



To Kyle Purvis
Re FDOT- Siesta Key Public Input Hearing
RIVER ROAD Transfer Agreement

December 18, 2019

Hello Mr. Purvis,

We appreciated the opportunity to speak and now ask for your assistance regarding the planned transfer of Stickney Point Road from FDOT to Sarasota County Jurisdiction.

In this letter, we ask your consideration of our request for FDOT retention of the segment of Stickney Point Road included in the River Road Transfer Agreement with Sarasota County.

Our rationale reflects the same rationale upon which FDOT was asked by Sarasota County to assume jurisdiction of the 5.6 miles of River Road.

1. Safety is our priority and identified as well by FDOT in 2016. Since that time period, increased traffic and pedestrian use along with increased density due to commercial and residential development, underscores the concerns cited by FDOT in 2016. To date, improvements have not been implemented along this accident prone road segment
2. This ICW Bridge and connector roadway to I-75 is a major evacuation route for hurricane and other high 'attraction' use events. Our barrier island has 'built-out' roads, with no ROW available to improve traffic flow. A County Consultant recently identified Siesta Key as 'car centric' island, with severely impaired pedestrian mobility options. The elimination of our barrier island from FDOT oversight appears to many as unwise and high risk. FDOT has oversight of the ICW bridge, US41 and the remaining length of Stickney Point-Clark Road (SR72) to I-75. Our community is frankly, perplexed and afraid of the consequences. We have not been provided a rationale for this road segment to be part of the River Road agreement. Could you provide one?
3. Our north entry to Siesta Key has received your oversight, funding and engineering recommendations. We are in great need of these improvements. However, the benefits of these will be undermined without improvements and intervention by FDOT for the southern ICW Bridge at Stickney Point Rd.
 - Is there any possibility this segment could remain as a State Road?
 - Will FDOT be consulted for safety/risk issues previously identified on Stickney Point?
 - Will FDOT have input on any design changes to the existing lanes in the future?
 - Will FDOT have any 'veto' authority on changes on Stickney Point between US41/Midnight Pass Road/Siesta Key?

We ask your referral to FDOT administrators to retain FDOT oversight on this .6 miles of Stickney Point Road.

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