

Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study Collier Boulevard (CR 951) to DeSoto Boulevard



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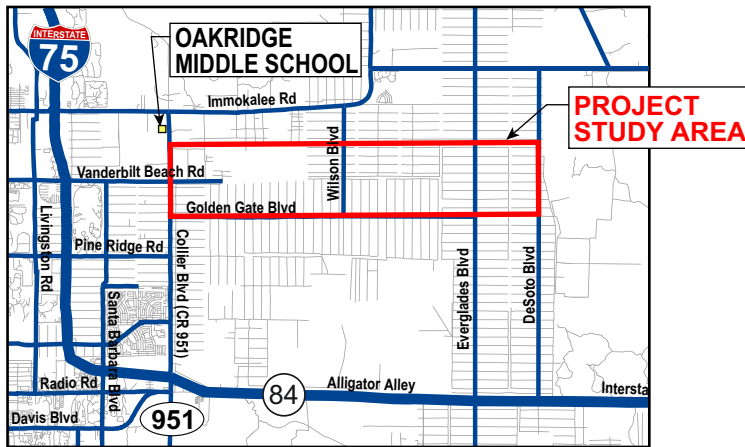
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YOU'RE INVITED...

Collier County invites you to participate in the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study Initial Alternatives Public Workshop. This Initial Alternatives Public Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Oakridge Middle School, 14975 Collier Boulevard, Naples, Florida.** The workshop will be conducted in an open house format.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide residents, business owners and other interested persons the opportunity to review project information and to provide input for the decision making process.

Maps, drawings and other study information will be on display at the workshop. Study representatives will be available during the workshop to discuss the study and answer questions. Your input is very important and we encourage you to come to the workshop and share your comments.



Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study

Collier County is conducting a corridor study to investigate the feasibility of extending Vanderbilt Beach Road east into the Golden Gate Estates area. The corridor study limits are from Collier Boulevard (CR 951) east to DeSoto Boulevard, a length of approximately 10 miles.

In recent years, Collier County has experienced significant development and population growth. This trend is expected to continue, particularly in the eastern portions of the county. This growth has strained the area's transportation network and prompted an analysis of potential ways to improve east-west travel.

The initial objective of this study is to identify the existing and future transportation demands along the potential Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension corridor. This has led to the creation of conceptual new roadway alignment alternatives that would potentially relieve existing congestion and accommodate future traffic volumes. In addition to traffic impacts, any new alignment alternatives will also be evaluated on their cost effectiveness, impacts to area residences and businesses, impacts to the natural environment, and consistency with the Collier County Growth Management Plan.

For up-to-date project information, please visit our web site at <http://www.colliergov.net/transadmin/planning/CorridorStudy.htm>

Get Involved

Public involvement is a critical part of the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study. The public workshop being held on Sept. 14, will be an important first step in gaining valuable public input. This workshop will be followed by numerous meetings with neighborhood/civic associations throughout the fall, and a second public workshop before year's end. Similar activities will continue through the first quarter of 2006.

We welcome and encourage your comments, concerns, and questions regarding the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study. Your input, along with the technical evaluations, will provide the basis for the final recommendations. To learn more about the study or to share your thoughts and ideas, please contact Joe Quinty, Collier County Project Manager, by:

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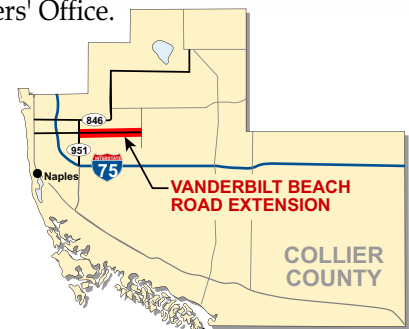
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Collier County Facilities Management Department located at 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112, (239) 774-8380 at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired are available in the County Commissioners' Office.





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Did You Know?

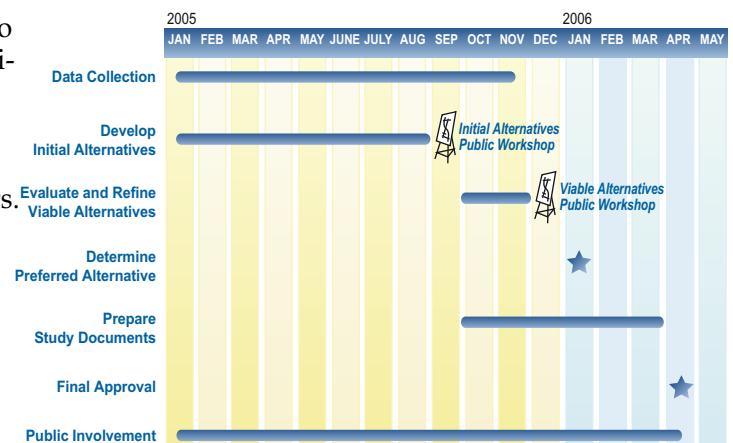
- The estimated population for Collier County in 2004 was 296,678. The county's current population is estimated to be over 300,000.
- Projections for Collier County's population in 2030 range from just over 500,000 to just under 800,000. The majority of this population growth is anticipated to take place in eastern Collier County.
- Collier County population at "build out" is projected to be over 1 million. Over 55% of this population is anticipated to reside east of Collier Boulevard (CR 951).
- Collier County School District enrollment is approximately 43,000. School enrollment is expected to reach over 48,000 in five years and surpass 61,000 in ten years.

Project Goals

- Determine current and future corridor traffic needs
- Address public concerns and obtain meaningful public input
- Develop viable alignment alternatives
- Minimize environmental, social, cultural, and fiscal impacts
- Provide county officials & the public with sufficient data to make an informed public policy decision

Study Schedule

The schedule shown here provides the highlights of the key events throughout the corridor study. Please note there will be a second workshop that is tentatively planned for December 2005.



This project schedule is intended to provide you with information of upcoming activities and events. These dates are subject to change.