

LAUREL ROAD

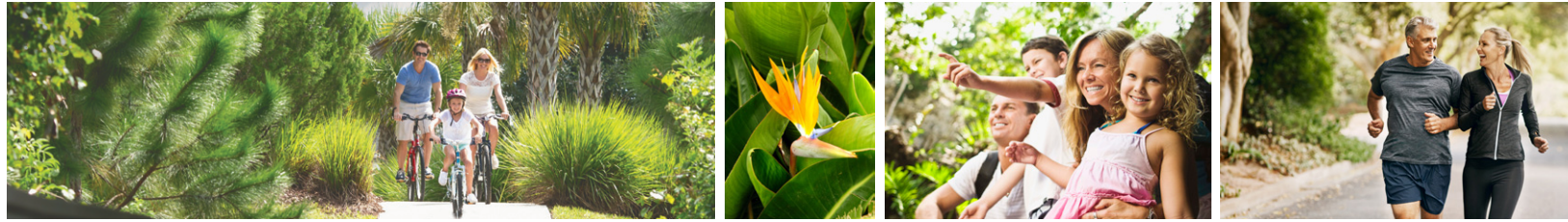
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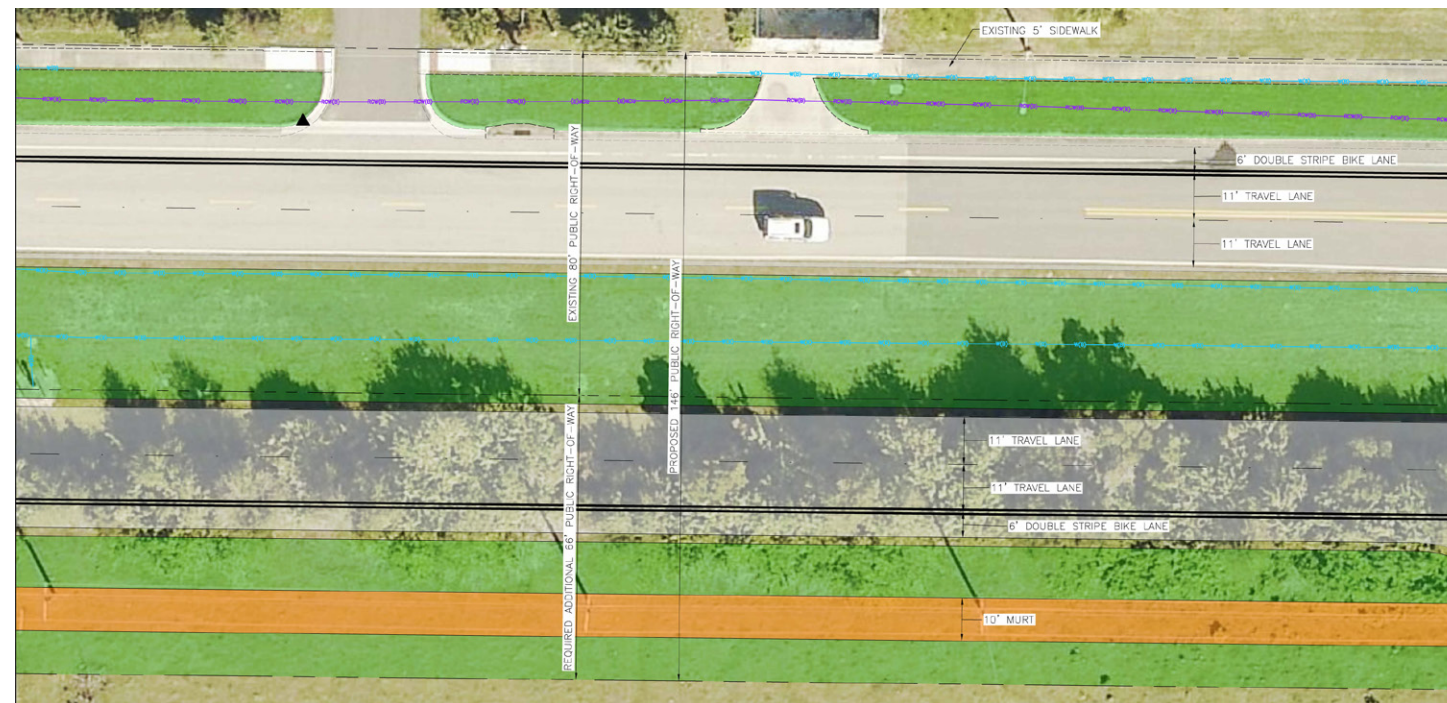
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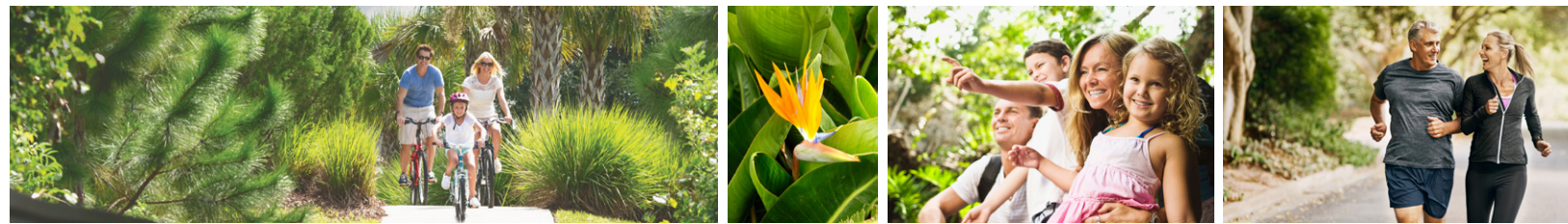
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STATUS UPDATE ON LAUREL ROAD



