

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



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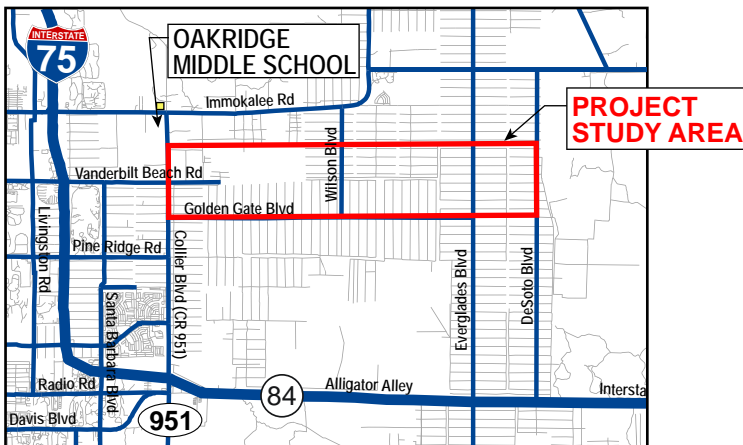
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YOU'RE INVITED...

Collier County invites you to participate in a second public workshop as part of the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study effort. The "Viable Alternatives Public Workshop" will be held on Monday, January 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 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 study information and findings, and to provide input for the decision making process. Maps, graphics and other study information will be on display at the workshop. A focus of the workshop will be the results of scoring and ranking for all of the alignment alternatives that have been developed. The highest ranking alternatives will be further evaluated, refined and reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in the months ahead for a final decision.

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 attend the workshop and share your comments.



Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study

Since early 2005, Collier County has been 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 was to identify the existing and future transportation demands along the potential Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension corridor. This 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, these alignment alternatives were also 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. This analysis has been substantially completed, and the results will be shared at the Jan. 30 workshop.

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 Viable Alternatives Public Workshop being held on Jan. 30 will be an important part of gaining valuable public input. This workshop will be followed by various meetings with neighborhood/civic associations in the coming months. Similar activities will continue until the Board of County Commissioners conducts a public hearing on the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study, likely to occur in late March or April 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 the Board of County Commissioners.

Over 200 residents attended the previous workshop held on Sept. 14, 2005 and provided valuable input. Frequent comments included:

- Minimize residential relocations
- Widen existing roads
- Realize need for new roadway
- Avoid golf course encroachment
- Southern alignments provide better circulation
- Consider noise impacts

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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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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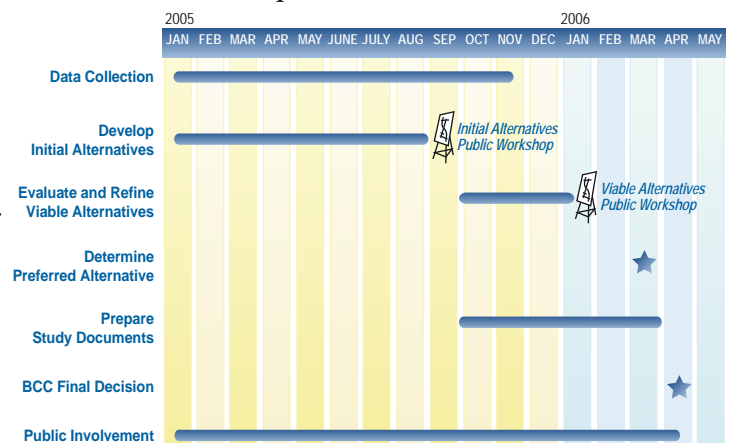
- The estimated population for Collier County in 2004 was 296,678. The county's current population is estimated to be over 300,000.
- Projections for Collier County's population in 2030 range from just over 500,000 to just under 800,000. The majority of this population growth is anticipated to take place 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 that the Board of County Commissioners is tentatively scheduled to conduct a public hearing on the Vanderbilt Beach Road Extension Corridor Study in late March or April 2006.



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