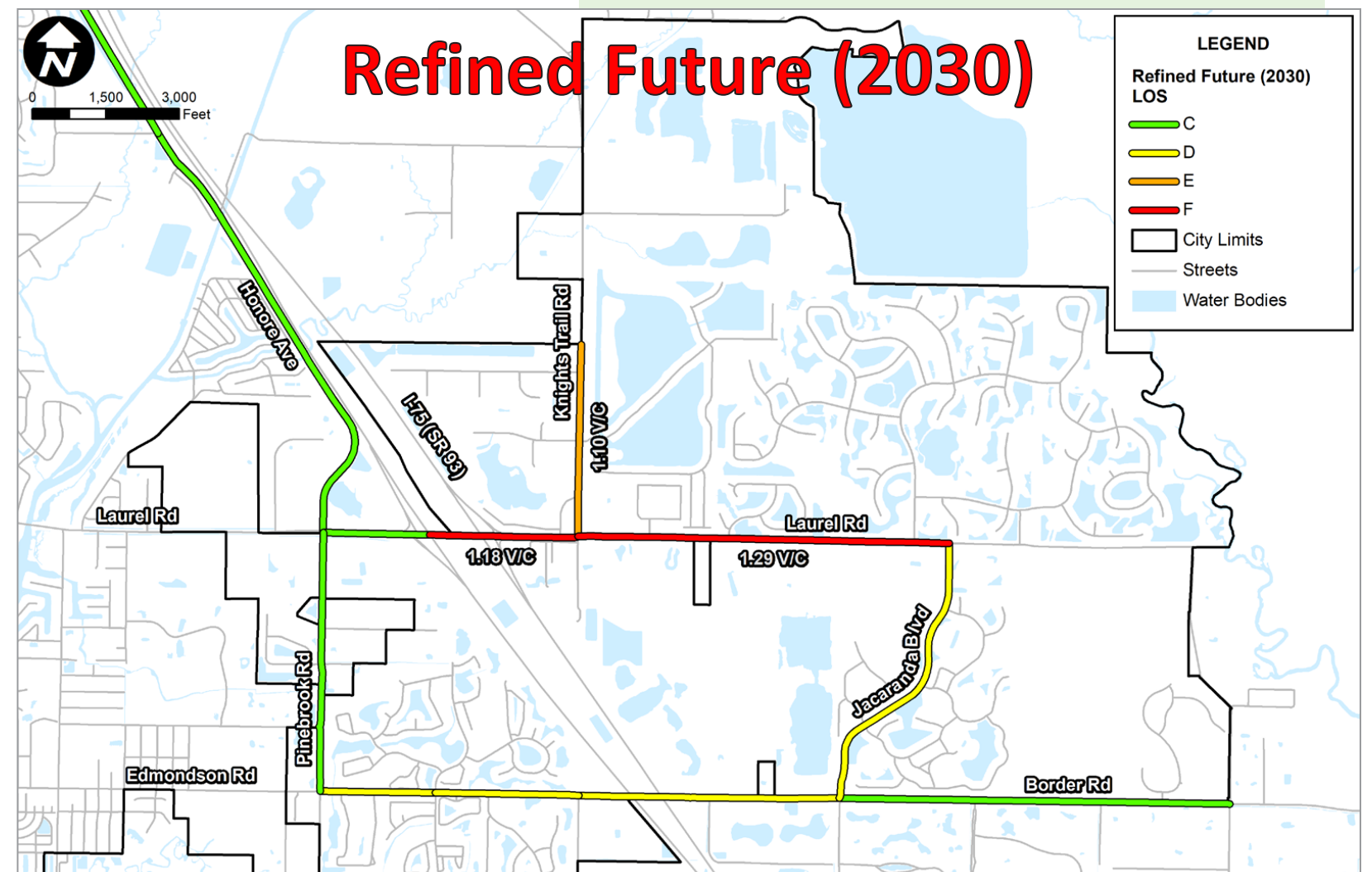
- Enhances pedestrian and non-motorist experience through multi-use trail connection
- Park settings on each end of corridor

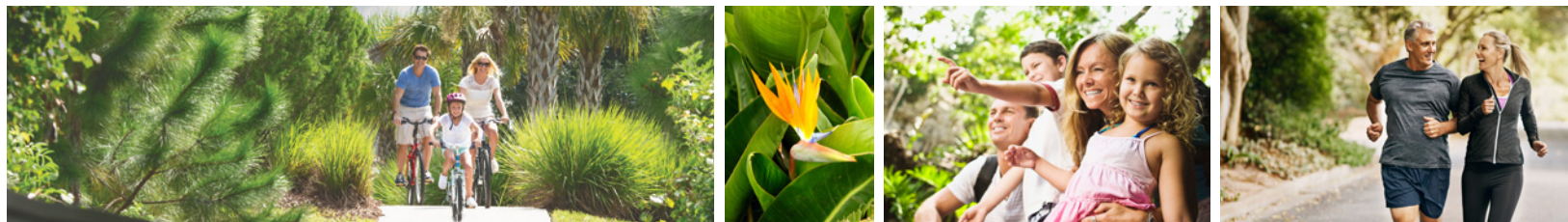
Northeast Venice Neighborhood Transportation Study commissioned by the city

- Existing Comprehensive Plan transportation roadway capacity analysis was performed in 2017
- Study was completed and presented to the city council in 2019

Study concluded by 2030, Laurel Road would be insufficient for the needs of the area

Laurel Road will be transformed into a four-lane road with a traffic light placed at the corner of Jacaranda and Laurel.

