

SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Public Works

TO: Sarasota County Commission
THROUGH: Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator
FROM: Spencer L. Anderson, P.E., PMP, Interim Director, Public Works
DATE: March 21, 2018
SUBJECT: **River Road Regional Interstate Connector Project Update**

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S) OR ACTION(S):

Update on the River Road Regional Interstate Connector project.

BACKGROUND:

Public Works continues its pursuit of funding and partnership efforts to widen portions of River Road. The current focus of efforts is to define a funding plan for construction of River Road from two lanes to four lanes from Interstate 75 to U.S. 41.

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have conceptually agreed to a cooperative funding partnership to provide \$7.0 million for an engineering design and permitting update and right of way acquisitions. The partnership involves both the Board and FDOT each providing \$3.5 million with an agreement to be formalized once FDOT receives the money in their FY19 budget.

Staff and the FDOT have been in continuing negotiations to develop a funding and construction plan for the I-75 to U.S. 41 section of River Road. Negotiations are considering:

- FDOT funding sources that require state ownership of the road for their use
- Terms of a potential road transfer involving portions of State Road 758 and 72 for portions of River Road
- Construction responsibilities of each agency
- Possible funding and construction timelines

The River Road Regional Interstate Connector remains the County's number one ranked project priority for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation