# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 、	January 6, 2026	[X] Consen	t [ ] Regular nop [ ] Public Hearing
Submitted By:	Engineering and Public V Engineering and Public V Roadway Production Divi	Vorks	
	I. EXECU	JTIVE BRIEF	
acquisition of pro designated as F construction of r	perty designated as Parcel 'arcel 216 as a permane	116 as fee simp nt drainage eas	a Resolution declaring the le right-of-way and property sement, necessary for the ss Avenue from Northlake
pursuant to Chap against two (2) p necessary to con curb and gutter, s property owner h (County) and att domain proceeding	oters 73, 74, 127, and Sectorical an	tion 337.27, Floaised value of \$ roadway with shod permanent do to purchase ma urchase have be e the parcels at the	inent domain proceedings rida Statutes, as amended, 3,010,500. The parcels are noulders, a center turn lane, rainage for the Project. The ide by Palm Beach County een unsuccessful. Eminent this time in order to expedite Five-Year Road Program.
purpose and nec	essity, which is deemed to Public Works Department re	be in the best	116 and 216 is for a public interest of the County. The ption by the Board of County
Attachments: 1. Location Map 2. Resolution for	Parcels 116 and 216 with E	Exhibit "A" and Ex	khibit "B" (2)
Recommended	by: Two County Engineer		// <i>0と/</i> えらこら Date
Approved by: _	Deputy County Admir	-	11(23/2) Date

# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

# A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures	\$3,010,500	-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	\$3,010,500	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Is Item Included in Current Budget?

Is this item using Federal Funds?

Is this item using State Funds?

Yes	$\checkmark$	No	
Yes		No	<b>√</b>
Yes		No	1

# Budget Account No:

Fund 3501 Dept 361

Unit 1369 Object 6120

#### Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact

Road Impact Fee Zone 1/Congress Ave/Northlake to Alt. AlA

Parcel No.	TYPE	PCN Number	Parcel Description	Asset Number	Total
116		00-43-42-17-07-002-0010	2973 AVOCADO LN-Book/Page 33825 / 313		
110	ROW	00-43-42-17-07-002-0010	PROSPERITY FARMS LTS 1 TO 24 INC BLK B	M10357	\$ 1,955,500.00
			2973 AVOCADO LN-Book/Page 33825 / 313		
216	DE	00-43-42-17-07-002-0010	PROSPERITY FARMS LTS 1 TO 24 INC BLK B	M 10358	\$ 1,055,000.00
					\$3,010,500.00

Impact Fee Project Description
This Resolution to settle eminent domain proceedings is necessary for right-of-way acquisition to extend Congress Avenue from Northlake Blvd to Alternate AlA. This project will improve the operation of intersections in the area and is needed to serve new development within Impact Fee Zone 1. Use of Impact Fees is in accordance with Article 13, Chapter A, Section 9 and Chapter H, Section 4 of the ULDC.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

