



PONTE VEDRA BEACH
Citizens Traffic Task Force

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Welcome to the Ponte Vedra Beach Citizen's Traffic Task Force Spring 2021 Newsletter. As reported in our last Newsletter, based on advice from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and St. Johns County (SJC), each of the recommended intersection improvements along SR A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach have now been bundled together into one all-encompassing proposal. The result has elevated the total A1A initiative (recently estimated at \$17.15M) into becoming the number four (4) roadway improvement priority in St. Johns County. This is significant, because the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO), who controls the regional prioritization of roadway projects with the FDOT across Duval, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay counties, focuses its efforts on the Top 5 priorities in each county. Realizing those improvements, however, depends on gaining access to the funding that they require. The CTTF will continue to work closely with NFTPO, FDOT, and St. Johns County staff to advance the overall project and obtain the necessary funding.

Improvements to the Solana Road – SR A1A Intersection Set to Begin

While we have already reported "improvements coming soon" to this intersection more than once, the construction contract has now been awarded and, according to SJC's Public Works Department, construction will begin by early June with the project expected to be completed by the end of August. As a reminder, this relatively small project, expected to cost \$370,000, involves extending the so-called "stacking lanes" eastbound on Solana Road to A1A, and the stacking lanes southbound on A1A to Solana Road (for both left and right turns). These incremental improvements, though minor, should provide some immediate relief, especially during the peak commuting hours.

Meetings with Comm. Blocker, Comm. Whitehurst and FDOT Representatives

Since January, members of your CTTF Board of Directors have continued to meet, both via Zoom and in person, with many of our local and regional leaders. We met with Commissioners Blocker and Whitehurst to introduce the CTTF and ask for their support to advance the A1A Intersection Improvement Project. Both Commissioners indicated their recognition that Ponte Vedra Beach roadway improvements are needed. We also recently met with FDOT representatives to discuss the process going forward, now that the A1A Intersection Improvement project is number 4 on the county's roadway priority list. All three meetings resulted in positive feedback toward the accomplishment of our goals of improved traffic flow and safety on the A1A corridor from JTB to Mickler Road.

Next Big PVB Intersection Improvement Project - SR A1A and Mickler Road

Progress towards improvements to the intersection at A1A and Mickler Road continues. Most of the funding for this approximately \$3.5 Million project is already in place. The signalized intersection would be improved by adding additional eastbound left-turn



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bays, constructing a westbound left-turn bay, and constructing a second northbound through lane. The second northbound lane will likely extend to the Crossroad Lakes-Lauden Court intersection (approximately 0.4 miles). The design phase of this project is scheduled to begin in 2021 followed by awarding of the construction contract in 2022.

St. Johns County Public Works Update for the Ponte Vedra Beach area

St. Johns County works closely with the Ponte Vedra Beach Citizen's Traffic Task Force to address the transportation infrastructure needs of residents in the Ponte Vedra area. Working in partnership, both entities are committed to ensuring residents remain informed regarding upcoming infrastructure improvement initiatives. The following is an update on projects scheduled to either begin or be completed in the next two years:

- **FEMA Protective Beach Berm Project** – This Federal Emergency Management Agency project will place protective sand on berms eroded during Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma along portions of the coastline from Ponte Vedra Beach to Crescent Beach. Easements are currently being obtained. Construction is awaiting approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
- **USCOE Ponte Vedra Beach Feasibility Study** – The United States Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study to evaluate the Ponte Vedra shoreline and identify areas that are critically eroded. The \$3 million feasibility study is scheduled for completion in 2024. If a project is recommended by the feasibility study and funded by Congress, the critically eroded areas would be routinely renourished for the next 50 years.
- **L'Atrium Circle Sidewalk Improvements** – Sidewalk improvements in the L'Atrium Subdivision, from L'Atrium Circle North to L'Atrium Circle South, include widening the sidewalk and adding curb ramps in order to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The design is scheduled to be complete this summer and construction is projected to start winter 2021.
- **Roscoe Boulevard and Palm Valley Bridge Intersection Improvement** – This project will upgrade the Roscoe Boulevard and Palm Valley Bridge intersection to include a traffic signal, an additional pedestrian crossing, and an extended sidewalk along the northern portion of Palm Valley Road to the Sawmill Lakes Community. The design phase of the project is currently underway.
- **County Road 210, Palm Valley Road, and Mickler Road Intersection Improvements** – Improvements to the roundabout at the County Road 210, Palm Valley Road, and Mickler Road intersection will increase intersection capacity and provide a better flow of traffic. The design phase of the project will begin in 2021.



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- **State Road A1A and Mickler Road Improvements** – This project will include the construction of new left turn lanes at the State Road A1A and Mickler Road intersection. The design phase of the project is scheduled to begin in 2021.
- **Additional State Road A1A Intersection Improvements** – Safety improvements will include the construction of southbound turn lanes along State Road A1A at the Ponte Vedra Lakes Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Parks Drive, and Marlin Road intersections for better traffic flow. St. Johns County is currently working with the Florida Department of Transportation to design and fund these improvements.
- **Palm Valley Road Sidewalk** – Sidewalk plans from Landrum Lane to Canal Boulevard have been designed and permitted. Logistics are being coordinated with SJC's Public Works Department.
- **JEA Waterline Project** – This project includes the installation of a larger water main along Ponte Vedra Boulevard between Corona Road and Pablo Road. The new water main will enhance water supply and water pressure in the community. Construction began in February, and approximately 1,500 feet of the new water main has been installed. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2021.

St. Johns County remains dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the residents in Ponte Vedra Beach. With assistance from the Ponte Vedra Beach Citizen's Traffic Task Force, identifying these necessary infrastructure improvements will aid us in the mission of establishing safer and more efficient traffic flow. For more information regarding upcoming projects, please visit www.sjcfl.us.

The CTF newsletter is published periodically to keep our community informed about developments affecting the roadways in the Ponte Vedra Beach-Palm Valley area. Our distribution includes the registered members of the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District, the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition, the Ponte Vedra Community Association, the Palm Valley Community Association, 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 CTF Board.