

**Property Owners Association of The Villages
General Membership Meeting
December 20, 2022**

Called to order: by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- Board members present: All, except Jerry Ferlisi, Ash Marwah, John Kastura and Steve Lapp, excused.
- Members present: Approximately 75, with over 200 watching via live-streaming.
- Organizations present: Hospital Auxiliary, Florida Blue, Realty Executives and Seniors vs. Crime.
- November membership meeting minutes read by Reb Benson and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer Report by Donna Kempa: November, Income: \$12,482; Expenses: \$17,180; Net Loss: \$4,698; Operating Funds: \$121,538. She stated income was mainly from member dues...thanking all...with a couple large ad revenues expected in December.
- Raffle: Three winners of \$30 each announced.

Board of Directors:

- Len Hathaway read the five oath statements to all Board members for 2023 that were present (Cliff, Reb, Tita Dumagsa, Dan Warren, Sal Torname, Gil Windsor, Mike Gross, Gary Search and Ken Knodel) with all affirming their upholding the oath statements.

Announcements:

- Cliff expressed his thanks to the POA membership, on behalf of the POA Board and Gary Kadow (Project Support Our Soldiers), because of the generosity of Village residents this year's Christmas for the Children (that Gary runs) was a huge success.
- Cliff discussed that for the first time since the POA started in 1975 we are raising membership dues from \$10 per year to \$15 per year effective January 1, 2023 due to increased expenses.
- Cliff talked about the Vials for Life Program, going over the process and stating its importance.
- Cliff mentioned signing up for e-notification at districtgov.org. Receive alerts during hurricanes, plus other pertinent and helpful information.
- Cliff mentioned Patrick Walsh, Covanta Energy, in January; Mr. Blocker and Chief Cain's replacement on ambulance service in February; Cheryl Chestnut, The Villages Hospital, in March; an Audiologist in April; and, Len Hathaway on Lightning in June.

Questions:

- A resident asked if the POA could look into erroneous water usage charges. He explained receiving a bill for 26,000 gallons of water use last month (though not here the last six months, until recently, with water turned off and house checked); saying he has heard others with similar issue and water company saying not their problem. **Ans:** Cliff and Dan (since Dan is an NSCUDD member) said they would look into this.

Speaker: Cliff introduced Mr. Phillip Maggio, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), who introduced the other FDOT personnel present; then Mr. Don Brassart, FDOT Onsite Manager, provided a presentation on the US Highway 441 project (see Atch 1).

- Project calls for widening US 441 from 4 to 6 lanes (3 north and 3 south) between Lake Ella Road (south) and Avenida Central at Griffin Ave (north); to include adding bicycle lanes and sidewalks.
- Project started July 27, 2020 and is about 68% complete with an estimated completion date of January 2024 at an estimated cost of \$45.3 million. Southland Construction, Inc. is the contractor.
- Upcoming milestones:
 - January 2023...Traffic shift onto new temporary asphalt in median between East Hermosa St and Avenida Central.
 - January 2023...2nd US 441 bridge demolition (over CR-25).
 - July 2023...Griffin View Dr to East Hermosa St complete.
 - Late 2023...CR-25 intersection complete.

- Mr. Brassart mentioned there have been challenges, especially since they must ensure traffic flow continues, hence most construction is at night or during the day in places where flow is not impeded. He said that the safety of workers and the public is of highest importance always.
- For more information, go to www.cilroads.com and select Project 238395-1.
- Pertinent questions included:
 - Will there be 3 lanes with turn lanes in the narrow area of Lady Lake by the WAWA? **Ans:** Yes, 3 full lanes each way with turn lane plus bike path and sidewalks.
 - Why take down the bridge over CR-25? **Ans:** The bridge is old, either it needed to be replaced or bring down to grade and add an intersection, which is cheaper.
 - Won't there be excess traffic at the CR-25 intersection when done? **Ans:** Do not think so given volume and traffic signaling.
 - Will there be Water Oak Association access from north and south after completion? **Ans:** Yes.
 - Are federal funds involved and is there incentive to finish early? **Ans:** Yes and No, but contractor must finish on time.
 - How many change orders on the project and cost to date? **Ans:** Total of about 20 and \$400,000.
 - There are County Road improvements that need to be accomplished that will tie into helping improve flow on US 441, but it's hard to get Lake County to engage. **Ans:** Mr. Maggio said he could help facilitate a meeting between Lake County and City of Lady Lake officials.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary

ROAD WIDENING UPDATE

U.S. 27/441 from Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central/Griffin Avenue

Lake County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is widening U.S. 441 from four to six lanes between Lake Ella Road and Avenida Central (at Griffin Avenue) in Lady Lake. Both northbound and southbound U.S. 441 are being expanded from two to three lanes. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks are being added along the 4.157-mile length of the project. Landscape improvements are underway and construction of one retention pond has been completed along Edwards Road. One of two bridges along U.S. 441 over County Road (C.R.) 25 has already been demolished and the team is preparing for the removal of the second bridge, which will be replaced with a new signalized intersection. The intersection will connect C.R. 25 with U.S. 441 on the east side of the highway. Additional work includes drainage improvements, signing, lighting upgrades and median access changes. Currently, this project is more than two-thirds complete and the estimated completion date is January 2024.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There will be traffic shifts in effect for the area to facilitate the demolition of the U.S. 441 Bridge over C.R. 25 beginning in early 2023. Construction of the roadway section from Griffin View Drive to Lake Ella Road is projected to be complete in summer 2023 and the projected completion date of the roadway section from Griffin View Drive to West Hermosa Street is fall 2023. The new intersection on C.R. 25 is expected to open to traffic in late 2023.