Contract Dev. and Control

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

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

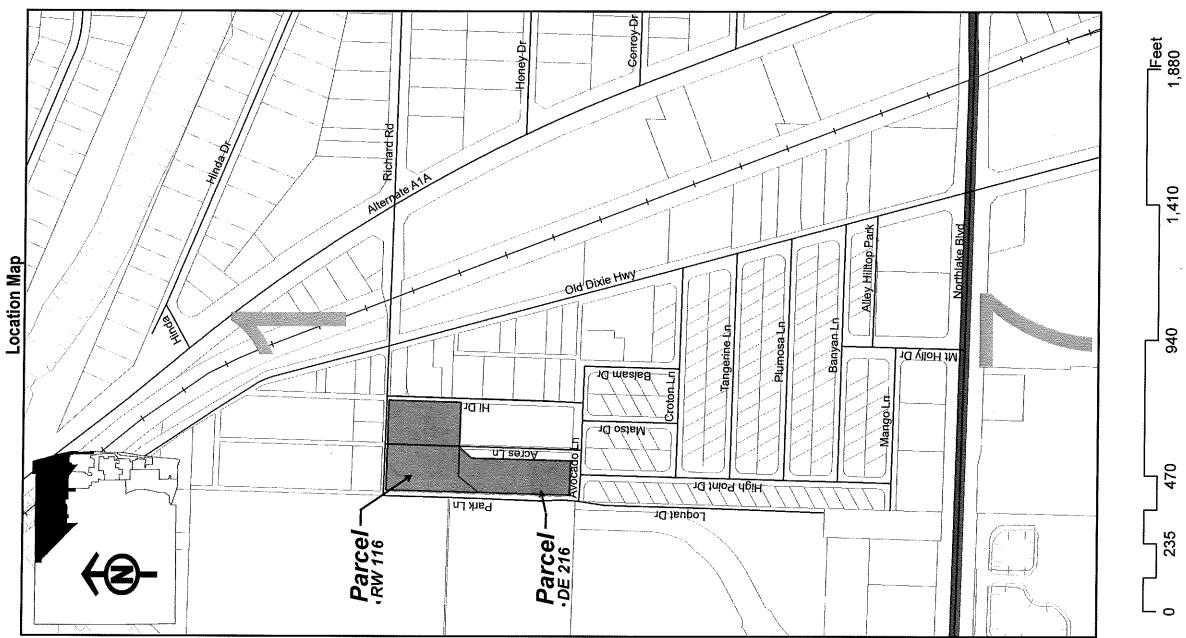
**Department Director** 

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

Attachment No. 1

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS PARCEL 116 AS FEE SIMPLE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS PARCEL 216 AS A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT, NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO EXTEND CONGRESS AVENUE FROM NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD TO ALTERNATE A1A, TO BE FOR A PUBLIC USE AND PURPOSE, AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF APPRAISERS AND OTHER EXPERTS AND THE FILING OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS.

**WHEREAS,** the Palm Beach County (County) Engineer recommends the acquisition of fee simple right-of-way and a permanent drainage easement, designated as Parcels 116 and 216, respectively, described in **Exhibit "A"**, to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC); and

WHEREAS, the parcels are necessary for the construction to extend Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Alternate A1A (Project); and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available for the acquisition of fee simple right-of-way and a permanent drainage easement designated as Parcels 116 and 216, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has not accepted the offer to purchase made by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the BCC is exercising its authority of Eminent Domain pursuant to Chapters 73, 74, 127, and Section 337.27, Florida Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in determining to proceed with the construction and improvement of the Project, and determining the Project's location, including Parcels 116 and 216, the BCC has considered the required factors pursuant to Florida law, including safety, costs, alternate routes or methodologies, long range plans, and the environment, as applicable to these parcels, more fully described in **Exhibit "B"**; and

WHEREAS, after considering the factors as set forth above, the BCC has determined that the acquisition of fee simple right-of-way and a permanent drainage easement, designated as Parcels 116 and 216, respectively, more fully described in <a href="Exhibit">Exhibit "A"</a>, is necessary for the construction and improvement of the Project, and is for a public use and purpose deemed to be in the best interest of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed use and purpose of Parcels 116 and 216 are more fully described in **Exhibit "B"**; and

WHEREAS, the construction limits shall not extend beyond the limits as outlined in **Exhibit "A"**; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee simple right-of-way and permanent drainage easement described in **Exhibit "A"**, to be acquired through Eminent Domain as authorized by this Resolution, are not being acquired for the purpose of abating or eliminating public nuisances, slum or blighted conditions, and are subject to any applicable conveyance restrictions pursuant to Florida law, to the extent they may apply; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the acquisition of Parcels 116 and 216, the County Engineer and the County Attorney, using outside counsel to the extent they deem appropriate, are authorized to take legal action, including the filing of Eminent Domain Proceedings, and to employ real estate appraisers and other experts deemed necessary to accomplish this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The BCC adopts and ratifies those matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

- 2. The County Engineer and County Attorney, using outside counsel to the extent they deem appropriate, are authorized and directed to proceed to take all necessary steps, including the hiring of accountants, appraisers, or other experts and witnesses, for the County to acquire in its own name by donation, purchase, or Eminent Domain Proceedings, the fee simple right-of-way and a permanent drainage easement described in <a href="Exhibit "A"">Exhibit "A"</a>, and prepare all papers, pleadings, and other instruments required for that purpose, and to see that all Eminent Domain Proceedings are prosecuted to judgment.
- 3. The County Engineer and County Attorney, using outside counsel to the extent they deem appropriate, are hereby further authorized and directed to take such further actions as are reasonably required to fully accomplish the purposes herein above directed, including correcting minor errors in the description of any real property described in <a href="Exhibit "A"</a> so long as the property does not change, that may be necessary to fully accomplish those purposes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property described in **Exhibit "A"** is to be used for the following public use and purpose: fee simple right-of-way and a permanent drainage easement necessary for the construction and improvement of the Project.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by moved its adoption. The motion was seco upon being put to a vote, the vote was as	Commissioner who nded by Commissioner and s follows:
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	
Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss	
Commissioner Joel G. Flores	
Commissioner Marci Woodward	
Commissioner Maria Sachs	Mary C. Commission of the Comm
Commissioner Sara Baxter	
Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr.	
The Mayor thereupon declared the Reso, 20	lution duly passed and adopted this day of — PALM BEACH COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  By:  Assistant County Attorney  APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS  By:  By:	MICHAEL A. CARUSO CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER  By: Deputy Clerk
Division Director	_