Widening of Laurel Road from two to four lanes between Knights Trail Road and Jacaranda Boulevard - About 1.5 miles

Since January, monthly update meetings have been held with our engineering group and staff from the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Sarasota Fire Department, and Peace River Manasota.



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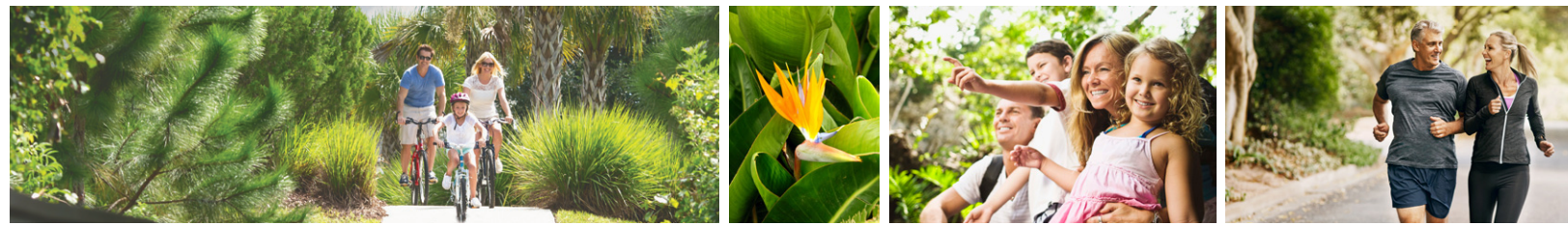
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STATUS UPDATE ON LAUREL ROAD DECISIONS



- Much has changed!!!
- The prices and costs have gone up since we initially proposed this in April 2016
- Under a PPP, the elected officials decide, unlike the staff or consulting engineer
- Need to narrow down to the choices
- **This meeting is intended to discuss outstanding items to confirm scope (so that we can estimate a budget in order to go forth with engineering September 1)**

