



Board of County Commissioners Approve East-West Road RCA Study

On Tuesday, June 26, 2001, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved the East-West Road Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) Study and recommended alignment. Due to input received from the public throughout the project, five amendments were made to the recommended project and were approved as part of the East-West Road RCA Study. The approved amendments are as follows:

1. Increase the height of proposed screen walls from the standard 6-feet to a height of 8-feet,
2. Increase the standard County landscape construction budget from \$75,000 per mile of roadway to \$125,000 per mile so that a tree canopy can be created,
3. Design cul-de-sacs at both the north and south approaches of Gresham Drive at the new East-West Road. At the initiation of construction, place temporary barriers to create temporary cul-de-sacs at the same locations. Six months after the construction of the roadway is complete, survey the neighborhood residents to determine whether permanent cul-de-sacs need to be constructed. The permanent cul-de-sacs will be constructed if the residents indicate this preference,
4. Prohibit tractor-trailer type trucks on the East-West Road between Forsyth Road and Dean Road, and
5. Decrease the East-West Road lane widths to 11-feet between Forsyth Road and Goldenrod Road to match the proposed 11-foot lanes between Goldenrod Road and Dean Road.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Over the next few weeks, the Preliminary Engineering Report and other study documents will be finalized and the study will be complete. County staff will also begin the process of hiring an engineering company to prepare the final construction plans for the approved roadway improvements, including environmental permitting and the development of mitigation plans.

Early acquisition of some properties by Orange County's Real Estate Management Division may also begin in the near future. If you think that your property has been identified as a "total acquisition" and are interested in having the County negotiate the purchase of your property in the next few months, please contact Mr. Sid Gaines with Orange County's Real Estate Management Division at (407) 836-7089. If you are not interested in early acquisition, it is anticipated that the County will not need to acquire your property for approximately 18 to 24 months.

Get More Information On-Line!

For more information regarding this project, please visit our web site! A summary of past Public Meetings and other public involvement activities are described under the Public Involvement section of the web site. If you would like to contact a member of the Study Team, check out the Contacts page and click on the e-mail link.

Do You Have Questions?

If you have specific questions regarding this study, please contact **Ms. Christine Kefauver** with Orange County Public Works at (407) 836-8071 or e-mail her at: christine.kefauver@co.orange.fl.us

Questions having to do with Real Estate and property acquisition can be answered by **Mr. Sid Gaines** with Orange County's Real Estate Management Division at (407) 836-7089.

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Approved East-West Road Alignment