The construction schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected conditions. For the most current project details and lane closure information, make sure to visit FDOT's Central Florida Roads website, www.cflroads.com.

Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 238395-5

CONTRACTOR	Southland Construction, Inc.
PROJECT COST	\$45.3 million
PROJECT START	Summer 2020
ESTIMATED COMPLETION	January 2024



FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR PROJECT UPDATES

Send a request to:

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Community Outreach Coordinator
352-359-7059
natecia.gayle@dot.state.fl.us

Ongoing Construction along the U.S. 441 and Griffin View Drive Intersection. Improvements include median access and landscaping.



SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Scan the QR code using your mobile device to view more information about this project.



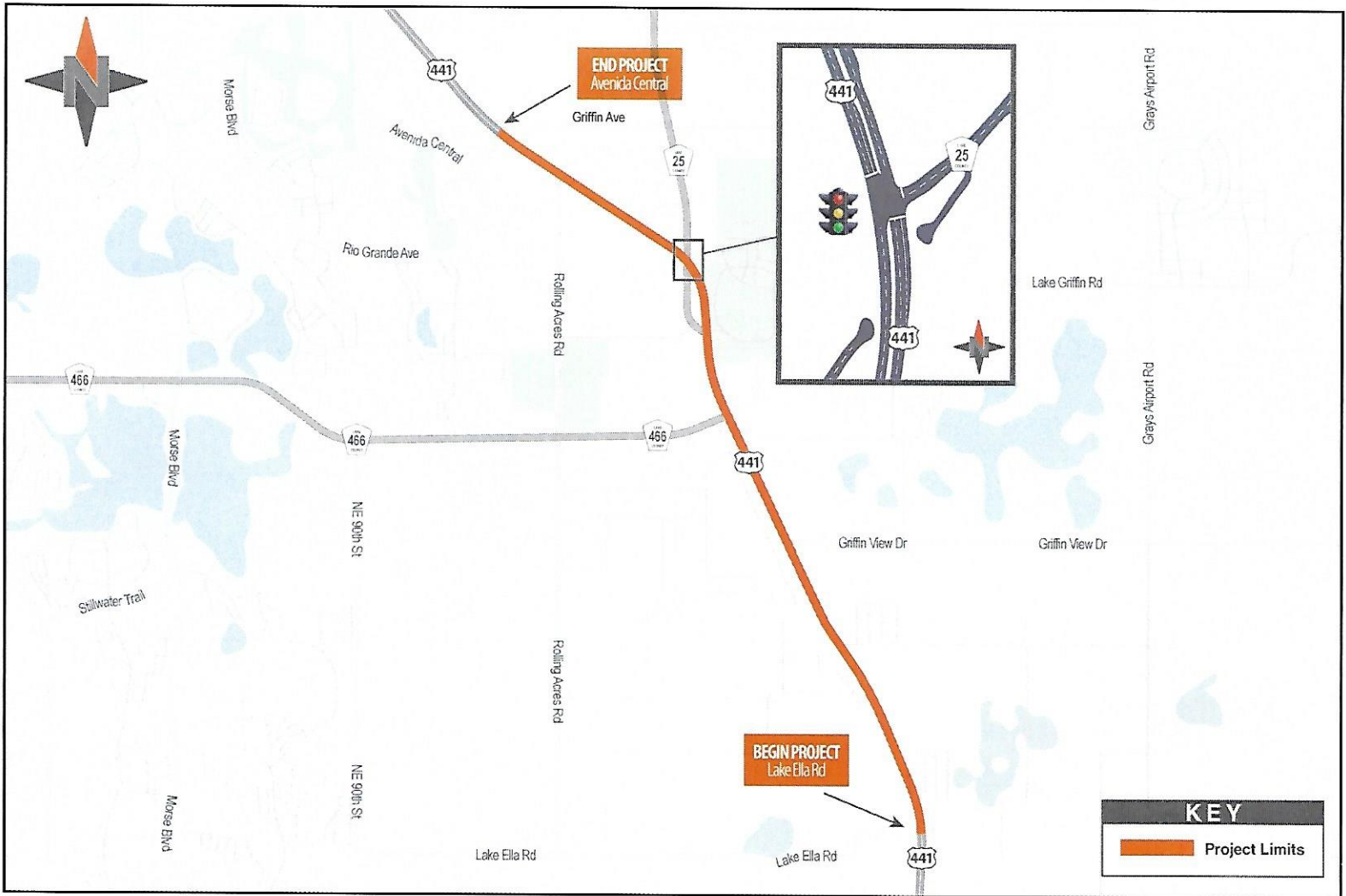
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