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BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 1 AND 24, S8877'39"E FOR 320.58 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 24, BLOCK B;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK B, S01'35'37"W FOR 250.63 FEET;

THENCE N88'30'19"W FOR 255.73 FEET:

THENCE S38'35'04"W FOR 107.79 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK B:

THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE, NO1'35'37"E FOR 337.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 83,326 SQUARE FEET (1.913 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

LESS THE 15' PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (ACRES WAY), RECORDED IN SAID WEST TOWN SITE TO THE LANDS OF PROSPERITY FARMS CO.

CONTAINING 3,768 SQUARE FEET (0.087 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

NET AREA = 79,558 SQUARE FEET (1.826 ACRES, MORE OR LESS)

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PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
STATE OF FLORIDA No. 4826
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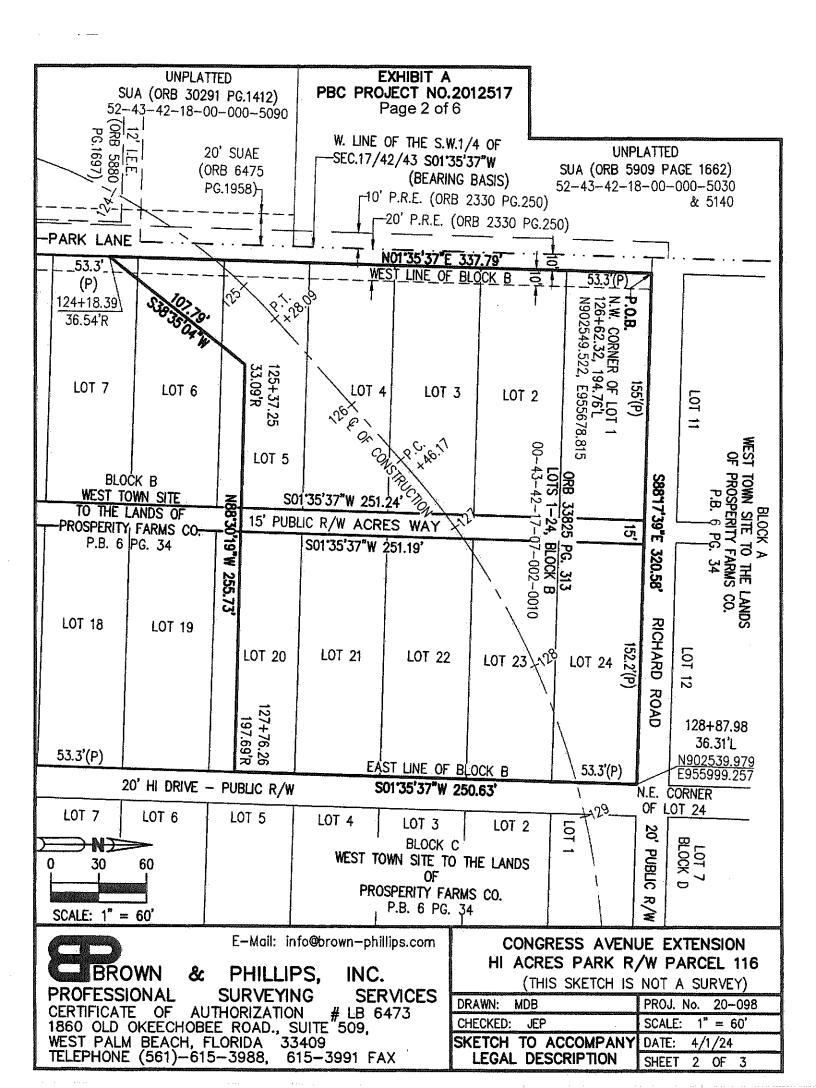
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CONGRESS AVENUE EXTENSION HI ACRES PARK R/W PARCEL 116

