**Thomasson Drive Beautification Project**

**News Release**

After many years of planning, permitting and discussions with the community, the Bayshore Beautification MSTU (Municipal Taxing Service Unit) is excited to announce the start of the construction phase of the Thomasson Drive Beautification project.

The project boundaries are from Orchard Lane to Hamilton Avenue and consists of a roundabout at the intersection of Thomasson Drive and Bayshore Drive plus the following elements:

• Resurfacing of Thomasson Drive

• Installing New Sidewalks

• Installing New Bike Lanes

• Installing New Decorative Street Lighting

• Installing New Signage

• Installing New Florida Friendly Landscaping

Our construction team includes: RWA Engineering; AECOM (Construction Management and Inspection); and Wright Construction Group. During the construction phase you will see members of these firms out in the field to assist with keeping the project on schedule and within budget. Project updates will be posted on the Bayshore Gateway Triangle CRA Website: [www.bayshorecra.com](http://www.bayshorecra.com), as well as on the County’s website:www.CollierCountyFL.gov (search Road Alerts).

Wright Construction Group was issued their notice to proceed on May 6, 2020. Survey of the Collier County Right of Way was completed last week, and construction will start in the next few weeks. The project is scheduled to be completed in early May 2021.

Wright Construction Group will be using heavy construction equipment including excavators, bulldozers, compactors, dump trucks and paving equipment backhoes and Rolls. Vehicular access to all roadways within the project limits is not anticipated to be affected by this project; however single lane closures may be required. Access to driveways will be maintained throughout the duration of the project. The contractor will always maintain access to private property and the construction area will be fully restored to pre-construction conditions at the completion of the project.

The Construction Staff is aware that a few properties along Thomasson Drive have private landscaping within the Collier County right of way. The contractor’s scope of work includes removing such landscaping to make way for the improvements. The staff is happy to work with the property owners to coordinate relocation efforts prior to demolition. Please contact me at 239-778-6598 to discuss your concerns or to schedule a meeting.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this important project. If you have any questions or request any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me (cell phone: 239-778-6598) or email (Tami.Scott@CollierCountyFlL.gov).

Below is an excerpt from the Collier County Right of Handbook regarding use of the public right of way.

***Collier County Right of Way Handbook -Resolution 2016-136***

*When permitted facilities are placed within a public right-of-way or easement, the installation is for permissive use only and placing of facilities shall not operate to create or vest any property right in the* *associated right-of-way or easement. Furthermore, the Permittee shall be responsible for maintenance of such facilities until they are removed unless otherwise specified in the particular instance.*

*Whenever necessary for the construction, repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration. or relocation of said right-of-way or easement as determined by Collier County, any or all poles, wires, culvert pipes, cables, sod, landscaping, driveways, sprinklers, or other facilities and appurtenances authorized shall be removed from said right-of-way or easement, or reset or relocated thereon as required and so notified by the County, and at the expense of the Permittee, his successor, or assignees.*

Respectfully,

Tami Scott

Project Manager

Bayshore MSTU