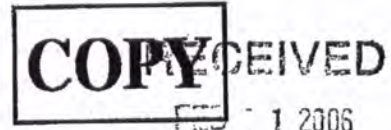


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January 12, 2006

Mr. Chris Lukowiak, Director
City of Palmetto Public Works
P.O. Box 1209
Palmetto, FL 34220-1209

RE: Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Selection

Dear Mr. Lukowiak:

I am pleased to inform you the following Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) project in the City of Palmetto has been selected for funding

Business US 41 at Riverside Drive, for the amount of \$150,000 in FY2006/2007.

As you know, the 2005 Florida Legislature created the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) to provide funds for improvements to regionally significant roadways and public transportation facilities, pursuant to Section 339.2819 F.S.

TRIP project grants require a 50% local government match, with the exception of areas designated as areas of critical economic concern (RACEC). Since the City of Palmetto does not meet the criteria for RACEC, the 50% match will be required. In addition, the City of Palmetto will be required to enter into a TRIP project agreement with the Department. The fund disbursement will be on a reimbursement basis per the TRIP agreement as invoices are received.

Ms. Karen Miracola, the District One JPA Coordinator, is the Department's contact for the TRIP agreements. Ms. Miracola will work with your staff on the execution of the agreements and may be reached at 239-461-4302

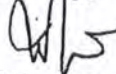
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Thank you for the City of Palmetto's participation in the TRIP program. If you have any questions regarding these projects please contact Ms. Miracola or Manon Lavoie, Community Liaison for Sarasota and Manatee Counties, at 941-359-7311.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Rippe,
Director of Transportation Development

cc: The Honorable Mayor Larry Bustle, City of Palmetto
Commissioner Nora Patterson, Chair, Sarasota-Manatee MPO
Mike Howe, Director, Sarasota-Manatee MPO
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Manon Lavoie, AICP, Community Liaison, FDOT

Posted on Tue, Nov. 29, 2005

Palmetto road fix gets grant

DUANE MARSTELLER
Herald Staff Writer

PALMETTO - A Palmetto intersection was the only Manatee County road project picked to get state growth-management money, officials said Monday.

The Florida Department of Transportation said it plans to award \$150,000 to Palmetto next year for improving the Eighth Avenue West/Riverside Drive intersection. The money would come from the Transportation Regional Incentive Program, created under the state's new growth-management law to help Florida roads catch up with growth.

The state grant would match the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency's \$150,000 pledge to improve the intersection, which is just north of the Green Bridge. Although there has been speculation that a roundabout might go there, no decision has been made on what the improvements will be, a city official said.

"Nothing's been decided yet," said Van Brown of the city's public works department. "We first have to get a traffic study done."

City officials said the intersection needs improvement because northbound traffic is often backed up by cars waiting to turn left onto Riverside Drive. Officials said those backups could get worse, especially if a condominium, retail and office complex proposed near the northwest corner is built.

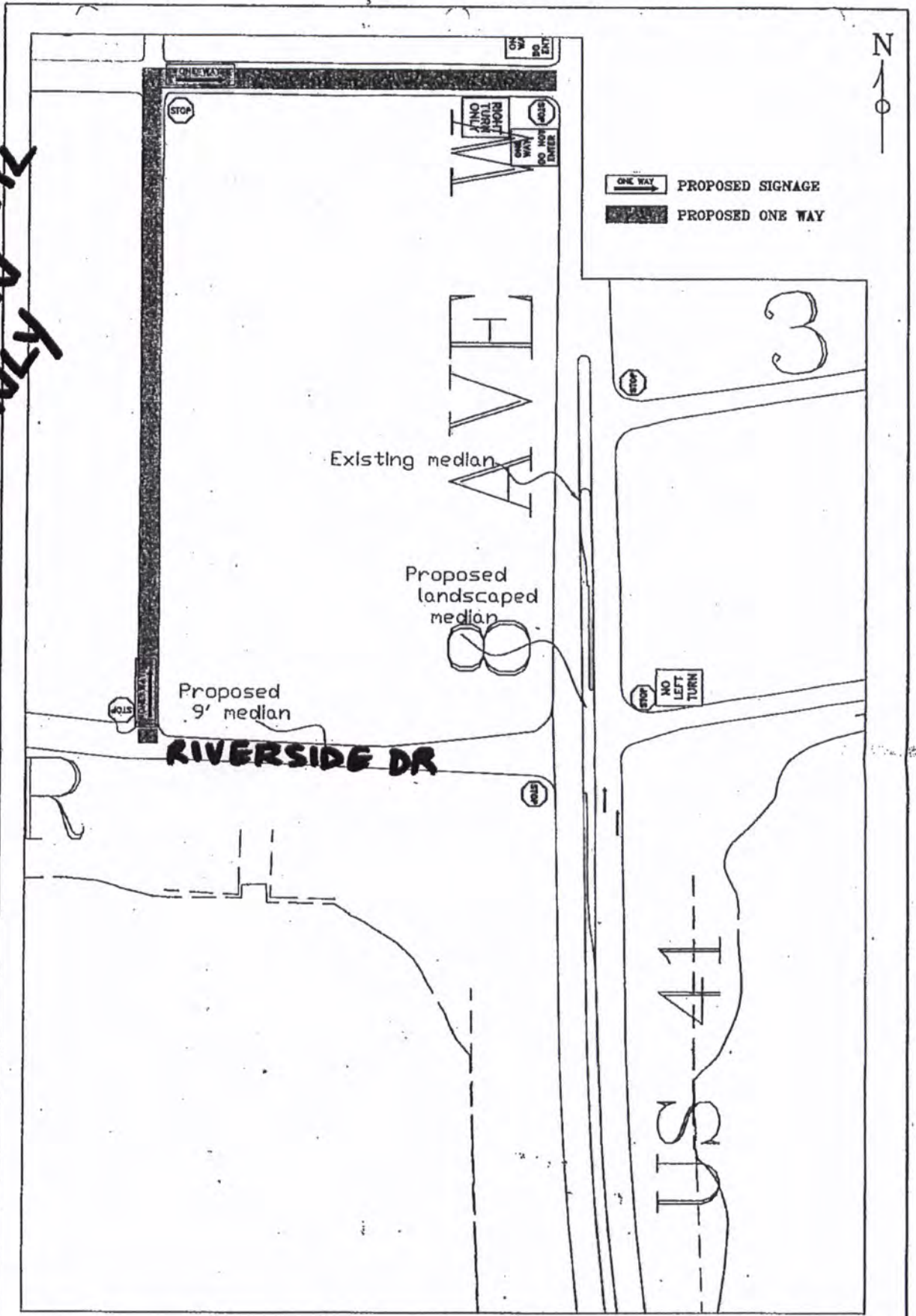
FDOT also picked two projects in Charlotte County and one in Sarasota County for the program, bypassing two others in Manatee: Widening U.S. 301 between Erie Road and Moccasin Wallow Road, and buying 650 acres at U.S. 41 and Buckeye Road for use by Port Manatee.

Duane Marsteller, transportation and growth/development reporter, can be reached at 745-7080, ext. 2630, or at dmarsteller@Herald

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