

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 22, 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

Department: Engineering & Public Works
Submitted By: Engineering & Public Works
Submitted For: Roadway Production Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF


Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to cancel: the Public Hearing previously advertised and continued to November 22, 2016 at 9:30 am regarding the Revised Alignment 1A for the segment of Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Park Lane.

SUMMARY: This item was continued from the October 18, 2016 BCC meeting. While there has been one meeting with interested residents on October 25th, staff and the residents have been unable to meet with the District Commissioner. Staff recommends cancelling this proposed alignment consideration at this time. Staff will work with the District Commissioner and interested residents over the next few weeks/months. We anticipate the Board will see an item relating to the alignment in early 2017. District 1 (MRE)

Background and Justification: The extension of Congress Avenue, from Northlake Boulevard to State Road 811/Alternate A1A, is presently under County contract for design. The construction of this road will provide an additional link in the thoroughfare roadway system and will reduce traffic congestion at the intersection of Northlake Boulevard and State Road 811/Alternate A1A.

The segment of Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Park Lane is reflected as an 80 foot right-of-way on the Thoroughfare Right-of-Way Identification Map. The Board previously approved Alignment 1A for this segment at its February 28, 2006 meeting. This segment of Congress Avenue is situated on property owned by Hilltop Residential Limited (HRL), who has expressed an interest in developing the property. All development approvals will be through the City of Palm Beach Gardens and HRL understands that the right-of-way for Congress Avenue will need to be dedicated. The previously approved Alignment 1A includes a route that somewhat bisected the property diagonally, and previous prospective developers have viewed this configuration as unfavorable for various types of developments. County staff is discussing a revised Alignment 1A which has been configured to meet the needs of both the County and HRL. It includes a roundabout north of Northlake Boulevard, and curves that are more aligned with the eastern portion of the HRL property. Revised Alignment 1A removes the diagonal bisecting of HRL's property, thereby making it more favorable for development. However, shifting the road alignment to the east would place it closer to homes in the Hilltop Park Mobile Home community. At least two residents have objected to the proposed alignment.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Location Map
 - 2. Notice of Public Hearing

Recommended by:		11/2/16
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:		11/9/16
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Capital Expenditures	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$ **	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No

Budget Acct No.: Fund__ Dept.__ Unit__ Object
Program

Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

**This item has no immediate fiscal impact. Final design and right of way acquisition costs are budgeted in the 5 Year Road Program Mid Year Adjustment adopted on August 16, 2016.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Alice Kovalainen

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Jeph H. [Signature] 11/1/16
OFMB Et 10/31
11/1/16

