

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

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Dear Residents,

Citrus County staff has completed their work summarizing the results of the completed Comment Forms for the SMW Bike Lanes Proposal. Citrus County Public Works Director Ken Frink, Engineering Director Ken Cheek and their staff coordinated the efforts to meet with SMW residents, review the details of the proposal with them, answer their questions, and then summarize the results of the completed Comment Forms received.

Two Community Outreach Program meetings with SMW residents were held on October 13 and November 1 and hosted by the SMW Civic Association and Citrus County officials and staff. Commissioner John JJ Kenney, Cypress Village POA representatives, and Oak Village Association representatives also participated in these meetings. Approximately 90 to 100 residents attended each of the two meetings. Thank you to all residents who actively participated in the meetings and for providing feedback on the proposal. All of your input was needed and appreciated very much.

A review of the completed Comment Forms shows the majority of SMW residents that responded are in favor of all segments of the SMW Bike Lanes Proposal. The **“IN FAVOR”** responses for each of the ten segments ranged from 67% to 75%. Those residents who responded **“NOT IN FAVOR”** for each of the ten segments ranged from 19% to 26%. A total of 628 SMW Property Owners responded by completing a Comment Form. The chart below shows a summary of the responses for each of the proposed segments.

SMW Bike Lanes Proposal Summary of Resident Responses

Segments	In Favor	Don't Care	Not In Favor
Oak Park Blvd West (CR 480)	74.7%	6.5%	18.8%
US Hwy 98 - South Side	74.4%	6.5%	19.2%
Corkwood Blvd	70.7%	9.3%	20.0%
Cypress Village Blvd East 1st Leg	70.6%	7.6%	21.8%
Cypress Village Blvd East 2nd Leg	70.3%	8.3%	21.4%
Cypress Village Circle & Cypress Village Blvd West	71.3%	9.0%	19.8%
Oak Village Blvd	69.4%	5.5%	25.1%
Oak Village Blvd South	67.5%	6.9%	25.6%
Greenpark Blvd	68.2%	11.2%	20.7%
Glenridge Blvd	66.6%	12.4%	21.0%

Because Transportation Enhancement Funds available for this project are limited, a decision needed to be made as to what segments would be selected and proposed as part of the Application Request for Grant Funding. In a follow up meeting with County Directors Ken Frink and Ken Cheek and SMW Civic Association / Cypress Village POA / Oak Village Association representatives, the County staff proposed that we select a group of segments that had the most favorable response, had minimal impact on affected residents, and were the easiest to implement. For those reasons we collectively agreed that the five segments highlighted above would be the ones included in the Application Request for Grant Funding for this project. Attached is an aerial map that shows the selected segments.

While we understand some resident's expectations and preferences will not be met, we hope everyone will understand and accept the rationale that was used in making this decision. It is clear that a majority of the residents responding were IN FAVOR of the overall proposal. At the same time there were groups of residents who were directly affected by the proposal for bike lanes on their Blvd that responded as NOT IN FAVOR of the proposal. We hope these residents and others that may have responded as NOT IN FAVOR will reconsider their position after the Bike Lane segments proposed for Cypress Village / Southern Woods are implemented and they see residents safely using them for Biking and Walking.

By including the Oak Park Blvd West (CR 480) segment and the US Hwy 98 segment, residents living in Oak Village will have access to safe Bike Lanes and a safe access to the Suncoast Parkway Bike Path Trailhead.

Cypress Village Circle and Cypress Village Blvd West are important segments as well and were favored by more than 71% of the responding residents but we need more work to understand the impact of moving some of the existing utilities (street lights). None of the other segments have this type of problem.

The next step is the County staff is now preparing the first group of Grant Funding Requests to allow the County to complete the survey work, the detailed feasibility study, and the detailed construction cost estimates.

We will keep you informed as we move forward over the next few months. Thank you again for your participation in reviewing and commenting on this proposal. Your comments and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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