



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the County Administrator
Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator

June 17, 2010

Ms. Angela Diaz
376 South Mill View Way
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Dear Angela:

Thank you for your meeting summary. I agree we are all trying to achieve what is best for the residents of Ponte Vedra and St. Johns County. As we discussed at our meeting, staff is committed to moving as quickly as possible to achieve a successful outcome. More specifically, with regard to your meeting summary, I would offer the following points of clarification.

- County staff will, with the assistance of a consulting engineer, review the sidewalk option the Connect Us Team identified for the three sections of sidewalk leading out of the Mickler Roundabout connecting to the areas existing sidewalks. In fact, the consulting engineer has already been hired and is beginning his efforts. As part of his scope of work, he will attempt to identify alternatives which address the criteria you have identified. For example: the requirement to comply with all State and County codes, resident safety, budgetary considerations, and the need to minimize any impact to Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR).
- A realistic timeframe for this project is three to six months as you have indicated. While that may be longer than the Connect Us Team and County staff would prefer, it is based upon established procedures and a realistic estimate of the timeframe necessary to complete the scope of work in an accurate and professional manner. We will do everything possible to expedite the process but do not want to create false expectations that the project will be completed more quickly. In fact, it is not uncommon for these types of projects to encounter delays due to unanticipated field conditions.
- As you indicated, County staff will provide monthly progress reports to the Connect Us Team and is available at any time to discuss concerns or ideas that may arise during the scope of this project. Joe Stephenson, the County's Director of Public Works, can be reached at (904) 209-0266 or jstephenson@sjcfl.us.

Ms. Angela Diaz

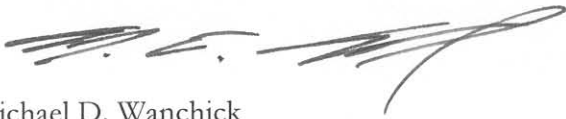
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- With respect to the County's efforts to establish a multi-model path through GTMNERR, County staff is working with the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails, and with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), to provide a recreational/educational corridor that would allow pedestrians/cyclists connectivity from the Palm Valley Bridge to the existing commercial area located on Mickler Road. This would allow FWC the opportunity to educate the public of the importance of best management practices on designated state lands while also allowing St. Johns County and the Office of Greenways and Trails the opportunity to provide connectivity to an existing trail network. Completion of this multipurpose trail would further the mission of the St. Johns County Blueways/Greenways and Trails Master Plan by providing residents and visitors safe and educational alternate recreational corridors. County staff will continue to explore this option to determine its viability; however, those efforts will be conducted parallel to the analysis of the Connect Us Team's preferred option and will not delay completion of its scope of work.

I hope this information helps to reaffirm County staff's commitment to work with the Connect Us Team in the planning and design of a pedestrian path/sidewalk to serve Ponte Vedra and Northeast St. Johns County. As we move forward, please do not hesitate to contact me if staff or I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Wanchick
County Administrator

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