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S.E. CORNER OF THE S.E.1/4 OF SECTION 18/42/43 (NOT FOUND) PBC POSITION: N900557.837

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(BEARING BASIS)

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N.W. CORNER OF LOT 1 P.O.B. WEST LINE

OF BLOCK B

N902549.522

E955678.815

S88\*17'

"39"E

N.E. CORNER OF THE S.E.1/4 OF SEC.18/42/43 (NOT FOUND) PBC POSITION: N903224.901 955687.601

675.34'(GRID) 675.31'(GROUND)

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THENCE NO1°35'37"E FOR 344.61 FEET;

THENCE N42°03'14"E FOR 40.10 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ACRES WAY, RECORDED

IN SAID PLAT OF WEST TOWN SITE TO THE LANDS OF PROSPERITY FARMS CO;

THENCE ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY, NO1'35'37"E FOR 12.13 FEET;

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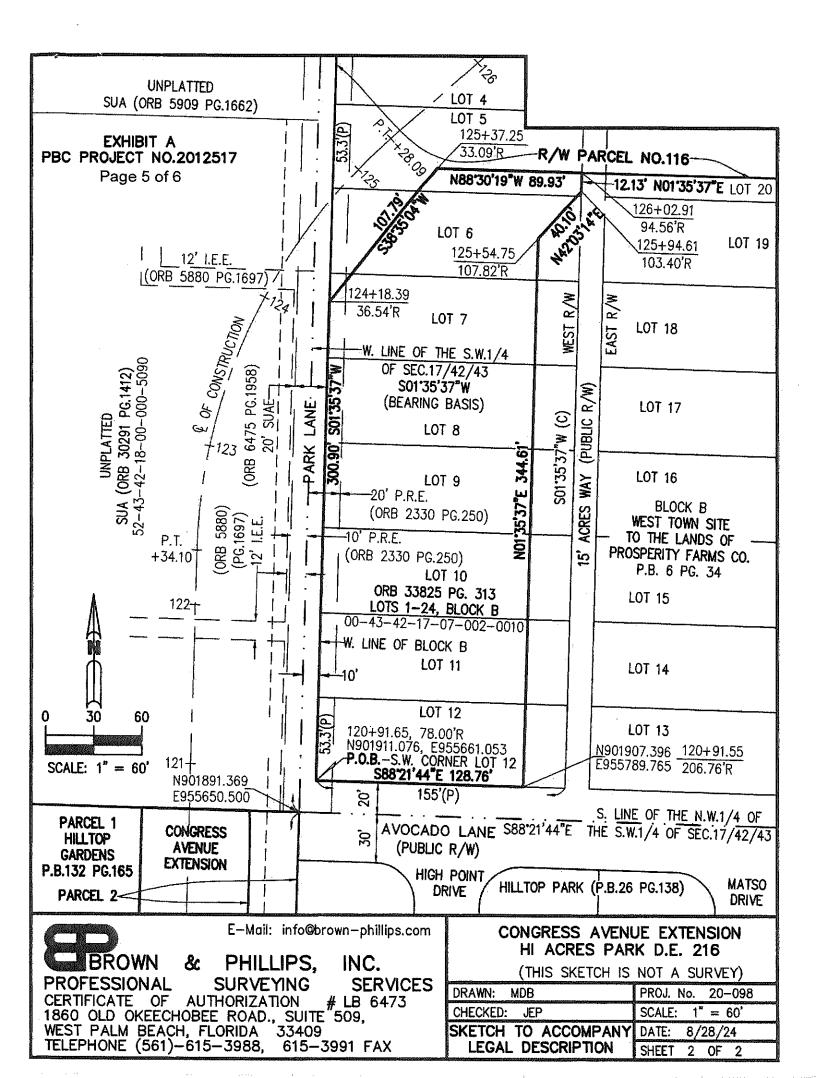
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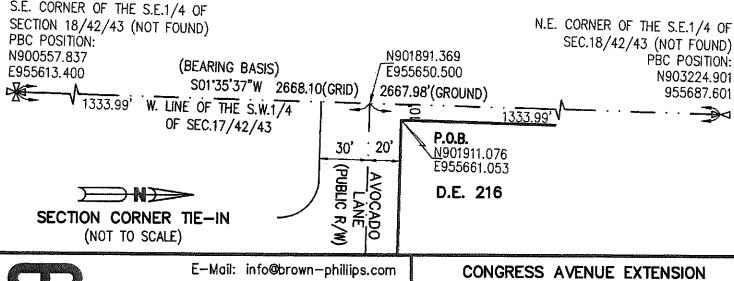
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#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

