



PONTE VEDRA BEACH
Citizens Traffic Task Force

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The Citizens Traffic Task Force Board includes representatives from:

The Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District

The Ponte Vedra Community Association

Sawgrass Master Association

Ponte Vedra Coalition

The Palm Valley Community Association

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach

Sawgrass Players Club Master Association

Marsh Landing Master Association

North Ponte Vedra Beach Coalition

Welcome to the first Citizens Traffic Task Force Newsletter. Since 2015, the Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF) has collaborated with the leadership of St. Johns County and the State of Florida to address increasing traffic congestion and future roadway planning in the Ponte Vedra Beach area.

The CTTF will periodically publish a newsletter to keep our community better informed about crucial developments affecting the roadways in the Ponte Vedra-Palm Valley area. Our distribution includes the registered members of the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition, the Ponte Vedra Community Association, the Palm Valley Community Association, the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District, the North Ponte Vedra Beach Coalition, and the Sawgrass, Marsh Landing, The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, and Sawgrass Player's Club Homeowners Associations. Each organization is represented on the CTTF Board.

CTTF Accomplishments to Date

2016: The CTTF facilitated funding from St. Johns County (SJC) and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) for a study of traffic conditions in the Ponte Vedra Beach-Palm Valley area. That study, completed in 2017, identified intersection and lane enhancements along SRA1A from JTB to Mickler Road that were needed to improve traffic flow. The study also proposed intersection and lane enhancements along Palm Valley Road from the ICW to Mickler Road, and lane enhancements on Mickler Road from Palm Valley Road to A1A.

2017: The CTTF surveyed 9,000 households in our local community to measure the level of support for the study's road improvement recommendations and shared the results of that survey with SJC, the NFTPO, and the participating community associations and HOAs.

2019: The CTTF collaborated with our State Legislative Delegation and, for the current fiscal year, received funding of \$500,000 for the first round of A1A intersection improvements. The initial intersection priorities are SR A1A at Solana Road, SR A1A at Sawgrass Village, SR A1A at PGA Tour Boulevard and SR A1A at Mickler Road. The funding granted in 2019 will focus on the intersection at SR A1A at Solana Road.

Intersection Improvements Coming to Solana Road and A1A

We have been informed that the engineering study for this project is complete. We expect construction to begin immediately after the Players Championship in March 2020. It will be coordinated with the milling and resurfacing of Solana Road from A1A, west to North Roscoe Boulevard. The CTTF Board will meet with the SJC Director of Public Works in late-January to review the A1A/Solana Road Intersection Project Plan in detail.

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Additional Funding Requested for 2020-2021

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At the November 22nd, 2019 public meeting hosted by our State Legislative Delegation, the CTTF asked for an additional appropriation of \$4.25 Million to fund other intersection improvements along the Ponte Vedra Beach SR A1A corridor. We expect to learn in March or April if some, or all, of this funding will be granted.

CTTF/North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Meeting in January

Members of the CTTF Board met with leadership at the NFTPO on January 17th to discuss projects of interest to PVB.

Key findings from that meeting included:

- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has begun a comprehensive review of the JTB Corridor from US1 to A1A. Specific emphasis is being given to studying the intersections at Belfort Rd., Southside Blvd., Marsh Landing Parkway, and A1A. JTB intersection improvements at Gate Pkwy and San Pablo Road are already underway.
- SJC is currently considering placing a traffic signal on the East side of the Palm Valley Bridge at the intersection with the South Roscoe Blvd. Connector.

Ponte Vedra Boulevard to be Impacted by Installation of Major Water Line

The CTTF has been informed that the JEA, in May and June, plans to begin replacing the aging water line that runs approximately 10,000 ft. from Corona Road north to the Duval County Line. This project will affect traffic flow, at times, along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. During the JEA project, the county will make some improvements to roadway drainage along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. After both projects have been completed, Ponte Vedra Blvd. will be repaved.

