

SORRENTO AVENUE – "COMPLETE STREETS" PROJECT

REQUEST

\$5.0

MILLION

\$5 million for the design, right-of-way, and construction of the Sorrento Avenue Complete Streets Project.

ANALYSIS:

- When the Wekiva Parkway is completed in 2019 in Lake County, the existing State Road 46 (Sorrento Avenue) in the Sorrento and Mount Plymouth areas will be transferred to Lake County to own and maintain.
- The Lake County Board of County Commissioners, working with the Sorrento and Mount Plymouth communities, is developing a master street corridor plan which includes Complete Street Concepts.
- The plan will provide the most efficient and safe corridor to accommodate vehicle traffic, bicycles, pedestrians, public transit and parking; and will improve the ability for the expansion of retail, commercial, recreational, and other economic drivers in the community.

BACKGROUND:

The Wekiva Parkway in Lake County is scheduled to begin construction in 2016, with all segments completed by 2019. When the Parkway is completed in Lake County, the existing State Road 46 in the Sorrento and Mount Plymouth areas will be transferred to Lake County to own and maintain. The FDOT and Lake County have an executed agreement which also states that State Road 46, or Sorrento Avenue, as it is known, will be resurfaced prior to the transfer.

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners, working with the Sorrento and Mount Plymouth communities, is developing a master street corridor plan for Sorrento Ave which includes Complete Street Concepts for the roadway. Complete Streets is an FDOT initiated term to explain how vehicle traffic, bicycles, pedestrian, transit, and parking work in context to provide the most efficient and safe corridor for all users. Complete Streets concepts also improve the ability for the expansion of retail, commercial, recreational, and other economic drivers in the community.

This project will also be coordinated with the realignment of County Road 437, funded for a PD&E study this year, and also with the Lake Wekiva multi-use trail which is currently undergoing a PD&E study. The FDOT also completed a Roadway Network Management Plan and study for this area in 2013 which incorporated impacts from the Wekiva Parkway on area roads. The Following link provides the overall concept plan layout:

ftp://ftp.lakecountyfl.gov/Public_Works/Engineering/SorrentoAvenueCompleteStreetsPlan/ SorrentoAvenueCompleteStreetsProject.pdf

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