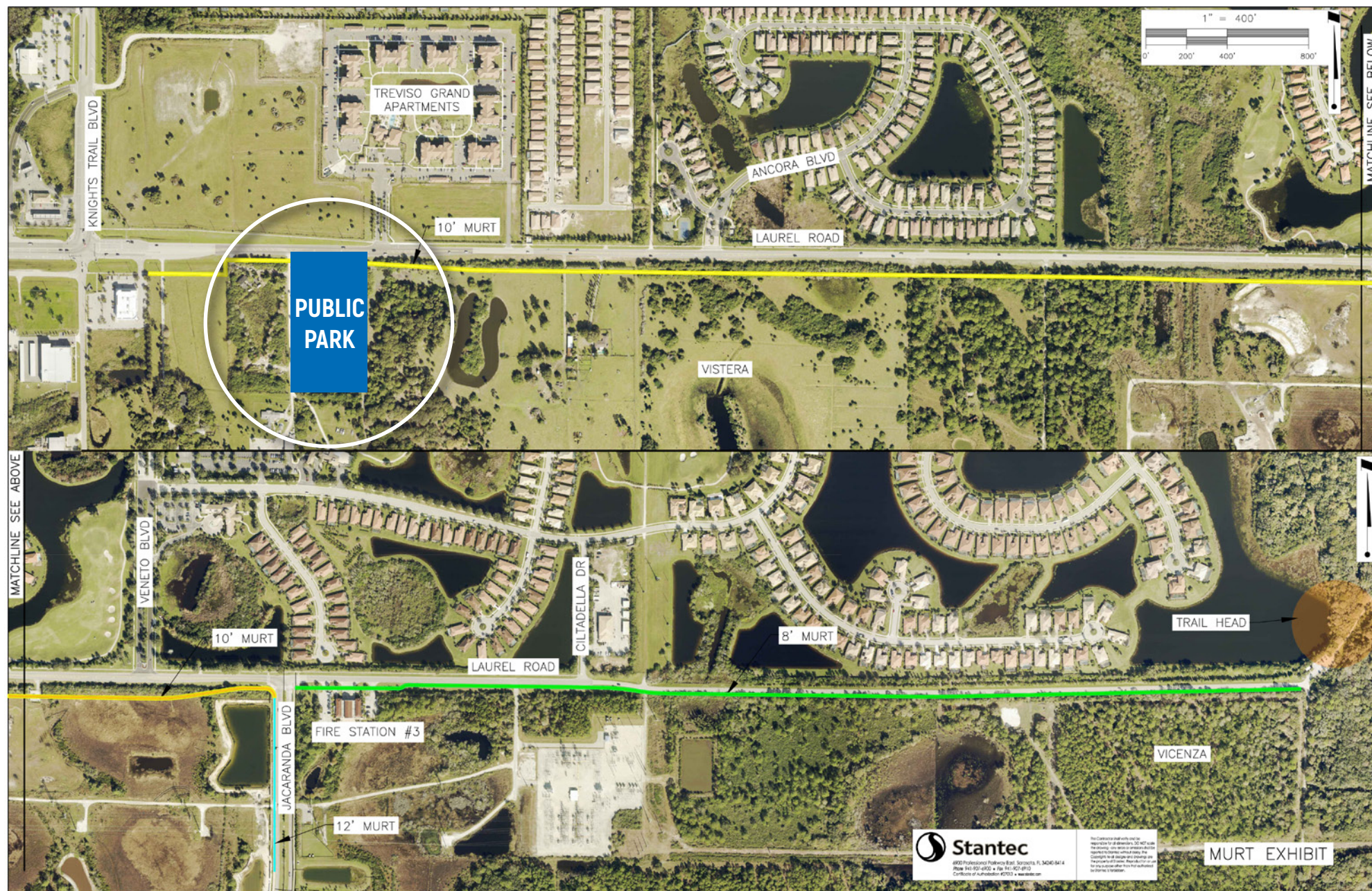




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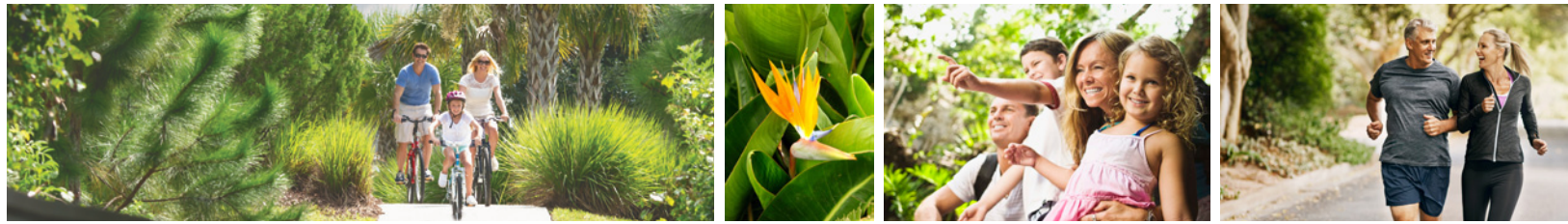
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LINEAR PARK ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY



The multi-use recreational trail will connect Knights Trail to the Venice Myakka River Park

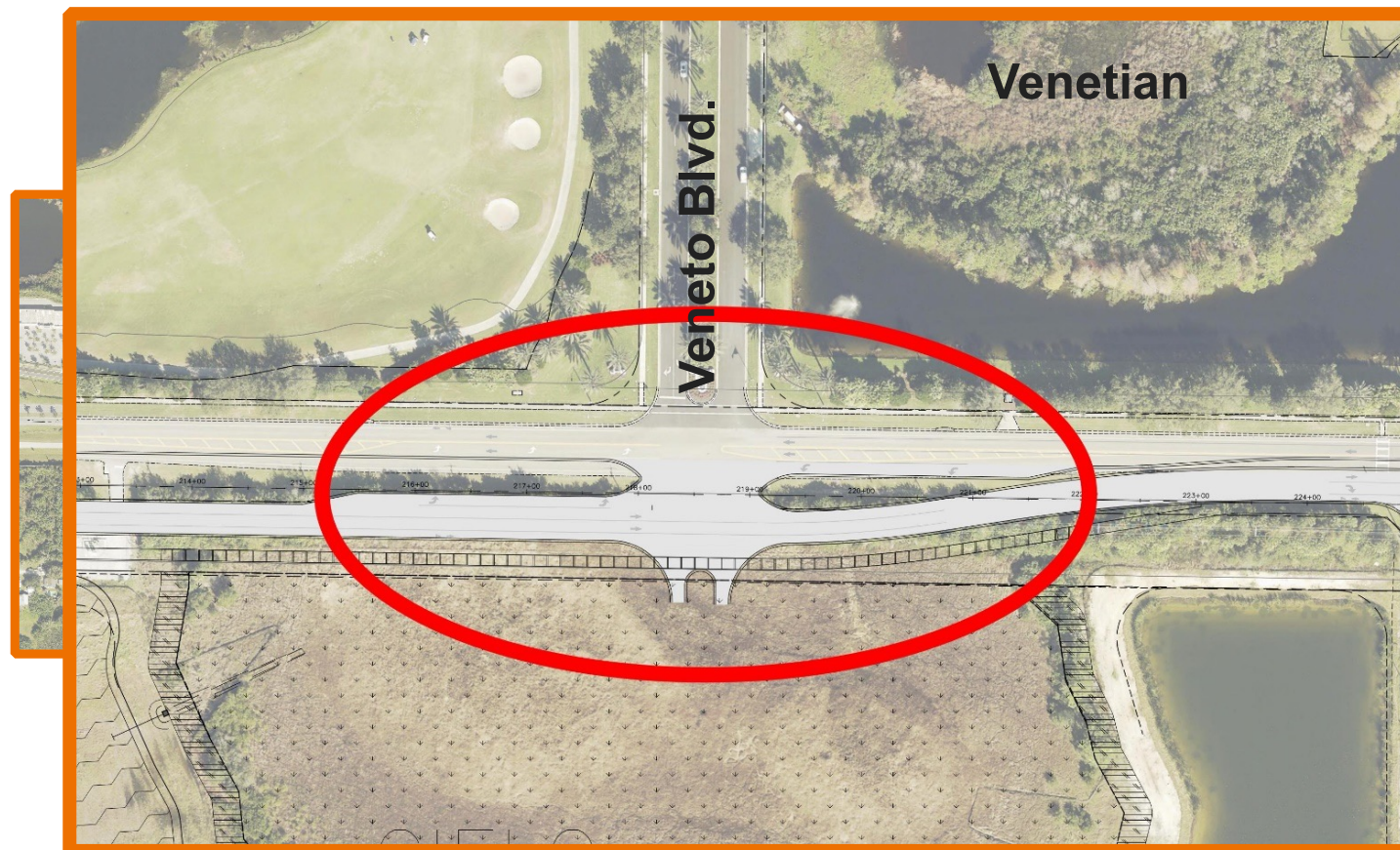
- Max 10 feet wide trail
- Connects two public parks along Laurel Road



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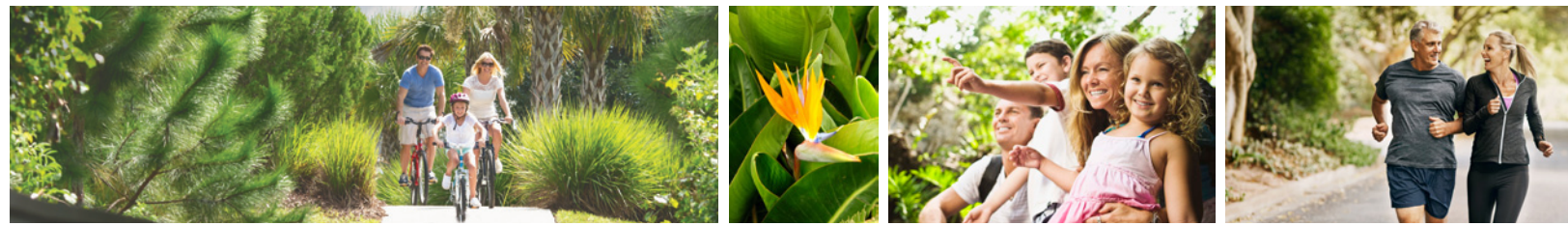
VENETO AND LAUREL INTERSECTION



There will be an extended opening at Veneto and Laurel, allowing drivers to turn left or right out of the Venetian, but no traffic light planned at this point.



A variance for a traffic signal was submitted to Sarasota County and staff has denied the variance.



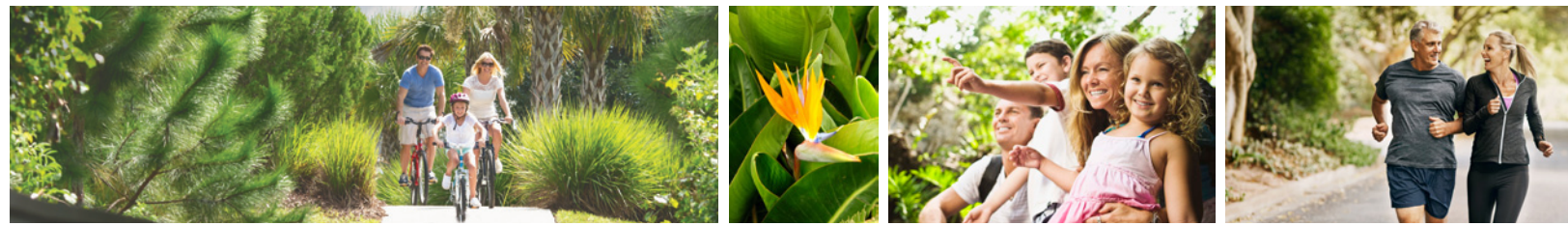
BRIEF OVERVIEW - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28

Resolution No 2021-28 September 14, 2021

From the meeting summary:

A motion was made by Council Member Pachota, seconded by Council Member Kelly, to direct staff to draft a resolution authorizing and requesting the use of uncommitted park and road impact fees, to request Sarasota County to make the Laurel Road Expansion a priority road project, to request the county to move forward with the engineering and construction, to accept the design that Stantec has created, to expand the right-of-way as necessary, to pursue funds on behalf of that project, with procurement at Sarasota County's discretion, and have the resolution ready for the next council meeting.

City Council voted 7-0 to proceed.



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AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH STANTEC

- Top engineering and planning firm
- Long successful history working on public and private sector projects



Stantec

Lump sum to complete engineering design to include:

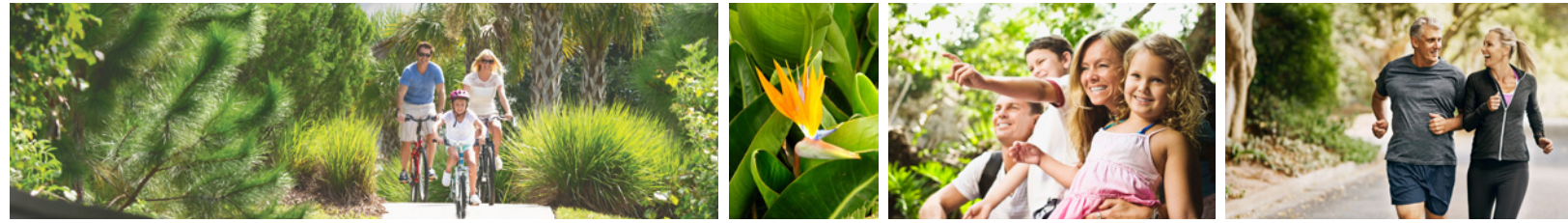
- Environmental Constraints
- Stormwater Design
- Traffic Analysis
- City and County Coordination

Providing:

- 60% Permit Design Plans
- 90% Bid Phase Design Plans
- 100% Construction Phase Design Plans

To make Laurel Road a shovel-ready construction project.





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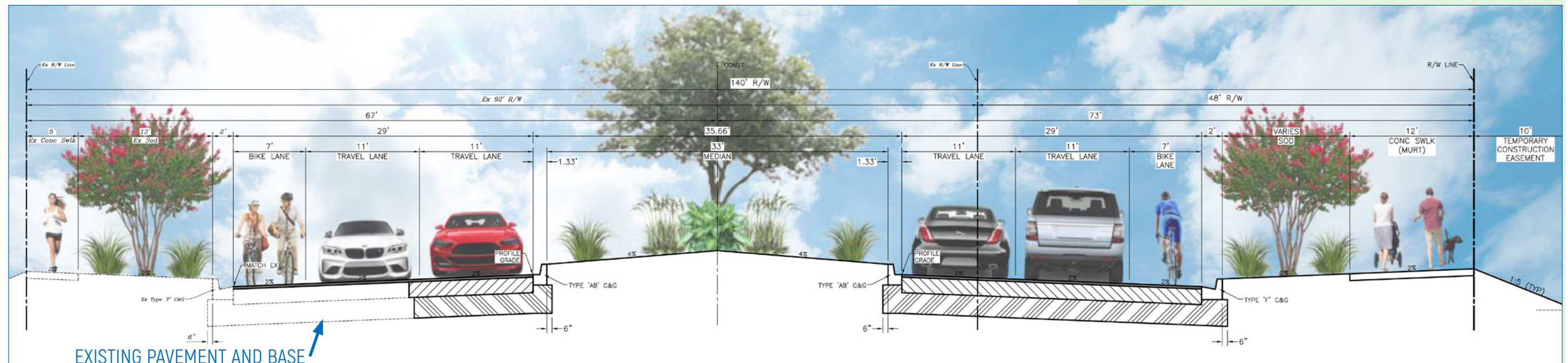
CURRENT STATUS