# CONGRESS AVENUE EXTENSION, NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD TO ALTERNATE A1A PALM BEACH COUNTY, PROJECT #2012517

#### **SAFETY**

Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Alternate A1A (Project) will be constructed as a new 0.5 mile roadway. The Project to construct a new three (3) lane roadway with shoulders, a center turn lane, curb and gutter, sidewalks, a roundabout, and drainage, is located through a mix of residential and commercial areas. The Project will improve the overall safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, and will improve the operation of intersections in the area.

The design of the Project was done in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (The Florida Greenbook), as adopted and approved by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

#### **COST**

The cost of constructing this portion of Congress Avenue was estimated prior to beginning design. The appropriate funding for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction was budgeted in the County's Five-Year Road Program. During the design of the roadway, all reasonable efforts were made to minimize the areas to be acquired through Eminent Domain.

After considering Safety, Alternate Routes and Methodologies, Planning, and Environmental factors, the cost of the acquisition of these parcels fits into the planned funding for the Project, and the acquisition of these parcels is necessary, in furtherance of this public project.

#### **ALTERNATE ROUTES**

Congress Avenue from Belvedere Road to Northlake Boulevard is a heavily traveled north/south roadway that passes through residential and commercial areas. The Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan (Thoroughfare Right-of-Way-Identification Map) defines this roadway as a route required to meet traffic demand at full development of the County. Palm Beach County's Comprehensive Plan has been prepared to meet the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, F.A.C., and to address the needs and interests of the County's residents and visitors. The Project to extend Congress Avenue from Northlake Boulevard to Alternate A1A will traverse both the City of Palm Beach Gardens and the Village of North Palm Beach. Construction of an alternate north-south route through this area would disrupt or displace numerous residential and commercial properties, be more costly, and result in unnecessary impacts to the environment.

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The development of the Project is in conformance with Palm Beach County's 2045 Long Range Transportation System Plan (Plan). The Plan is a 25-year forecast based on projected regional needs identified through the process of forecasting travel demand, evaluating system alternatives and selecting those options which best meet the mobility, safety, and other needs of the County, considering financial, environmental and social constraints. The Plan serves as the preliminary tool used for transportation planning in Palm Beach County.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Congress Avenue is an established roadway corridor. The limits of the Project are bordered by existing residential and commercial developments, and the proposed improvements will have minimal negative impacts to the environment. This roadway improvement project will be permitted through the appropriate environmental regulatory agencies as applicable.

#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

Following is a more detailed outline of the reasons for acquisition needed for the improvement of Congress Avenue within the previously stated project limits:

# **ACQUISITION FOR FEE SIMPLE RIGHT-OF-WAY PARCEL 116**

Currently, Palm Beach County owns a road right-of-way interest on Richard Road that varies in width from approximately 20 feet to 70 feet, between Park Lane and Alternate A1A. The parcel to be acquired abuts Richard Road, represents acquisition outside of the existing right-of-way, and is required to construct a new three lane roadway with shoulders, a center turn lane, curb and gutter, sidewalks, a roundabout, and drainage improvements. Palm Beach County shall acquire Parcel 116 free and clear of all interests in the property referenced in the eminent domain petition.

# **ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT PARCEL 216**

A permanent drainage easement is required adjacent to the road right-of-way in order to permanently construct, install, operate, and maintain facilities when necessary, which shall include earth embankment fill, drainage facilities for transporting water, both above ground (swales) and buried (pipes and structures) to, and or from, water retention areas, including the right at any time to install, bore, alter, improve, enlarge, add to, change the nature or physical characteristics of, or replace, remove, relocate, maintain and perform any other related activities with reference to such drainage facilities. The described works to be performed on Parcel 216 shall not extend beyond the limits outlined in the legal description of said property, as "Exhibit A", attached to the Resolution relating to Parcel 216.

This Permanent Drainage Easement Parcel 216 shall be non-exclusive. However, all interests in Parcel 216, including the interests of the heirs, successors, and assigns of any current interest holder, shall permanently be subordinate to Palm Beach County's interest in Parcel 216 and all interest holders, and their heirs, successors, and assigns, shall be prohibited from interfering with the County's use of Parcel 216 including in any way modifying or damaging the construction on the parcel.