



## Estero Parkway Roadway Landscape Design Phase-1 Design Alternatives

## **Focus on Roadway Configuration**

- Outside edge of pavement to outside edge of payment including median
- This will become the "base" from which the rest of the project will be designed and built in Phases 2 and 3.

## **Three Items of Direction**

- 1. Lane widths and on-road bike lanes
- 2. Addition of concrete separator to function as "curb and gutter" for drainage
- 3. Addition of roundabouts locations and configurations

#### Existing Conditions and Design Challenges

#### **Current "Rural" Section**





#### **Clear zone illustration**



Hinge Point Point where the slope rate changes.

Clear Zone A traversable area that starts at the edge of the traffic lane, includes the shoulder, and extends laterally a sufficient distance to allow a driver to stop or return to the road before encountering a hazard or overturning





# Can we just add Type F curb and gutter to the existing roadway?

- No. Survey has shown existing Estero Parkway to be very flat 0% to 0.1% (FDOT min. 0.3%).
- Would produce ponding at edge of pavement.

#### **Current "Rural" Section with Standard Curb and Gutter**



## Other options to reduce the clear zone:

- Add slotted drains to curb and gutter. Cost \$150 to \$200/lf.
  \$2.5M to \$3.4M for project.
- 2. Alternate concrete separator design.
  - Build arches into separator to allow flow-through drainage.











## **Median Options**

- 1. Add bike lanes to median:
  - While it physically separates bicyclists, it would cause several problems:
    - Conflict with left-turning vehicles.
    - Difficult to get into center lane.
    - Eliminate median plantings.

- 2. Reduce median width to provide additional space for bike lanes:
  - Only gain 3'± on each side.
  - Remove/replace existing curb and gutter at a cost of \$500,000.
  - And, reduce median landscaping.

Conclusion: keep existing median.

## **Keep Existing Footprint**

- 2 12' travel lanes
- 4' paved shoulder
- 28' width total



• 2 – 11' lanes

#### • 6' buffered bike lane



- 2 10.5' lanes
- 7' buffered bike lane



- 2 10.5' lanes
- Barrier separated bike lane



## Remove Pavement and Re-Purpose it Within the Right of Way?



#### **Road Concepts with Roundabouts**

Objectives:

- Calm traffic:
  - Drivers along Estero Parkway
  - Drivers using the side streets
  - Pedestrians walking along and, most importantly, crossing the Estero Parkway
  - Bicyclists traveling along and crossing Estero Parkway
- Create a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly street
- Beautify Estero Parkway
- Best and most method is by adding roundabouts. The question is, how many and how big?

Following are several options that can be easily modified.

| Intersection  | Level-of-<br>Service | Average Delay<br>(sec) | 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile<br>Queue (ft.) | Volume/<br>Capacity ratio |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| US-41   | E                    | 72.0                   | 3,133 N                                    | 1.109                     |
| US-41 - Traffic<br>Report Analysis<br>Estero Road Results | D*                   | 41.3                   | 1,553 N**                                  | 1.03                      |
| Osprey Cove<br>Boulevard                                  | В                    | 10.7                   | 221 W                                      | 0.719                     |
| Caladesi Drive  | В                    | 10.7                   | 221 W                                      | 0.719                     |
| Cascades Isle Blvd  | Α                    | 8.6                    | 124 W                                      | 0.598                     |
| Cypress View Drive  | В                    | 10.2                   | 154 W                                      | 0.647                     |
| Three Oaks Parkway  | A                    | 9.1                    | 119 S                                      | 0.529                     |
| Ben Hill Griffin<br>Parkway                               | В                    | 15.8                   | 426 N                                      | 0.785                     |

95<sup>th</sup> Percentile Level-of-Intersection **Average Delay** Volume/ Service (sec) Queue (ft.) **Capacity** ratio **US-41** E\* 59.2 2,804 1.018 Osprey Cove A 4.7 49 W 0.311 Boulevard 4.7 49 W 0.311 Caladesi Drive A Cascades A 5.5 62 W 0.381 129 W 0.399 Cypress View Drive A 8.6 Three Oaks Parkway A 9.1 119 S 0.529 Ben Hill Griffin В 15.8 426 N 0.785 Parkway

\*When roundabouts are over-designed, they can cause, and we often see, an increase in crashes due to poor driver behavior.

#### 2-Lane Option

4-Lane

Option

#### **Two-Lane Designs**















#### **Four-Lane Designs**














## **Roundabouts are not Traffic Circles** Princeton, NY







## New Jersey Traffic Circle Conversions to Roundabouts







## New Roundabouts in New Jersey





### Safety of Roundabout v. Signals

- Signalized intersections comprise
  25% of road network but have 20%
  of all crashes
- Red light cameras can reduce rightangle crashes but increase rear-end crashes
- Most dangerous and severe crashes are the right angle (run the red light) and the left turn
- Crashes typically increase when signals are installed – they are not a safety treatment - FHWA

- Roundabouts reduce crash severity and possible all crashes
- Two-lane roundabouts typically have more crashes than one-lane roundabouts – more conflict points
- Overdesign may cause additional crashes.

### **Road Capacity**

Road capacity is determined by intersection with the least capacity, not the number of lanes

New concept - Fat intersections/Skinny Roads

Many lanes at signals are for storage



US-41 at 6 mile Cypress Parkway



US 41 at Corkscrew Road



#### Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, FL



#### La Jolla Blvd, San Diego – 5 to 2 lanes, 21,000 vpd Estero Parkway 18,8700













From 8 to 4 lanes, with 3 signalized intersections



To a 6 leg, 2-lane roundabout



### **Clearwater Beach**

58,400 vehicles, 6,000 pedestrians, 350 bicyclists in one day





## Williams Road at Via Coconut



# **Questions/Comments**

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