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### PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

**DATE:** Thursday April 24, 2008

**TIME:** 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Wildwood Community Center, 6500 CR 139, Wildwood FL 34785

**ATTENDEES:**

Tom Burke, P.E., AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, LSMPO  
Robert Smith, Development Services Director, City of Wildwood  
Ed Wolf, Mayor, City of Wildwood  
Jim Stevens, City Manager, City of Wildwood  
Bill Stevens, P.E., Engineer Manager, Sumter County Public Works  
Bill Oliver, PE, Senior Vice President, Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.  
W.T. Bowman, Project Manager, Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.

**PRESENTATION:**

The Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO) is preparing a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Feasibility Study intended to investigate alternative traffic improvements for the one-mile section of CR-466A(Cleveland Ave) between US-301 and CR-139. The purpose of this public meeting was to inform the public of the feasibility study and get questions, comments and other feedback from the citizens. The brief introductory presentation was given by Robert Smith followed by a presentation made by Bill Oliver, providing an overview of the upcoming study. The presentation included a description of the study area, a discussion of background information (future Villages developments and future improvements along 466A), and an outline of the purposes of the study; identify capacity need, review construction feasibility, identify construction options, consider alternatives, and make a final recommendation to the MPO, the County, and the City of Wildwood. Several aerial exhibits of the local and regional roadway characteristics were presented to help increase the public familiarity with the local and regional scope of the analysis.

The public was advised of the following tentative public meetings:

- July 2008 – Public Meeting #2 to review the results of the analysis with the public and answer questions relating to the analysis and the project. After this meeting the report will be finalized and final recommendations prepared.
- August 2008 – Public Meeting #3 where the MPO will present the final recommendations to a committee estimated to be comprised of joint members of the MPO, Lake County BOCC, and the City of Wildwood Commission.



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### DISCUSSION:

At the conclusion of his presentation, the public was encouraged to make comments and ask questions. Public comment forms were provided at the meeting; however, no comment forms were completed and returned to the consultant on the night of the public meeting.

A summary of public questions and answers or discussion follows below:

- What is the time frame of the widening of 466A to the east?
  - The timing of 466A widening is tied to the need based on development within the Villages
- If the widening is done or needed it would likely result in encroachment onto private property
  - Acknowledged
- Is there special consideration or legal roadblocks when it comes to potentially taking land from public schools or churches?
  - The team is not aware of any particular laws against taking of school or church property in the land acquisition process for roadways.
- How will the construction of the road be funded?
  - Tom Burke discussed that the MPO would work with the City/County/State in order to assess funding options. This could include TRIP funding or other sources.
  - It was also noted that the City of Wildwood is currently considering implementation of a transportation impact fee. Though at the early stages, this could also contribute to the funding.
  - Generally, it may be a bit premature to being looking into specifics of funding. This study is to determine the need and the feasibility of construction. Should construction be determined feasible and/or needed, then more detailed design and funding will be considered.
- Is four-laning of the road addressed in the City or County Comprehensive Plans? Having this road in the Comprehensive Plan could open the door for additional funding methods and or right-of-way dedications should adjacent property owners seek to modify their land uses.
  - Currently the 4-laning is not in the comprehensive plan.
- Have golf cart paths been considered, particularly that could tie to the Villages.



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- The Villages has made it clear that there will be no connectivity to their golf cart paths.
- Retrofitting a roadway to allow golf carts is a significant endeavor and is very unlikely to happen.
- When will a signal be installed at the intersection of CR-139 and 466A?
  - There is an acknowledged potential need for a signal with the future development. As development comes forward, particularly at that corner, the need for a signal will be realized and at that time, who pays for it will also be considered.
- Will there be commuter rail service to Orlando in the future
  - Not very likely given that the current system doesn't connect directly to Orlando.
- What about freight trucks coming to/from the rail yard.
  - The current rail yard is for shift switching only. It currently is not for cargo loading and unloading.

Other items brought up at the meeting;

- How much land will need to be taken from adjacent property owners?
- Consideration of other multi-modal options or items to be incorporated into the corridor and the City as a whole (golf carts, bike lanes, busses, trolley).
- Overpasses are planned along US-301 over the railroad tracks.
- This area has a CRA which includes 466A and downtown.
- The logistics of acquisition of public land for public roads.



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The key concerns voiced, pertaining to the upcoming analysis of the primary importance to the citizens are;

- What will the improvement/recommendation be?
- How will the widening impact the public property (how much land would be needed for the road, right-of-way, utility corridors, etc. and where would it be taken from)?

These are some of the questions it is the intent of the feasibility study to address.

At the public meeting, the citizens also took the opportunity to ask questions of City representatives about other City transportation improvements and matters beyond the scope of this study.

The public meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 PM.

**PREPARED BY:** W. T. Bowman

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