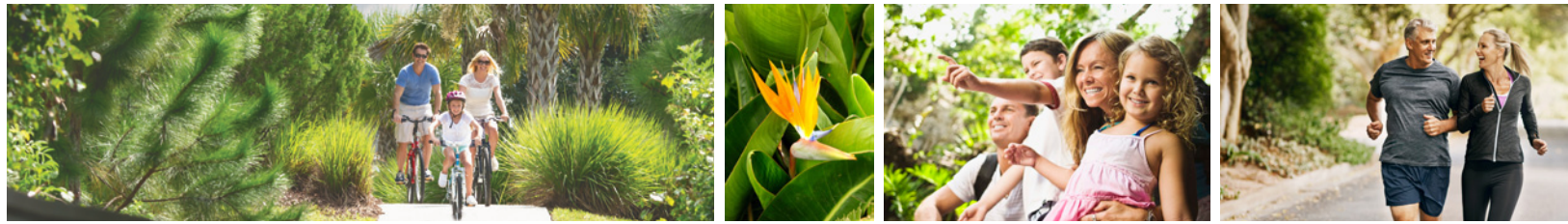
Design is currently at preliminary phase (60%)

- Held public workshop on November 15 (and was well attended)
- Submitted permits to:
 - Southwest Florida Water Management District
 - City of Venice/ Sarasota County
 - Florida Department of Transportation
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Next construction workshop is planned for May 2023

