

PONTE VEDRA BEACH Citizens Traffic Task Force

# Citizens Traffic Task Force Newsletter Winter 2023

The Citizens Traffic Task Force Board includes representatives from:

The Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District

The Ponte Vedra Community Association

Sawgrass Master Association

Ponte Vedra Coalition

The Palm Valley Community Association

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach

Sawgrass Players Club Master Association

Marsh Landing Master Association

Ponte Vedra Lakes Owners Association

# CTTF Asks Legislative Delegation for \$3.0 Million for A1A Intersection Improvements

Welcome to the Ponte Vedra Beach Citizen's Traffic Task Force Winter Newsletter. The CTTF continues its ongoing efforts to solicit funds for improvements to several of the intersections along A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach. In December, the CTTF attended the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation's annual public meeting at the County Auditorium in St. Augustine and requested an appropriation of \$3.0 Million. That request, to State Senator Travis Hutson, and Representatives Cyndi Stevenson, Paul Renner and Bobby Payne, was for funds sufficient to complete the design and engineering of the Sawgrass Village, TPC Boulevard and Solano Road intersections. These are the remaining unfunded intersection improvements identified in a North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) traffic study in 2017. It will be several months before we learn if this request or a lesser amount is approved.

# **CTTF Board Readies New Ponte Vedra Beach Traffic Survey**

Since 2017, the CTTF has worked to facilitate construction of key intersection improvements recommended by a Ponte Vedra Beach Traffic Study, funded that year by St. Johns County (SJC) and the NFTPO. As a result of that study, the CTTF distributed a survey to almost 9,000 households and collected feedback about the recommendations of the traffic study from over 1500 residents and businesses. That feedback helped to focus and facilitate funding and construction for several road improvements in our area. Five years have passed since the last survey, and given the continuing rapid growth in St. Johns County, the CTTF plans to circulate a new community traffic survey in the coming weeks. By responding to this survey, you will assist the CTTF, SJC, and FDOT, in prioritizing the individual projects and help determine which improvements should be made. Be on the lookout for the new PVB traffic survey which will primarily be distributed by email through area Community and Homeowner Associations.

### St. Johns County and NFTPO Collaborate on Limited Palm Valley Road Study

Due to numerous reports of traffic congestion and road safety issues, St. Johns County is working with the NFTPO to perform a corridor study on Palm Valley Road from the Mickler Road roundabout to State Road A1A. The goal of the study is to identify multimodal safety, operational, and access-management improvements to reduce school-related traffic backups and create a safer walking experience. The study is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2023.

### Palm Valley Road Sidewalk Construction To Begin Summer 2023

The St. Johns County Public Works department has provided an update on plans for the Palm Valley Road sidewalk project. The project includes construction of a new sidewalk and associated drainage infrastructure to improve mobility and safety for residents living along and near Palm Valley Road between Landrum Lane, north to A1A.



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Ponte Vedra Lakes Owners Association According to the Public Works department, the project will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1, which includes the section of Palm Valley Road from Landrum Lane to Canal Boulevard will enter the Construction stage shortly and is expected to be completed during the Summer 2023. Phase 2, to address the section of Palm Valley Road from Canal Boulevard to A1A, currently is in the Design stage, and will be put out for bids by the end of August with construction expected to be completed in Summer 2024.

# Update on Improvements to the SR A1A and Mickler Road Intersection

Progress continues towards construction of improvements to the intersection at State Road A1A and Mickler Road. Engineering drawings from the Matthews Design Group are expected to be completed and put out for bids in February. The initiative will add two eastbound left-turn bays, construct a westbound left-turn bay, and a second northbound through lane that will merge a few hundred yards north of the intersection. Construction is expected to begin in mid-year 2023.

# Update on County Road 210 and Mickler Road Roundabout

Improvements for the roundabout at the Palm Valley Road and Mickler Road intersection continue to be in the Design stage. There is ongoing coordination with the St. Johns County Utility Department. The Design stage is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023, after which a public meeting will be scheduled and advertised to allow for community feedback and education.

**Update on Roscoe Boulevard and Palm Valley Bridge Intersection Improvement** The Roscoe Intersection Improvement Project is currently nearing the end of the Construction stage. The initiative will add a new traffic signal at the intersection of Palm Valley Road and Roscoe Boulevard. All underground work is completed for lighting and the signal. The light poles, bridge wall, handrail, and sidewalk are all installed at the location. This project will be completed no later than June 2023.

The Citizen's Traffic Task Force Newsletter is produced in collaboration with St. Johns County's Public Works Department. St. Johns County is dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the residents in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information regarding upcoming projects, visit <u>www.sjcfl.us</u>. To contact the CTTF, email cttfboard@yahoo.com.