

## Meeting notes on Bay Street Extension

Meeting on Jan.15<sup>th</sup> with Ms Wiggins Sarasota County DOT, BiBiche Knauf, and Sally McCurdy regarding the Bay St. extension.

First this is not a Sarasota County road project. This project is being headed by Palmer Ranch, and is being paid for by Palmer Ranch.

We contacted a Palmer Ranch Representative and asked him to meet with us.

We asked the county representative if any study had been made regarding the increase of the traffic which can be expected once the extension is completed? To her knowledge, no study has been made.

We asked the County representative if DOT will change the timing of the traffic light at Bay St. and Rt 41 ? She couldn't give us an answer since nothing will change before the extension is completed.

We got the same answer when we asked her DOT was considering installing a traffic light at Bay St. and Old Venice Rd.

We asked how the intersection between Bay St. and the trail will be treated? At this time, it has not been decided. It could be a flashing light as at the intersection of the trail with Central Sarasota PKWY or a traffic light as at the intersection of the trail and Laurel Rd.

The existing Bay St. from US 41 east to Pine Ranch East Rd. will not be involved in the construction of the new extension, it will be left as is. At this time the counties 5 year plan does not include any plans for any changes to the existing Bay St. and due to the high cost involved in any change on Bay St. the county doubts that there will be any plans for the following 5 years.

At this time there is no timetable for the start of the extension of Bay St. The project is still at the development phase.

The extension will start at Pine Ranch East Rd. and go east to Honore Ave along the access trail.

The new road will be constructed as a 4 lane road but at this time will only be used as a 2 lane road.(this is to allow future use of 4 lanes without having to dig up the road so it could be widened ). There will be bike lanes on both sides of the extension and sidewalks on the north side. West / East will have the right of way at WBW and WBW and Pine Ranch East Rd. will have a stop sign .

The issue of Gating Park Trace Estates was also discussed since on several occasion various homeowners brought up the question.

Sarasota County will NOT allow any community that has public roads to put up a gate! If the community is gated then it becomes private, the homeowners in that community are responsible for the roads, sewers, lighting, and water lines.

Although we were told that turning our community into a “gated” community would be extremely costly, we asked the County representative to study the feasibility to close the connection between Park Trace and Rivendell ( Scherer Way) as it would cut down on traffic. Ms Wiggins will get back to us about this.

BiBiche Knauf and Sally McCurdy