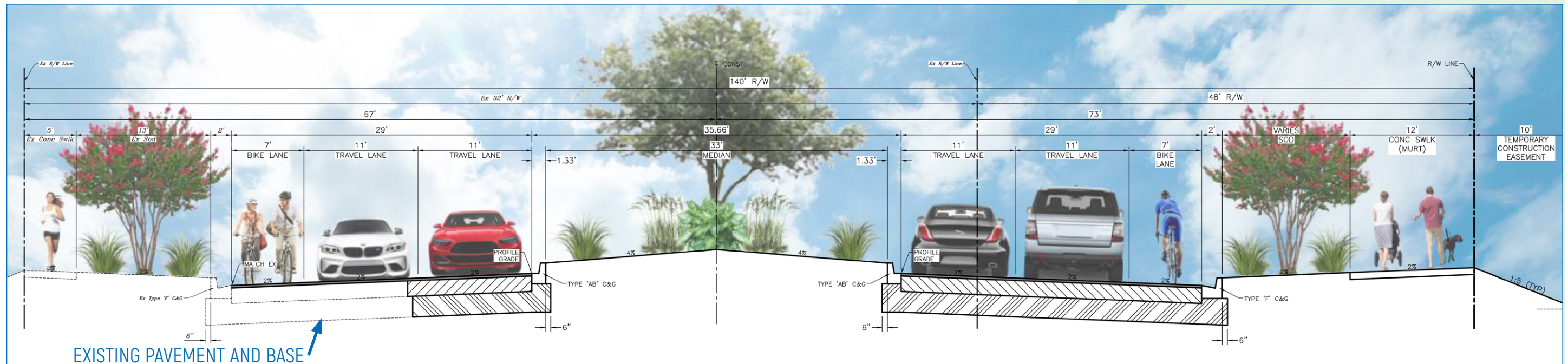
- Lighting standard
- Landscaping and irrigation
- Intersection improvement at Jacaranda and Laurel
- Approval of our right-of-way acquisition strategy
- Linear park and the Multi-Use Recreational Trail (M.U.R.T.)
- Potentially adding public park in Northeast area of Venice
- With Park Impact Fees to fully use the resources available



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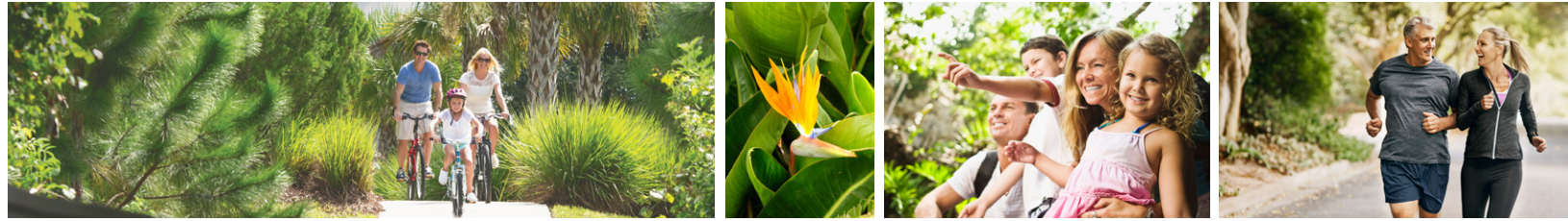
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STANDARDS FOR ROADWAY LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING



- Example showing midway between "bare minimum" and "developer" landscaping
- There will be landscaping and irrigation, primarily at the noses
- Will be designing landscaping around watermains
- Bahia and street trees in the clustered medians per the landscape plan
- Discussion of irrigation, Sarasota County policy and solutions
- We recommend grass in median and rotor heads (but we will need a maintenance entity)
- In order to have County maintenance, we have to use the County energy efficient modified cobra head





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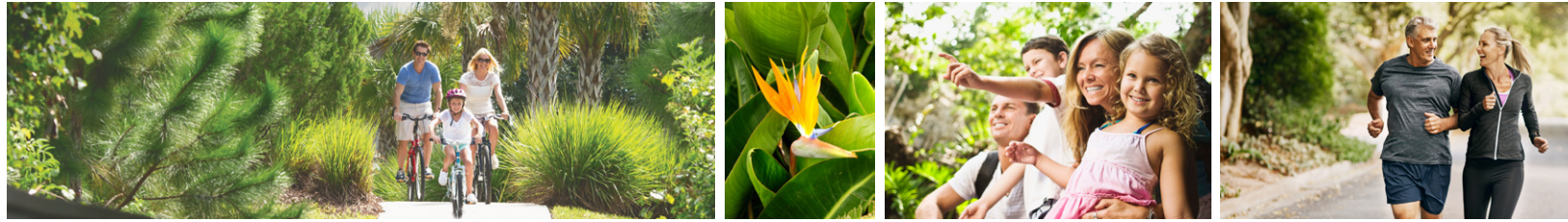
SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AT JACARANDA AND LAUREL



