



**C.R. 54 (Wesley Chapel Boulevard)
Six-Lane Widening Design
From North of SR 56 to North of Magnolia Blvd.
Public Workshop**

August 26, 2009

Veterans Elementary School

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Welcome

Pasco County welcomes you to the public workshop for improvements to Wesley Chapel Boulevard from north of SR 56 to north of Magnolia Boulevard. We are seeking to inform the public, encourage discussion and comments, and solicit your input concerning the future six-lane widening of Wesley Chapel Boulevard from north of SR 56 to north of Magnolia Boulevard. Your comments will be considered during the on-going design of the improvement. Additionally, your input will become part of the project records.

On August 26, 2003, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Final Route Study Report for the project which identified the need for a 150' right-of-way for the roadway improvement. As part of the Route Study development Public Workshops were held on April 1, 2003 and June 5, 2003. The Final Route Study did not consider alternatives for the location of stormwater management facilities and Floodplain Compensation Areas. These alternatives are being presented to the public tonight in preparation for Final Pond Siting Report approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Concept display boards are presented for public viewing during the workshop. Please visit these exhibits and discuss your ideas and concerns with members of the project team. County and consultant staff members are available to discuss and answer questions.

Project Description

Existing and proposed development within the area has created a long standing need to widen Wesley Chapel Boulevard. The completed design and permitting for the project will allow construction to start as soon as funding is available.

This project will provide three, 12-foot travel lanes on both sides of a 22-foot median. Bicycle lanes will be provided on the roadway. A five-foot sidewalk will be provided on the west side of the roadway and an eight-foot sidewalk will be provided on the east side of the roadway.

Median Openings and Intersections

With the addition of the 22-foot median, access along the corridor will be controlled as required by Pasco County Land Development Ordinance. The exhibits presented at the workshop show the preliminary proposed locations of full median openings and directional median openings. Projected traffic counts warrant proposed signalization at Stagecoach Boulevard and Grand Oaks Boulevard.

Right-of-Way

As justified in the approved Final Route Study, additional right-of-way for the roadway will be required. Also, right-of-way will be required for stormwater management facilities and Floodplain Compensation Areas. Alternative

locations for these facilities are presented on the exhibits displayed at the workshop. Your comments on the alternative locations will be considered as the final locations are proposed.

Acquisition of needed right-of-way property cannot take place until design, permitting and right-of-way maps are completed. At that time, affected property owners will be contacted by an agent for the Pasco County Real Estate Department to discuss acquisition and begin the appraisal process.

In the event that a negotiated settlement cannot be reached during right-of-way acquisition, Pasco County may file an eminent domain action to acquire the necessary property. The word condemnation is often used, but eminent domain is the proper term. A court determines both the validity of the County's need and the amount of compensation.

Please Comment

Attached you will find a comment sheet upon which we would welcome any comments you may have regarding this project. You can drop your comment form into the trays provided here today or mail us your comments. All comments received will be made a part of the permanent project record.

What's Next?

Design of the improvement is expected to be complete by summer of 2010. Right-of-way acquisition will not begin until funding has been obtained. Construction will not begin until funding has been obtained and the right-of-way acquisition has been completed. At this time, funding for the right-of-way acquisition and construction is not included in the County's five-year capital improvement budget. Information regarding this project will be available on the County Website (<http://www.pascocountyfl.net>).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!

