

**LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Board of Supervisors Workshop
October 17, 2018**

A workshop of the Supervisors of Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance Building.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: William Lee, Chairman
Gerry Campkin, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Drum, Secretary
Harold Ousley, Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT: Neil Dorrill, Manager, Dorrill Management Group
Kevin Carter, Operations Manager
Tony Pires, District Counsel
Freddie Bowers, Director of Community Patrol

WORKSHOP: TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Lee introduced Trinity Scott from Collier County Transportation Planning, who brought an exhibit to the Board to better explain the County's transportation plans.

An operational analysis was started a few years ago on the project at Triangle Boulevard, and on the north side of that intersection at 41 near McDonalds where there was always a backup of cars.

They Transportation Department has come up with a roundabout idea for the south side of the road, that will line up with Waterford Drive, and intersection improvements to include a raised median to prevent vehicles from going south on Triangle to make a left into the shopping center. Several people go the wrong way and nearly cause collisions, which the Department observed in their studies.

Currently when someone exits the Publix shopping center they can make a left at the south entrance, and that will be closed. Vehicles coming southbound will be able to go left into Publix, as well as another access point further up. There will also be access to Hobby Lobby. Lely Island Circle will remain open, and a second roundabout is being proposed for Celeste

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which will help with the traffic that all the new restaurants going in will bring.

All of the traffic projections and modeling were done based on the K-Mart being built out and functional again. These changes are being designed in house, and are 60 percent done at this point.

In the current fiscal year, which started October 1, the right-of-way is funded, as noted by the yellow areas on the exhibit. The construction is not yet funded, but internally staff has discussed establishing a MSBU, or Municipal Services Benefitting Unit, that would allow them to bill Publix and the Kmart building for their fair share of the improvements. There are development requirements along restaurant row, in the hotel and the Hobby Lobby, and anyone who comes in as the process goes along must pay their proportionate fair share of the operational improvements as well, which would come out of a tax base.

Mrs. Scott has not been able to find another MSBU in the State of Florida that has taken that action for this purpose, but they are continuing to work with the County on the funding, and if they decide not to do a MSBU, when they go through the next budgeting process they will probably look at filling the gap with County funds.

In response to Mr. Campkin's question about the route he would be taking from his direction, Mrs. Trinity followed the route on the exhibit, showing where the new restrictions would occur.

Mr. Drum noted that the improvements made by the County at the Horses Monument entrance seem to be working, with the offset left turn lane into Lely which helped with the line-of-sight issues caused by large vehicles. He felt that the break in traffic at Triangle Boulevard is the reason it does work, as people cannot turn right if someone is going straight ahead into Eagle Creek. If the County adds a right turn lane, people can turn right whether the light is green or red.

Mrs. Trinity indicated that this had been discussed, and the traffic engineer is looking at it to see if they could potentially have a no right turn on the red light to maintain that break, which is necessary in order to safely turn left into Lely at that entrance.

Mr. Ousley asked for clarification that the island at the McDonald's would allow a left into it, and Mrs. Trinity indicated that if you were traveling south, this was correct. However, if you were at the McDonald's or exiting the Publix center, you cannot make a left out and there will be a complete island there so the turn cannot be made.

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Mr. Ousley noted that he'd hoped that they would get rid of that pork chop behind McDonald's, but Mrs. Trinity indicated that they will still allow the left turn in, which won't impact the traffic operations in the areas that needed to be relieved.

Mrs. Trinity also advised that another thing they were doing with the improvement was making two receiving lanes on 41 so there would not be traffic stacking up along 41.

Mrs. Josephina Power asked for another explanation of where the u-turn was that would enable them to go left, and was shown that on the Exhibit. Mrs. Campkin asked about the traffic problems stacking up in that area, and Mrs. Scott advised that by closing the exit out of McDonald's, it would allow them to bring the left turn lanes back further, so those going through will be able to get into those lanes and proceed forward.

Another suggestion was made for a roundabout location on the exhibit, and Mrs. Trinity indicated that based on traffic volumes it was too close to the adjacent intersection, and traffic would back up.

Mr. Drum indicated that at a previous meeting they had been promised a traffic study this spring for Lely Island Circle. It was his recollection that there was about 2,500 cars a day during season, and he asked if that survey was going to take place. Mrs. Trinity indicated that it was, and they did do a study a few months ago to see what the off season count was. When they were out there they handed out pamphlets on speeding, as they are required to do an education component, and they were also observing speeders.

They are working with the school to remind the students who were seen to be speeding that this is a neighborhood, and there are children who live in the area. The next step is enforcement, and they are working with the Sheriff's Department to come out and enforce the speeding laws before they get to some sort of engineering solution for that roadway.

Mr. Drum did not feel that speed bumps was a solution, as the Fire Department did not want to run their fire engines over one of these bumps at high speeds. There are some speed bumps on St. Andrew's, and people continue to speed between the bumps.

The number of drivers at this location was lower than Mrs. Scott had anticipated, which is why they are going to do another count during season. The tubes will be put back out, which will show a better picture of specific speeding times and places.

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Mr. Ousley felt that an exit to 41 at the Outback Restaurant would really alleviate a lot of the problems. Mrs. Scott indicated that this idea was proposed when Hobby Lobby came in, but the developer did not want to build a bridge, which would be required. Mr. Ousley asked if this idea could be revisited once the developer was out of the picture, and was advised that it would have to be done with funding by the owners of the area.

Mr. Lee asked if the increase of sales tax by 1 percent does not pass, then it may be postponed to two to three years down the road. Mrs. Scott agreed that this could potentially be the case, and this was one of the reasons for the tax increase referendum. There are several other transportation projects that are on the list for the County as well. Mr. Drum suggested that some of these projects could be bonded out so they could get done, and Mrs. Scott noted that this would be a discussion after November for the Board of County Commissioners, which is aware of the fact that the Transportation Department has underfunded needs. Money will have to be found somewhere, and that may include bonds.

Mrs. Scott was thanked for her appearance at today's meeting.