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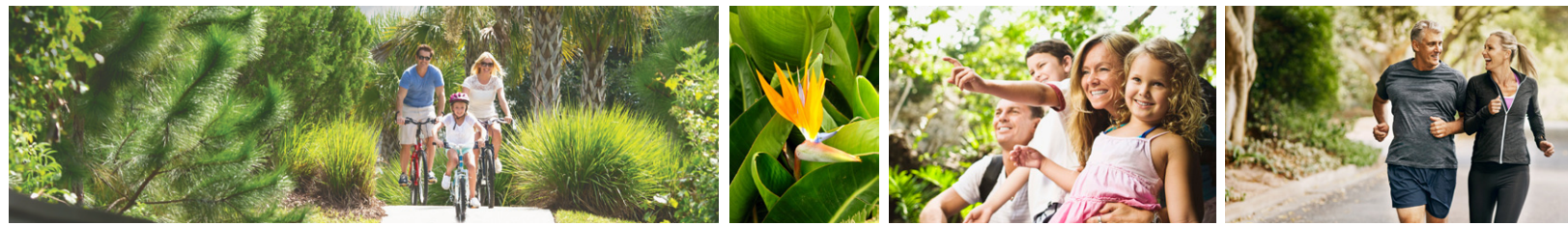


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SHARED USE PONDS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

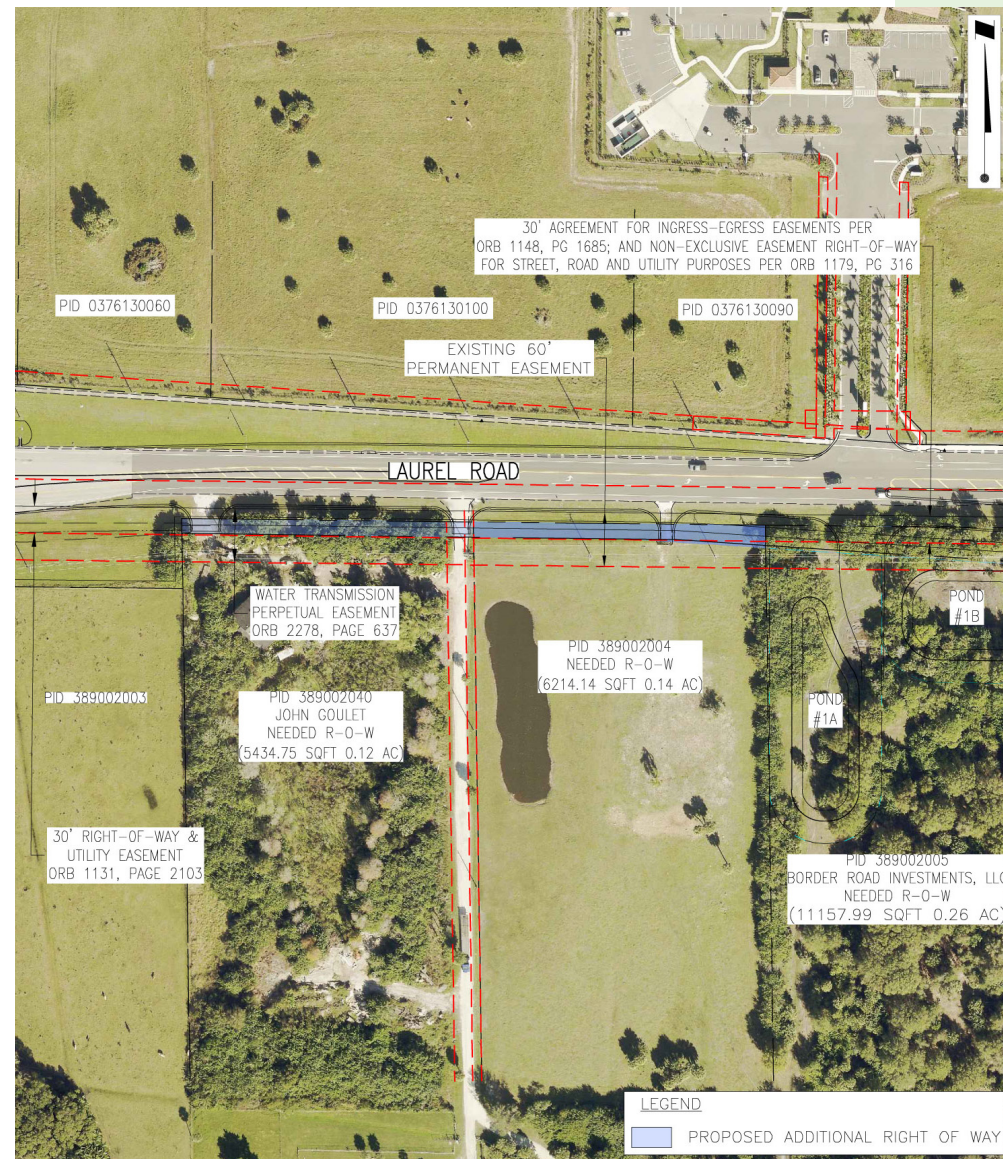
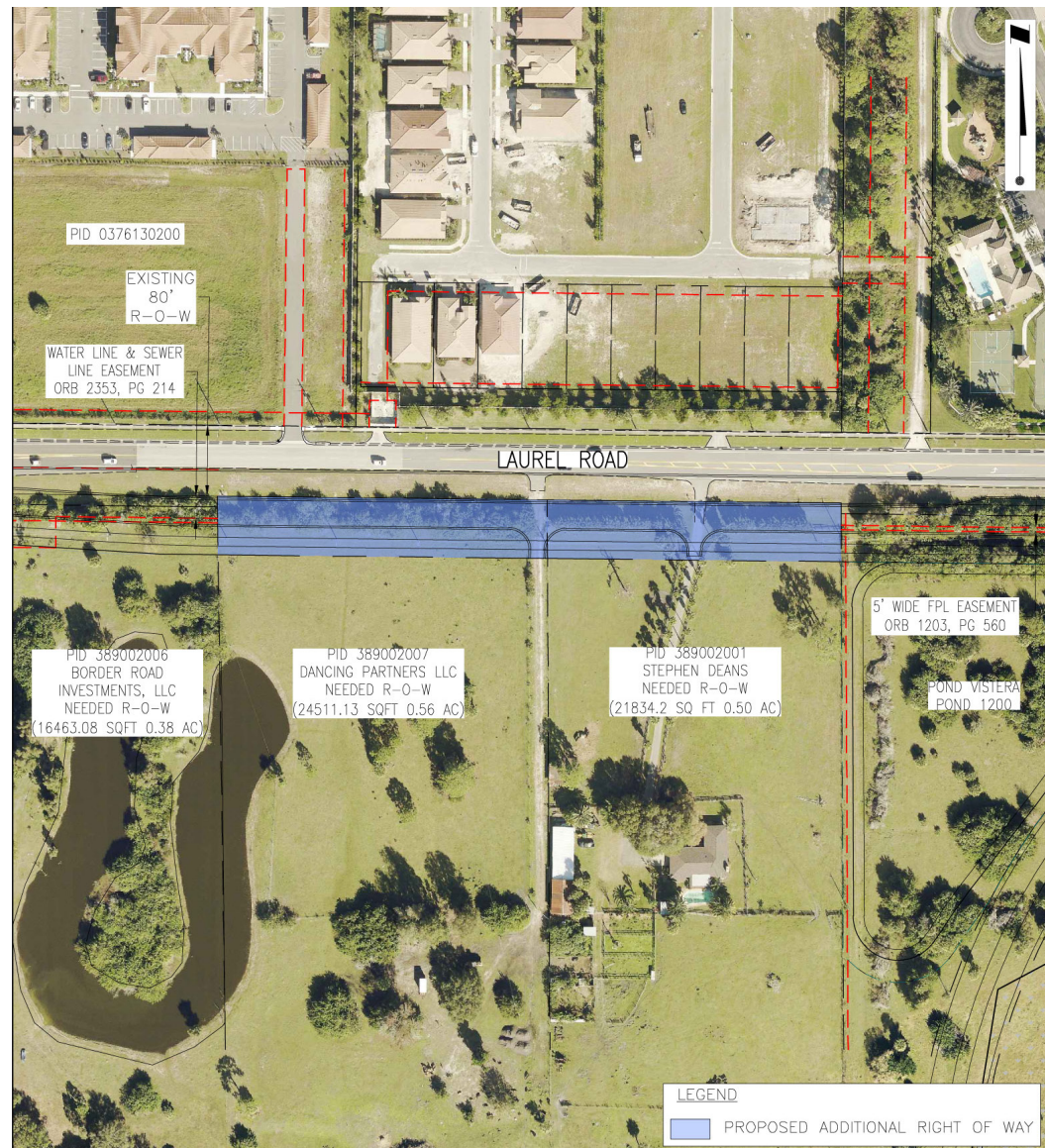




