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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Project Phase II (between 16th Street NE to Everglades Blvd.) 30 Percent Design Public Information Meeting Planned

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Collier County Transportation Management Services Department invites you to the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Project Phase II 30 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, Multipurpose Room, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120. The meeting will be an open house format from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Residents, business representatives and visitors are welcome to stop by to review the project displays and talk one-on-one with county staff and the county's design consultants. There will not be a formal presentation.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide residents, business owners, and other interested persons the opportunity to review project information and provide input on the proposed improvements currently being designed. Project representatives will be available during the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. Public input is very important, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and share their comments.

The approximate two-mile new roadway extension will continue from the terminus of where Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Project Phase I which is currently being constructed, will end at 16th Street NE, and continue to Everglades Blvd. Phase II will be initially constructed as an undivided two-lane roadway with shoulders, curb and gutters, and a paved multi-use pathway to accommodate preliminary traffic needs. The initial improvement is being designed within a four-lane divided roadway right-of-way footprint which will accommodate future projected traffic volumes.

Minor improvements are expected at the newly constructed intersection at 16th Street NE, where phase II of this project begins. Widening, turn lane improvements, and possible signalization along Everglades Boulevard, the phase II project terminus, are proposed. A new bridge will be constructed to cross the Golden Gate Main Canal. Also included is a stormwater management system, including ponds, for both dry and wet detention. (A diagram of the project area is at the end of this news release.)

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The intention of the project is to prepare for future growth in Golden Gate Estates. The new extension is planned to help relieve congestion on other arterial roadways, accommodate future traffic volumes plus reduce emergency response times.

Design of this approximate two-mile new roadway extension is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2025 with construction anticipated to start about the end of 2025.

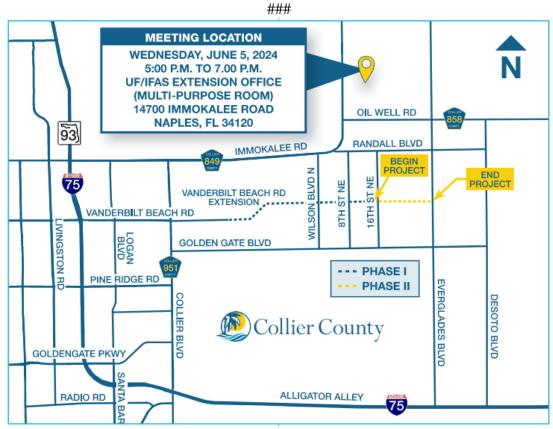
Project displays will be posted on the county's website starting two days prior to the meeting at <u>https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects</u>. For anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, comments may be sent via email to <u>TECM@colliercountyfl.gov</u>. The public comment period will end June 20, 2024.

Two or more members of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) may be present and may participate at this public information meeting. The subject matter of this meeting may be an item for discussion and action at a future BCC meeting.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or other reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding, should contact the Collier County Facilities Management Division located at 3335 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL 34112, or (239) 252-8380 as soon as possible. Such reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to the individual.

For more information, call the Transportation Management Services Department at 239-252-8192, select option 5, or email <u>TECM@colliercountyfl.gov</u>.

News media inquiries may be directed to Community Liaison Connie Deane at 239-252-8365 or <u>Connie.Deane@colliercountyfl.gov</u>.



Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Project Phase II Location Map (between 16th Street NE to Everglades Blvd.)