Final construction plans expected June 2023

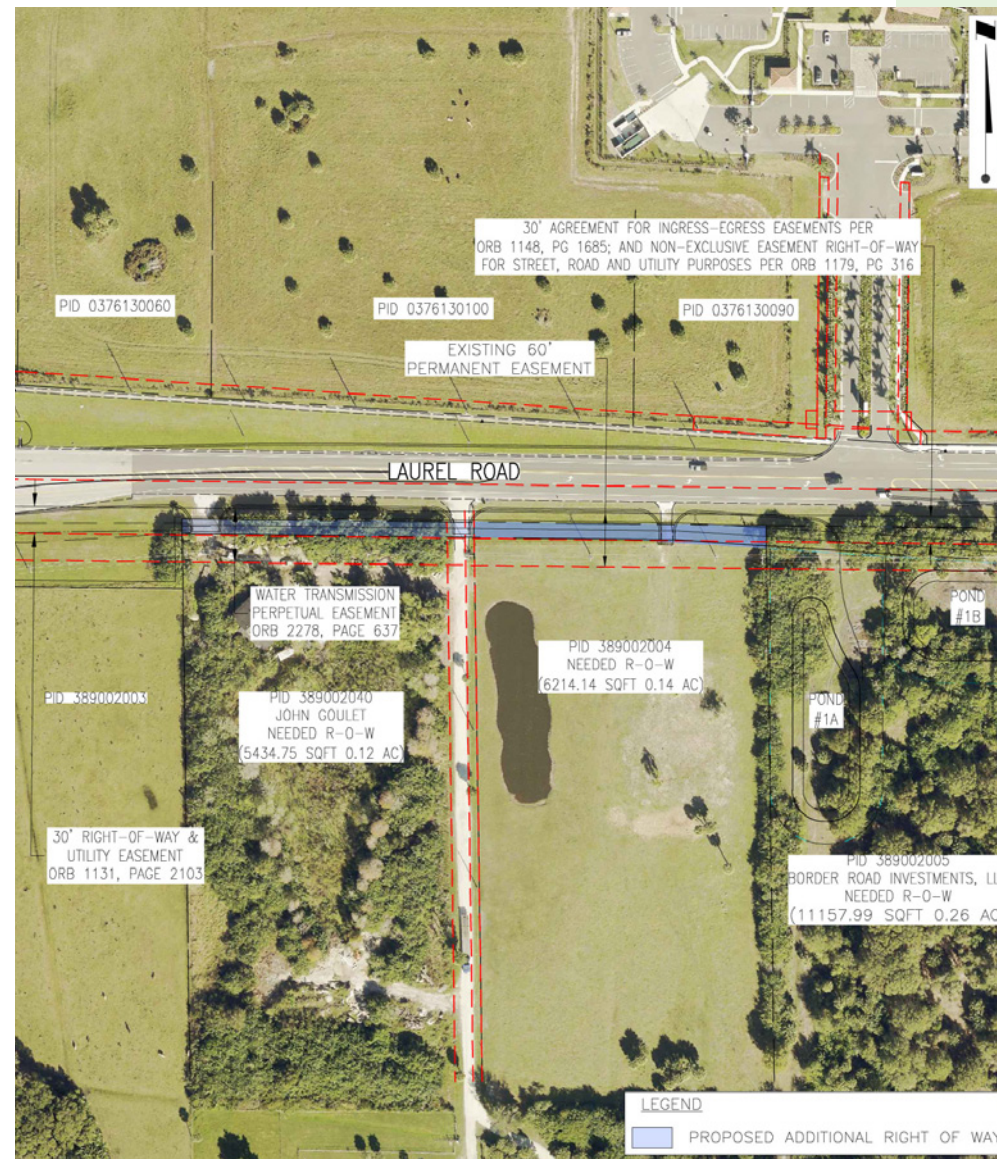
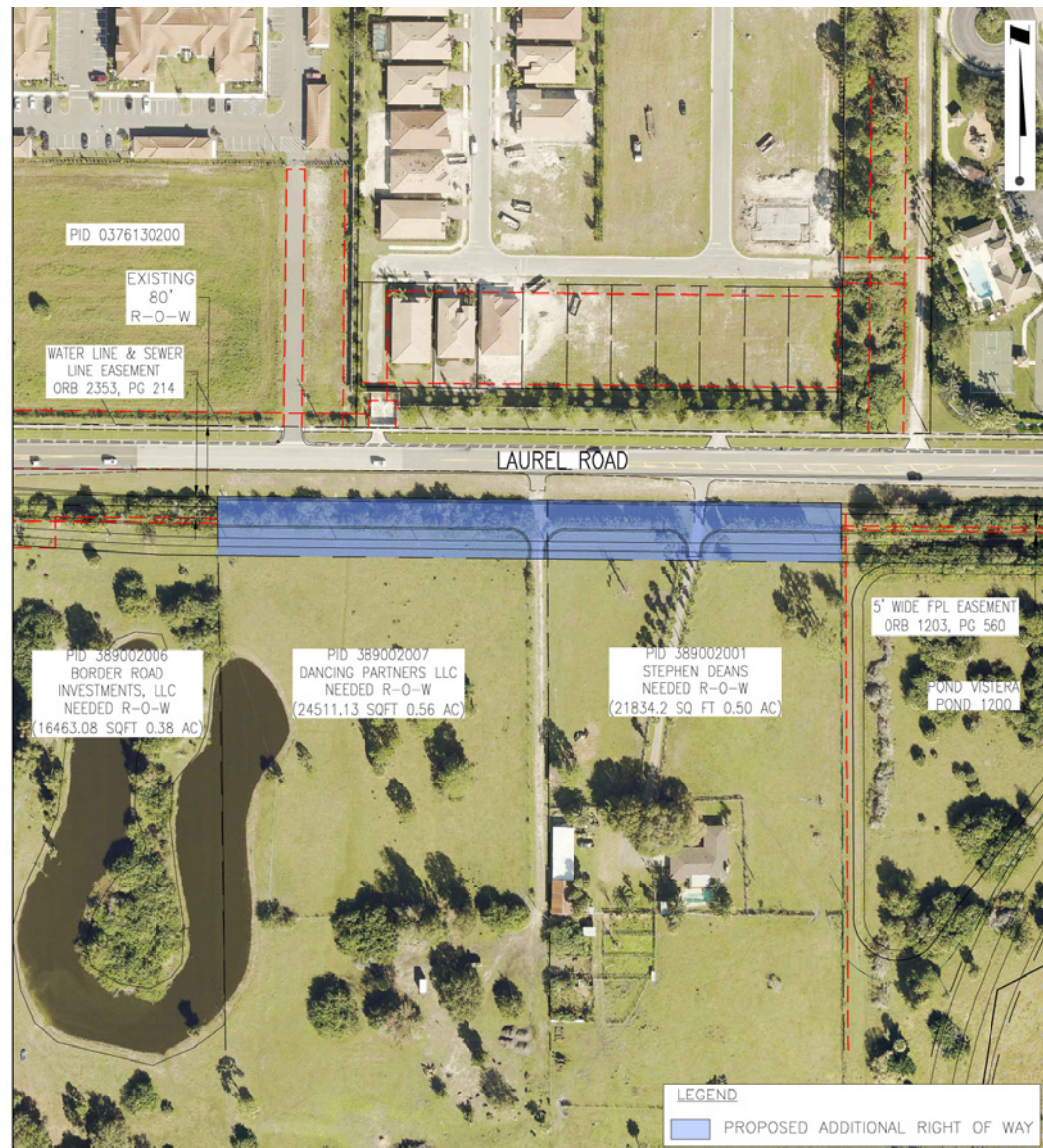


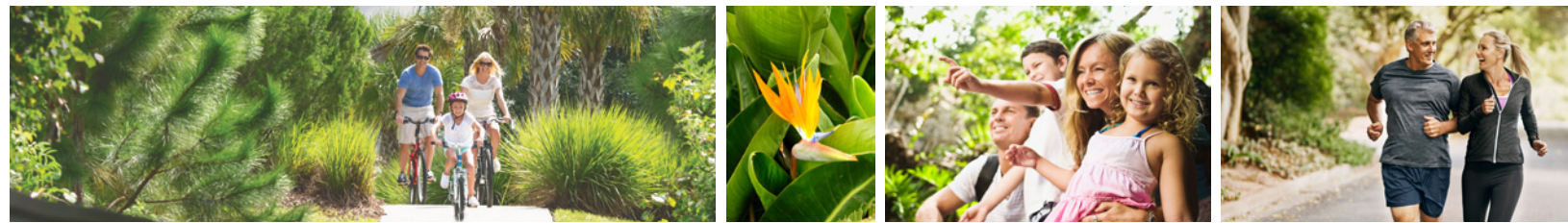


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INITIATING EMINENT DOMAIN





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HERE'S HOW WE WILL PAY FOR IT