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INITIATE EMINENT DOMAIN



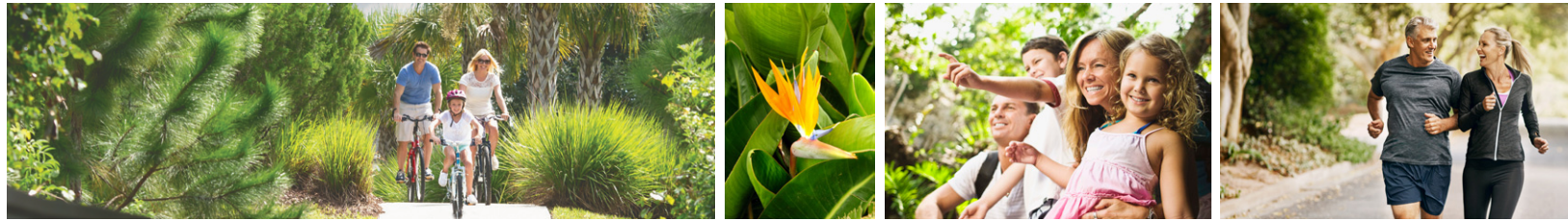
Proposing private lawyers to expedite process

Fort Hamer Road Ext example

Manatee County now uses Gray Robinson, an Orlando-based law firm

This is very important if we wish to build the road "in our lifetimes"

Request to initiate eminent domain (condemnation) on 2 parcels

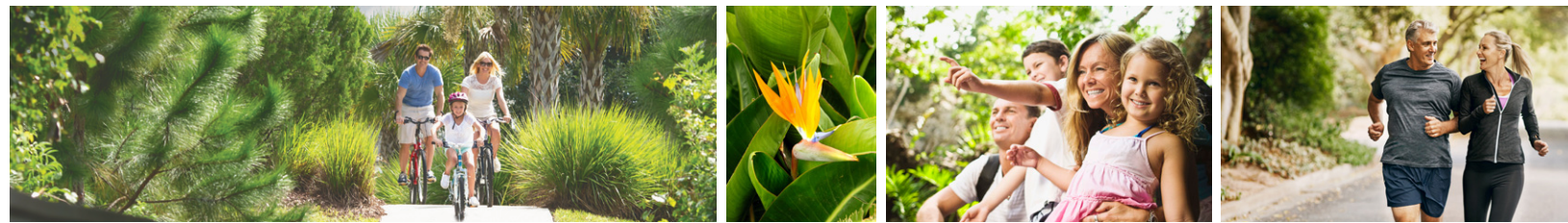


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POSSIBLE PUBLIC PARK OPTIONS



