

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Lake Emma Road Widening Project

DEPARTMENT: Public Works **DIVISION:** Engineering

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Agenda Date <u>03/23/04</u>	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session <input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/>		Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>	

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and Authorize Engineering Division staff to proceed with the 4-laning of the entire Lake Emma Road widening project.

BACKGROUND:

On November 26, 1996 the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Final Typical Section for the Lake Emma Road improvement project (2 lanes to 4 lanes) from Longwood Hills Road to Sand Pond Road. The project approved by the Board called for the roadway to be a 4-laned except a small section (2,600 feet) of the roadway between Oak Grove Circle and Fox Hunt Circle. However, Board direction was to look at 4-laning this 2-lane section when traffic counts warranted the improvement. As part of the 2003 Transportation Program Update, the Engineering Division staff recommended that the 2-lane "hourglass" on the current plans be eliminated. This concept was to be discussed with the public.

A public meeting was held February 26, 2004 to discuss the potential for eliminating the phased construction sequence and building the 4-lane typical section for the entire project. Traffic counts collected in 2003 indicated the need for the entire 4-lane section. There was overwhelming support in favor of constructing the project as 4-lanes, in one project. There was no support for phasing the project as the second phase would immediately follow the first phase, resulting in an undesirable extended construction period.

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File No.	<u>RPWE01</u>

It should be noted that some citizens still do not want Lake Emma Road 4-laned and that two Longwood City Commissioners expressed their concerns on the impacts to Range Line Road. As discussed eight years ago, the impacts on Range Line Road will be there regardless of what is done.

Notice to the consultant, Bowyer-Singleton and Associates, Inc. to commence the work on completing the 4-lane design will be provided upon Board approval of this item. It is anticipated the design drawings would be revised and completed by late November 2004. No new additional right-of-way acquisition will be necessary as the full width corridor has been designed for acquisition purposes. There may be the need for temporary construction easements to accommodate grade connections at driveways not previously needed in the 2-lane section.

District 4 – Commissioner Henley