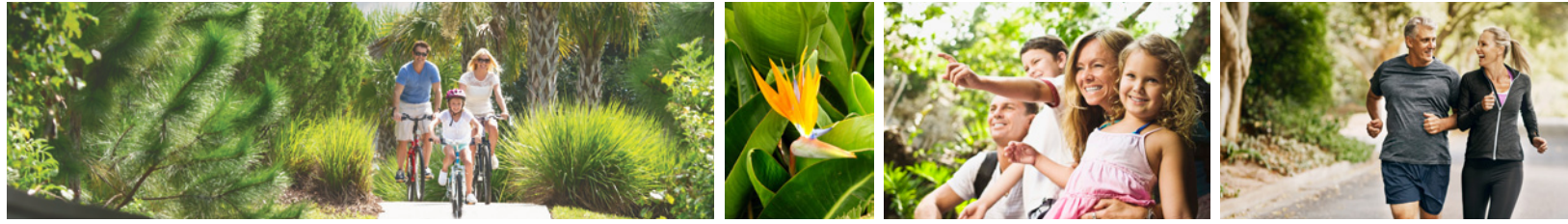
City of Venice mobility fee balance	\$11,963,075
• Additional 2023 fees	\$800,000
• Additional 2024 fees	\$800,000
• Additional 2025 fees	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$14,363,075

(You have ample sources from known or committed sources to build Laurel Road)

ROAD AND MOBILITY IMPACT FEES - The City and County report the following balances at September 30, 2022

	County	City
Fund 125 - Mobility Fee	\$ 10,652,570	\$ -
Fund 183 - Road Impact	145,637	-
Fund 383 - Road Impact Fee Const	3,464,868	1,398,472
	\$ 14,263,075	\$ 1,398,472
Less: Commitments/Encumbrances : Pinebrook/Venice/Ridgewood Intersection	\$ (2,300,000)	
Laurel Road		\$ (1,398,472)
Amount Available	\$ 11,963,075	\$ -

Subject to information confirmed from the City of Venice and Sarasota County (and decisions related to the CIGP grant)



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AVAILABLE FUNDS SHOULD WE HAVE A SHORTFALL

Grant from Florida Legislature	\$8,000,000
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Surface Transportation Act	\$8,000,000
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(These are about 1/2 of the construction cost)

Our team helped secure grants for local governments in recent years in the amounts of \$17 MM, \$11 MM, and \$3.6 MM for various public projects.

We think this is very possible

State Infrastructure Bank	\$2,000,000
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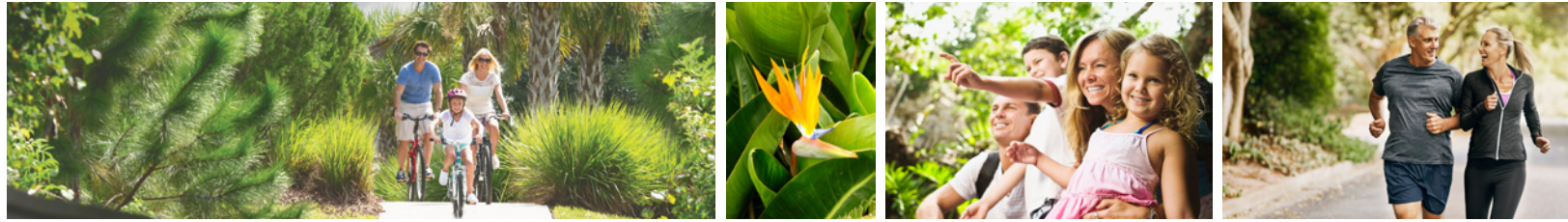
Laurel Road CDD	\$5,000,000
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Request Sarasota County to reallocate resurfacing	\$1,900,000
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BUILD THE ROAD

We think there are more than ample funds to build this road at this time.





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FREE MONEY FROM OTHER SOURCES



Requesting State Appropriation

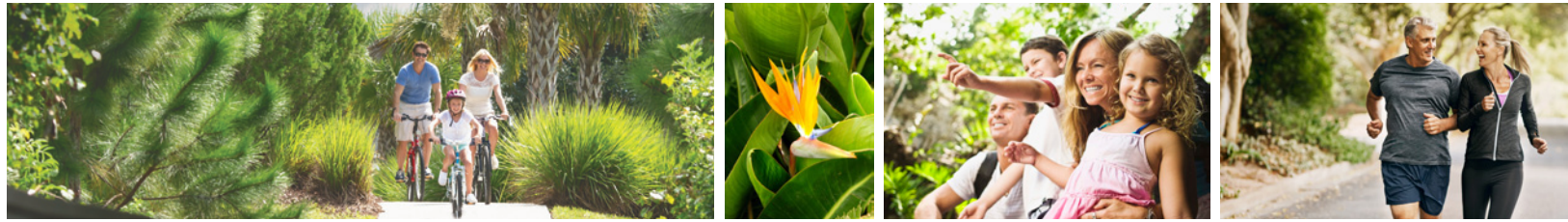
Successful history working with local governments in obtaining grants

Sarasota County Delegation meeting on January 12

State Representative James Buchanan and Senator Joe Gruters agreed to sponsor

Requesting \$8 million (a 50-50 match)