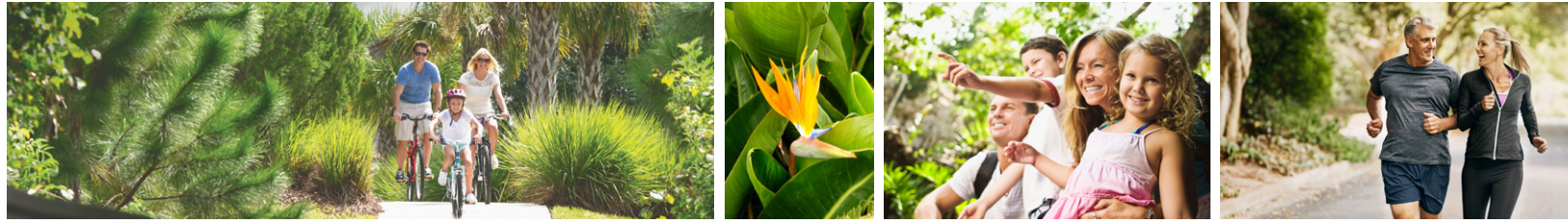


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LINEAR PUBLIC PARK AND MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

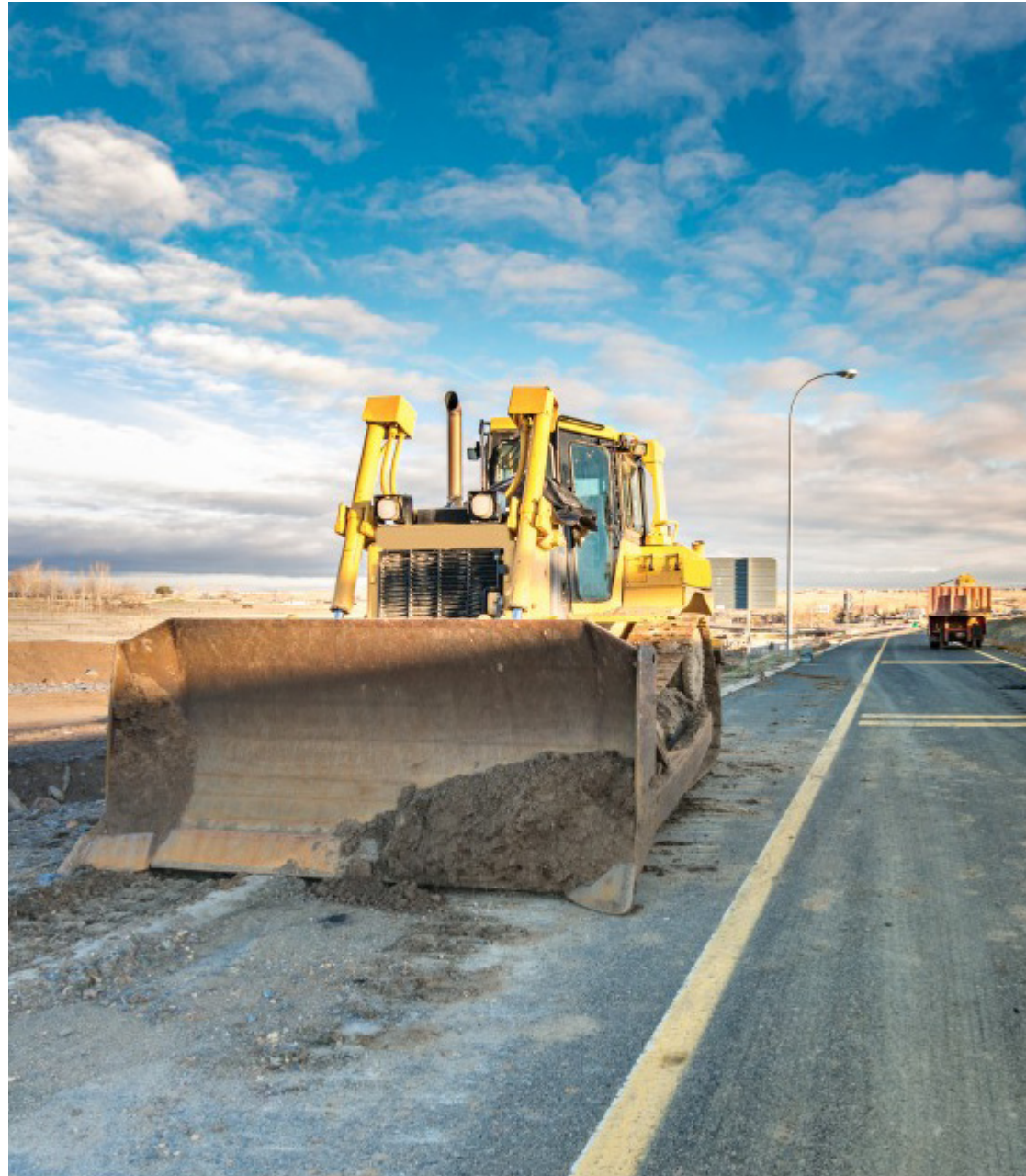




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THE IMPORTANCE OF A SHOVEL-READY PROJECT



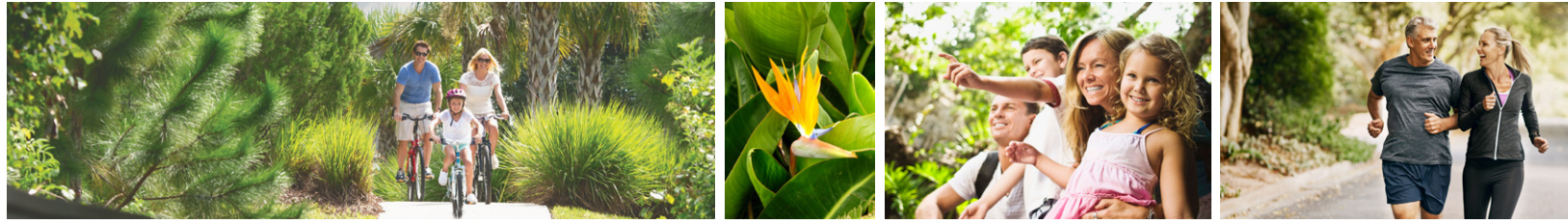
The Florida Legislature appropriated \$2,500,000,000 of local projects

A new record for the Florida Legislature

Discussion of State Grant and the Florida Infrastructure Bank

Federal Stimulus Funding Available for Infrastructure Projects

And the residuals from the "American Rescue Act" (grants good through 12/31/2024)



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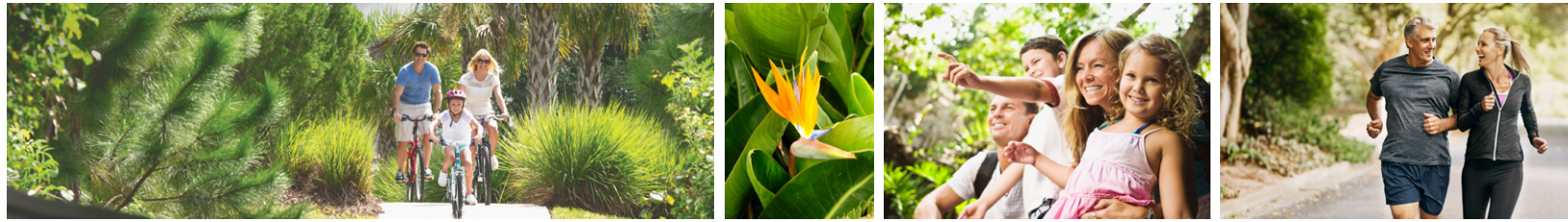
GOAL AND NEXT STEPS



The goal today is to provide an update on Laurel Road and to move forward your approval of these items:

- Lighting plan
- Landscaping and irrigation
- Intersection improvements at Jacaranda and Laurel
- Approval of our right-of-way acquisition strategy
- Linear public park and potential park options





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IN CONCLUSION



A DECISION IS NEEDED

Thank you for this opportunity

We have a rare opportunity to build this Highway for less than the budgeted cost

Particularly with the 2 Stimulus Programs in operation

And the opportunities available for the right-of-way, **but only for a limited time**

In discussion since April 2016

Please allow us to go forward to budget preparation and the initial steps private eminent domain

**Budget proposal will be made
September 2021**