

GREEN BOULEVARD EXTENSION CORRIDOR STUDY

Collier County, Florida

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Have you heard?

The Collier County Transportation Planning Department recently initiated a Corridor Study to evaluate the feasibility of extending Green Boulevard as a through road west of Santa Barbara Boulevard. The corridor study area begins at the intersection of Green Boulevard and Santa Barbara Boulevard, follows the existing Green Boulevard alignment, and continues west over I-75 to Livingston Road, as shown in the study location map.

What is a Corridor Study?

A Corridor Study is a preliminary planning exercise which evaluates the feasibility of transportation improvements within a specific area. The Green Boulevard Extension Corridor Study will investigate the need for, and impacts of, expanding and extending the existing 2-lane road from Santa Barbara Boulevard to east of I-75 and constructing a new alignment from east of I-75 to Livingston Road. The extension of Green Boulevard would require a grade-separated crossing of I-75; however, no new interchange ramps are proposed for this project.

Why is the Study necessary?

Due in part to increasing congestion on Pine Ridge Road to the north and Golden Gate Parkway to the south, there is an emerging need to evaluate an extension of Green Boulevard. This congestion, coupled with the construction of a new interchange at I-75/Golden Gate Parkway and rapid growth in the Golden Gate Estates area, requires an investigation of the corridor to alleviate some of the congestion on these parallel roads. The Green Boulevard Extension is included in the 2025 Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and has been part of the LRTP since 1996. This study will also evaluate a Whippoorwill Lane connection to a potential Green Boulevard Extension or Livingston Road.



Study Location Map

Project Goals

- To maximize the public's participation in all phases of the corridor study process.
- To ascertain the corridor's existing and future transportation demands, as well as prevailing land use patterns and development trends.
- To determine the existing and projected traffic circulation needs for the corridor.
- To generally describe natural, physical, environmental, social, political, operational, and economic constraints within the corridor that could have a negative effect upon any proposed alignments.
- To develop and recommend alternative alignments that are consistent with the Collier County Growth Management Plan.
- To provide sufficient preliminary engineering and environmental information as input for future county production activities.
- To develop a traffic circulation plan (or plans) that promotes safe local traffic and bicycle and pedestrian movements.
- To determine if Collier County should purchase reserved right-of-way from planned unit developments (PUD's) west of I-75.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Due to the residential land uses within the project corridor, this study will feature a proactive approach to public involvement, including early coordination through distribution of project newsletters and informal neighborhood meetings to ensure context sensitive alternatives. We encourage you to get involved in the corridor study process by participating in the following activities:

Small Group Meetings	July-September 2005
Public Workshop	October 2005
Comment Forms/Surveys	On-going
Contact Us	On-going

Schedule/Milestones

The study's 18-month schedule is slated for completion in March 2006, with a public workshop to occur in October 2005.

Notice to Proceed	September 2004
Data Collection	November 2004-January 2005
Elected Officials Kick-off	
Notification	January 2005
Traffic, Engineering, and Environmental Analysis	January-June 2005
Select Viable Alternatives	June 2005
Small Group/Neighborhood Meetings	July-September 2005
Public Workshop	October 2005
Select Recommended Alternative	January 2006
Final Report	February 2006
BCC Meeting/Workshop	March 2006



Frequently Asked Questions

What type of product will result from this study?

The corridor study will evaluate the need for the construction of the project and will assist Collier County in the decision as to whether or not to initiate future stages of project development or secure funding. This study effort will result in a traffic plan, engineering concepts, recommended alternatives, right-of-way needs, construction costs, and an environmental overview.

What are the next steps in the development of this project?

A corridor study is included in the planning phase of a study, which occurs at the beginning of project development and typically lasts from 1-2 years. If additional funding becomes available, the planning phase is generally followed by the design phase (1-2 years), right-of-way acquisition phase (1-2 years), and construction phase (1-2 years).

When will the project be constructed?

Currently, the corridor study is the only phase funded. In order for project development to proceed, funding sources for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases would need to be identified.

Will there be interchange ramps proposed at this location?

Because of the project's close vicinity to the interchange ramps at I-75/Pine Ridge Road and I-75/Golden Gate Parkway, an interchange is not a consideration of this project.

What might the road look like?

Preliminary traffic projections indicate that a 4-lane facility would accommodate the travel demand in this corridor. Collier County is committed to providing context sensitive design solutions, which enhance the surrounding community. These solutions may include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscape aesthetics, and hardscape features, such as textured crosswalks and concrete inlays.

How would future phases of the project be funded?

Project funding would be acquired through Collier County's Capital Improvement Program, which may include road impact fees and gas taxes.

How can I participate in the study process?

Collier County will host a number of informal small group meetings within the project area to gather input regarding the needs and desires of the local community. In addition, the county will host a public workshop in October 2005 to present project alternatives and the results of the small group meetings. The county will distribute invitations to the meetings via U.S. mail and on their website at: www.colliergov.net. You are invited to send comments directly to the Collier County Project Manager, Joe Quinty, throughout the study process.

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We encourage you to get involved in the corridor study process. Your comments, along with the technical evaluations performed throughout the study, provide the basis for the final recommendations. If you would like to learn more about the project or if you are interested in sharing your comments, you may contact the Collier County Project Manager, Mr. Joseph Quinty, at:

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