



PONTE VEDRA BEACH
Citizens Traffic Task Force

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PVB A1A Intersection Improvement Project Awarded \$1.0 Million in New State Funding

Welcome to the Ponte Vedra Beach Citizen's Traffic Task Force Summer 2022 Newsletter. The CTTF Board's request for \$1.0 Million in continued funding for improvements to intersections along A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach, has been granted and was included in the new fiscal year budget approved in June by Governor Ron DeSantis. The CTTF request was made to State Senator Travis Hutson, and Representatives Cyndi Stevenson and Paul Renner, at our legislative delegation's annual public meeting held in the St. Johns County Auditorium in St. Augustine last October. The CTTF Board has requested that these new funds be allocated to the design of improvements to the Sawgrass Village and Tournament Players Boulevard intersections.

Palm Valley Road Sidewalk Funding Approved

The Palm Valley Community Association (PVCA) has announced that the State and County have included funding in their 2023 budgets to fill the sidewalk gaps along the west side of Palm Valley Road from Landrum Lane to the SR A1A intersection.

In April, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) reached a consensus that, contingent upon funding for the sidewalk project being included in the House Bill approved on July 1, they would finance the remainder of the project and move forward without delay. The state funding has now been approved.

According to CTTF Board member Jayne Evans, who also served as the PVCA Sidewalk Committee Chair, "It has taken about ten years of community engagement working with the Board of County Commissioners and staff to bring this crucial road safety project to fruition. We appreciate the work of the many neighbors and elected officials who recognized the need and supported this initiative."

Florida Representative Cyndi Stevenson helped secure \$800,000 in the Florida State House Appropriations Bill for the Palm Valley Road Sidewalk Project. Rep. Stevenson shared, "I am delighted that we were able to get state funding for this sidewalk for Palm Valley and for the community and county support that made the project possible."

BCC Chairman Henry Dean and District 4 County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker have been strong supporters for this project. Commissioner Blocker commented "I commend the residents who live near Palm Valley Road for their years of dedication and advocacy for this project. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with our citizens to fulfill this critical infrastructure improvement for our community. I look forward to working with my fellow board members and county staff to fully fund the remainder of the Palm Valley Road Sidewalk project."

In announcing the funding, Garry Phillips, Palm Valley Community Association president, added, "When completed, the sidewalk will connect the community from the east side of the Palm Valley Bridge to the SR A1A intersection and North through Ponte Vedra Beach. People can enjoy walking to school, church, work, or run errands".



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Update on Improvements to the SR A1A and Mickler Road Intersection

Progress continues towards improvements at the intersection at A1A and Mickler Road. Engineering drawings from the Mathews Design Group, currently at 60% completion, are expected to be 100% complete by September. Public meetings to share the proposed roadway improvements are not yet scheduled but will likely occur this fall at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Residents of Seaside have been concerned that, as part of this project, A1A might be widened to four-lanes in front of the entrance to their community, but the SJC Public Works Department has indicated that will not be the case. Further, no consideration of widening A1A to four-lanes from Mickler Road to the entrance to Fairfield is in the 5-year FDOT roadway plan. The schedule currently calls for construction of the Mickler intersection improvements to begin in mid-year 2023.

Update on County Road 210 and Mickler Road Roundabout Intersection

Improvements continue to be under consideration for the roundabout at the Palm Valley Road and Mickler Road intersection. Proposed plans for the roundabout are 30% complete and are expected to be 100% complete by November. A public meeting to share the proposed plans will be held at the end of 2022 or in early 2023. While a signalized intersection was originally recommended in an engineering study of this intersection performed 2.5 years ago, the CTTF expects two options to be considered.

Update on 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 and an additional pedestrian crossing. The design plan has now been approved and the contract awarded. Construction has been delayed pending the availability of construction materials. Overall, the construction process is scheduled to take 210 days with 90 days allocated for the actual installation.

State Road A1A and Marsh Landing Parkway to Marlin Ave. Intersection Improvements

Planned improvements to traffic flow for the section of SR A1A from Marsh Landing Parkway to an area south of Marlin Avenue will include the construction of southbound turn lanes along State Road A1A at the Ponte Vedra Lakes Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Parks Drive, and Marlin Avenue intersections. The Florida Department of Transportation has added this project to its five-year program with design funds allocated in Fiscal Year 2023 and construction planned for Fiscal Year 2025.

The Citizen's Traffic Task Force Newsletter is produced in collaboration with St. Johns County's Public Works Department. St. Johns County is dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the residents in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information regarding upcoming projects, visit www.sjcfl.us. To contact the CTTF, email cttfboard@yahoo.com.