

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

October 10, 2011

Dear Residents,

This is your friendly reminder the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association together with Citrus County Public Works / Engineering, Cypress Village POA and Oak Village Association will be jointly hosting an Open House session for all residents to review a proposal to add bike lanes to selected Boulevard roads within the Sugarmill Woods community.

SMW Bike Lanes Proposal Open House
Thursday, October 13, 2011
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Grill Room)

The meeting format will be an Open House session where residents are invited to come anytime between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to meet with County, Civic Association, and POA representatives to review the details of this proposal. It will not be a sit down meeting. We will have detailed maps of the proposed routes, documents showing the end product, proposed schedules, what the proposed changes involve, comment forms, etc. Residents are encouraged to come to the session to meet with the various representatives, ask questions to get a complete understanding of the proposal, and provide their comments and feedback. Comment forms will also be available for residents to submit their written comments, suggestions, and position on the proposal. Please take this opportunity to learn about this proposal and provide your feedback. The SMW Civic Association together with Citrus County Engineering, Cypress Village POA, and Oak Village Association compiled a "Frequently Asked Q&As" document which is attached to this bulletin for your reference. You can also access it via our web site at www.sugarmillcivic.org/bulletins. Under the list of "**Sugarmill Woods Bulletins Recently Distributed**", please click on "**SMW Bulletin 2011-10-10 SMW Bike Lanes Frequently Asked Q&As**".

The proposal is to add bike lanes to the following roads:

PHASE 1

- **Oak Park Blvd West (CR 480)** from the intersection at Corkwood Blvd to the rear (east) entrance to Shoppes at Sugarmill Woods.
- **Cypress Village Blvd East** from the intersection at Cypress Village Circle to the intersection at Oak Park Blvd West (CR 480).
- **Oak Village Blvd** from the intersection at Oak Park Blvd (CR 480) to the intersection at US Hwy 98.
- **Oak Village Blvd South** from the intersection at US Hwy 98 to the intersection at Poppy Street.
- **US Hwy 98 South Side** from the intersection at Oak Village Blvd South along US Hwy 98 to the Suncoast Parkway 1 Trailhead. (This segment will be a single ten foot wide bike path on the south side of US Hwy 98 on the outer edge of the road right of way.)

PHASE 2

- **Corkwood Blvd** from the intersection at Cypress Village Blvd East to the intersection at Oak Park Blvd West (CR 480).
- **Cypress Village Circle and Cypress Village Blvd West** from the intersection at Cypress Village Circle to the intersection at Douglas Street / US Hwy 19.
- **Greenpark Blvd** from the intersection at US Hwy 98 to the intersection at Oak Village Blvd South.
- **Glenridge Blvd** from the intersection at Corkwood Blvd to the end of Glenridge Blvd.

The proposed SMW Blvd roads were selected because these roads all have a 100 foot wide public road right of ways which allows space to add the bike lanes with minimal impact to residents. These roads provide routes through the center of the two major villages and offer easy accessibility to the greatest number of SMW residents.

As part of the work effort, the County would relocate any sprinkler heads in the affected area, resod where appropriate, and repair any changes needed to the driveway aprons and drainage area. There would be no expense incurred by the Property Owners.

With respect to funding we explored various alternatives and determined that projects like this one are eligible candidate projects which can be funded by federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. United States Code requires that 10% of the STP funds be reserved for "Transportation Enhancement Activities" such as bike paths, landscaping for roads, etc. "Transportation Enhancement" funds are distributed annually to each District and the Florida DOT then decides which projects will be funded. If approved, these projects are 100% funded. Matching local funds are not required. Surface Transportation Program Funds are our tax dollars at work. Since we are all tax payers contributing to STP funds, it would be nice to see some of this money put to work in our community.

Please mark your calendar for this very important Open House session on Thursday, October 13 and let us know what you think. Please email me at DuaneDueker@aol.com. Your opinions are important to us and we encourage your feedback. We look forward to seeing you at the open house.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA