

Vanderbilt Beach Road Widening Project 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting

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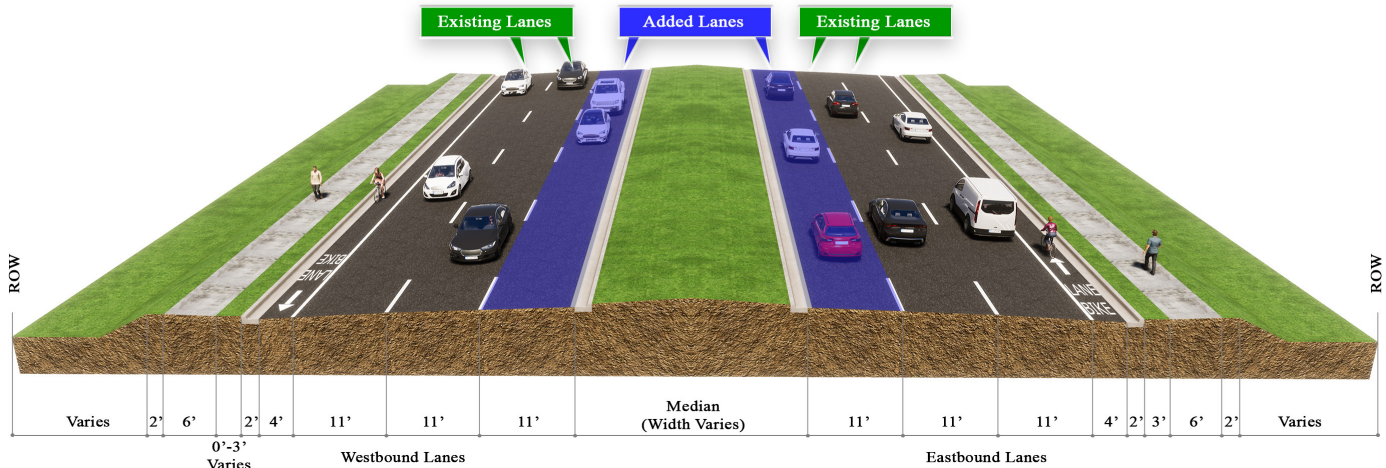
Thank you for attending the Vanderbilt Beach Road (East of US 41 to East of Goodlette-Frank Road) Widening Project 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting. The purpose of today's meeting is to give interested parties an opportunity to review the design concepts and provide feedback on the project.



PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Widening Vanderbilt Beach Road from four-lanes to six-lanes (mostly within the median)
- Access Management Improvements:
 - Modifying the median opening at Bay Laurel Drive from a full median opening to a directional left median opening
- Safety improvements include dedicated U-turn lane(s) at the median opening west of Goodlette-Frank Road
- Intersection improvements at Strada Place:
 - Restriping the Strada Place exit lanes (southbound lanes) to allow for dual southbound left turns by changing the existing southbound right turn only lane to a combined right and left turn lane
- Intersection improvements at Goodlette-Frank Road:
 - Addition of a second left turn from eastbound Vanderbilt Beach Road to northbound Goodlette-Frank Road
- Upgrade street lighting to light-emitting diode (LED) lighting
- Stormwater drainage improvements

**Vanderbilt Beach Road
Typical Section**
(Looking East, 160' ROW)



PROJECT BENEFITS

- Addition of an 11-foot travel lane (in each direction) to improve traffic operations and provide congestion relief
- Addition of a second left turn lane from eastbound Vanderbilt Beach Road to northbound Goodlette-Frank Road to reduce delays
- Dedicated U-turn lane(s) at the median opening west of Goodlette-Frank Road to improve safety
- Repaving and restriping of the existing roadway to maintain and improve infrastructure
- Improved stormwater conveyance (drainage) throughout the project area

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

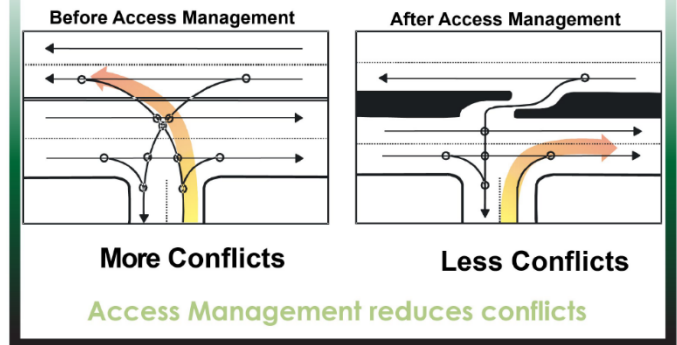
Q. I live in Pelican Marsh. Will I be able to make a left turn out of Bay Laurel Drive after the improvements are made?

A. Once Vanderbilt Beach Road is widened to six lanes, the existing full median opening at Bay Laurel Drive will not meet current access management criteria. The new median opening will allow for:

- Right turns out of Bay Laurel Drive (U-turn allowed at Goodlette-Frank Road for motorists wanting to travel eastbound)
- Left turns onto Bay Laurel Drive for eastbound Vanderbilt Beach Road traffic
- U-turns for westbound Vanderbilt Beach Road traffic



HOW DOES ACCESS MANAGEMENT IMPROVE SAFETY?



Q. Will the project be landscaped?

A. Brick pavers are included in the median landscape based on the 60 percent design plans. Landscaping is not included as part of the project improvements.

Q. How wide will this road be?

A. Based on the 60 percent design plans, the width of VBR is expected to range between approximately 140 feet to 160 feet wide.

Q. How long has this project been planned?

A. This section of Vanderbilt Beach Road was planned and permitted in 1995 as a six-lane roadway with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, but constructed initially as four lanes. Increased growth and associated traffic demands within Collier County has necessitated the need for six lanes. The project is documented in the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2040 and 2045 Long Range Transportation Plans, which were approved in December 2015 and December 2020, respectively.



NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

A future public meeting will be held after the 90 Percent Design Plans are complete (anticipated later this fall).

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The design process will be completed in early 2022. Once permits are obtained, a construction schedule will be developed. The earliest construction is anticipated to begin on this project is late 2022. (Tentative Schedule: Dec 2022 – July 2024)

COMMENTS

We welcome and encourage your comments and questions regarding the Vanderbilt Beach Road Widening Project 60 Percent Design Plans. Your input, along with the technical evaluations, will provide the basis for the final design. Please fill out a Comment Form before you leave tonight's meeting or email your comments to: growth.management@colliercountyfl.gov.