An. J. [Signature] 11/3/16
Contract Dev. and Control
11/3/16

B. Approved as to Form
and Legal Sufficiency:

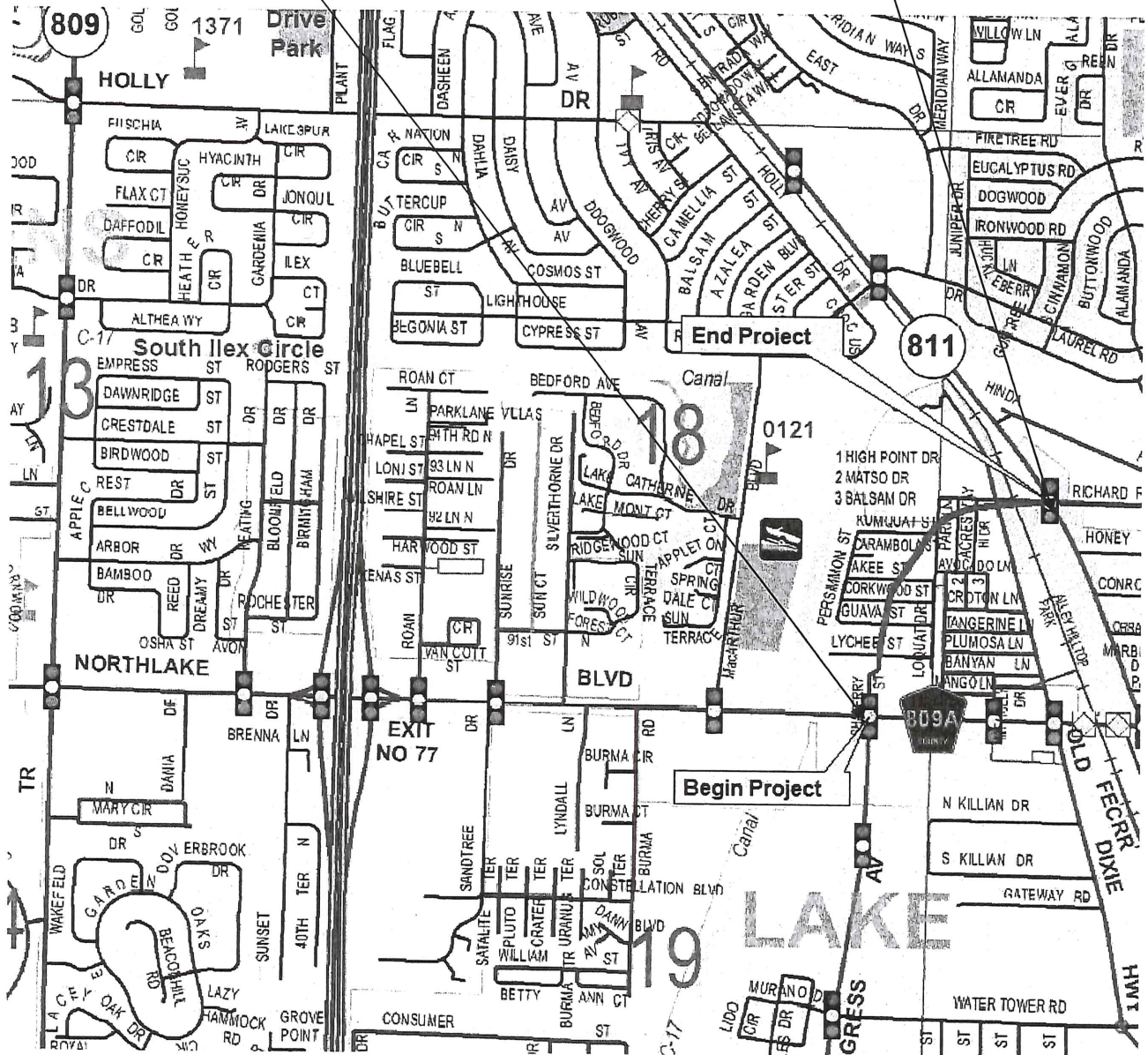
Markus R. [Signature] 11/7/16
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

PROJECT LOCATION
CONGRESS AVENUE FROM
NORTHLAKE BLVD. TO ALT. A-1-A
PALM BEACH COUNTY PROJECT #2012517



LOCATION MAP



September 12, 2016

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF
CONGRESS AVENUE
FROM NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD TO PARK LANE
ALIGNMENT 1A**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Public Hearing on the proposed alignment of Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Park Lane has been scheduled for October 18, 2016, at the Governmental Center in the Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers on the 6th floor, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) Meeting Agenda schedules Public Hearings to begin at 9:30 a.m. Actual time of the above Public Hearing is subject to the sequence and time of Public Hearings to be heard that day.

The Board previously approved Alignment 1A for Segment 1 (Northlake Blvd. to Park Lane) at the Board meeting held on February 28, 2006. Alignment 1A is primarily situated on property owned by Hilltop Residential Limited (HRL). County staff and HRL's representatives have coordinated to develop a revision to Alignment 1A that meets the needs of both the County and HRL, and approval of Revised Alignment 1A is scheduled for discussion at this hearing. It should be noted that the BCC may either adopt or reject the revised alignment, or could give staff other direction. A copy of the proposed alignment revision is attached and can be e-mailed if requested.

Questions regarding this Public Hearing or the proposed revised alignment of Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Park Avenue should be directed to:

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Sincerely,

Kathleen O. Farrell, P.E.

Thoroughfare Roads Section Manager, Roadway Production Division

Attachments: Location Map
Previously Approved Alignment 1A
Proposed Revised Alignment 1A

ec: Omelio A. Fernandez, P.E., Director, Roadway Production
Morton Rose, P.E., Asst. Director, Roadway Production Division
pc: Project file

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