Legislative Session to convene on April 10 and adjourn by June 8

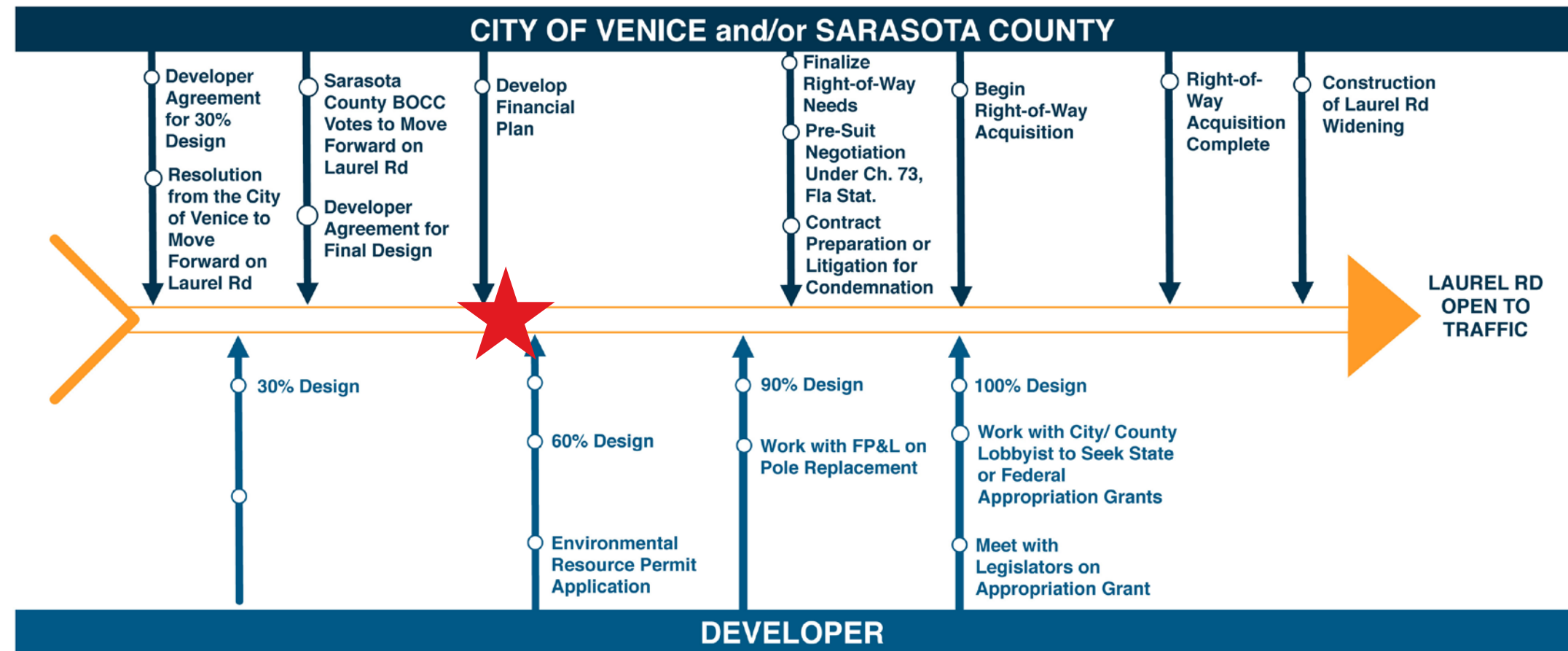


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CRITICAL PATH

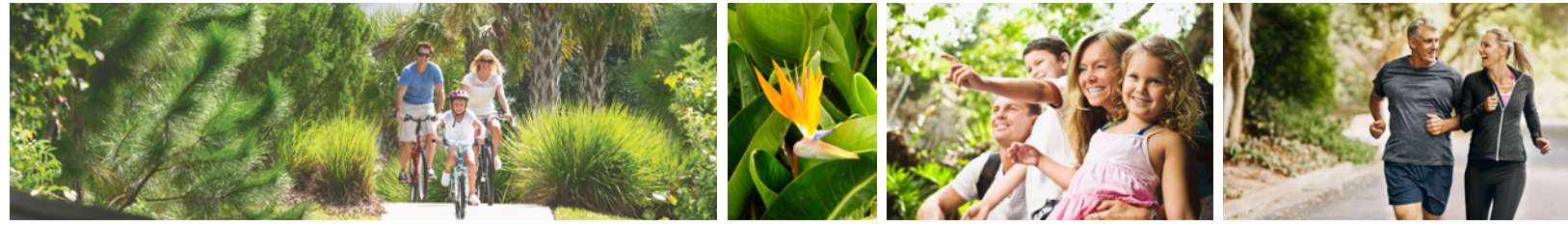
LAUREL ROAD WIDENING COORDINATION PROGRESSION OUTLINE



The above activities are intended to outline the coordination progression between the City, County and/ or Developer and are not intended to dictate progress. All Venice actions would also have to be authorized by Sarasota County.

*Schedule analysis will be needed to produce a project specific schedule.





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IN CONCLUSION

Laurel Road widening project is ranked #1 priority on the city's Capital Improvement Schedule.

The team is working well with Sarasota County and City of Venice staff.

Making great progress on design and permitting for the project.

Pushing forward to ensure project is shovel ready.

Sarasota County has submitted appropriation request forms to the House and Senate.

Please direct staff to create a resolution to move forward with the construction of the Laurel Road widening project if an appropriation is granted from the Florida Legislature.

