

## Summary of Question and Answers from Public Virtual Meeting 2/24/2022 Pine Island Road Project from Griffin Road to Nova Drive

- 1) I live bordering the roadway and want to know if you will be building a large concrete safety wall?  
**At the present time, the only wall planned to be constructed is the bulkhead wall adjacent to the canal. As far as other walls adjacent to the communities a noise study was performed, and the presentation shows potential wall locations. If you are interested in a noisewall, the first step is for the residents to make a formal request to the Town of Davie; then the Town submits the request to the County. The Town must provide the right of way or easement necessary for such construction. The Town must provide 50% of the cost and perform all future maintenance for the wall.**
- 2) I'm unable to stay for the entire meeting. Will the recording be available to watch later?  
**Yes**
- 3) Is right of way same for both options?  
**Yes**
- 4) Would cyclists be exempt from traffic laws on the shared use path?  
**No**
- 5) Who is responsible for ensuring no weeds grow in the sidewalk after construction is completed?  
**Broward County will maintain the sidewalks.**
- 6) I represent Reflections as the HOA president. How can this possibly fit, regardless of option, on the west side of Pine Island Road?  
**Plans will be developed to not extend outside of the County's Right of Way.**
- 7) I live in Isla Merita and honestly don't see the need for widening the street. I pull out every day at various times and have NO trouble getting out of the community either north or south. Why are you planning this?  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic.**
- 8) Forget noise it's a safety issue  
**The Consultant's design will utilize the roadside design safety guidelines in determining roadside barrier placement.**
- 9) Would the trees on the west side of pine island, between Nova Drive and 36th have to be removed for either of the bike lane/share path options?  
**Both options will present the same potential impacts to existing vegetation. During the design process, a tree disposition plan will be prepared noting the existing tree impacts. Some tree removals and relocations are anticipated.**
- 10) Will the signal warrants be based on current conditions or the new 6 lane configuration with the multiuse path?  
**Current conditions**
- 11) Who will make the decision of adding a Noise Wall?  
**If you are interested in a noisewall, the first step is for the residents to make a formal request to the Town of Davie; then the Town submits the request to the County. The Town must provide the right of way or easement necessary for such construction. The Town must provide 50% of the cost and perform all future maintenance for any walls installed.**

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- 12) What about the u-turn lane at Isla Merita Drive? Will it be eliminated?  
**This will be determined at a later phase of the design.**
- 13) If Forest Ridge signal is not warranted, how will left turns (northbound) out of the development be handled on the six lane roadway?  
**This will be determined in a later phase of the design.**
- 14) Based on the presentation, design is not finalized at this time?  
**Correct.**
- 15) How are no noise walls being proposed for the west side of Reflections? Their homes are closer to the road than the east side of Reflections  
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- 16) Who will be responsible for sidewalk maintenance from large tree growth?  
**Broward County will maintain the sidewalks.**
- 17) Are we voting on the lights for Alpine Woods?  
**A signal warrant analysis will be prepared for Alpine Woods Road. If it is warranted, then the County will design, construct, operate, and maintain the signal.**
- 18) BCTED performed a signal study pre-Covid. Do you have the results of that? You take your life in your hands exiting at certain times of the day.  
**The County indicated that pre-COVID-19 the signal did not meet the necessary warrants to be installed.**
- 19) The eighteen percent are people who have homes bordering the roadway.  
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- 20) I'm done wasting my time you will do what you want  
**We are sorry you feel that way. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.**
- 21) I think the people who have their back yard backed up to Pine Island should be the ones who vote for the noise wall.  
**If you are interested in a noisewall, the first step is for the residents to make a formal request to the Town of Davie; then the Town submits the request to the County. The Town must provide the right of way or easement necessary for such construction. The Town must provide 50% of the cost and perform all future maintenance for the wall.**
- 22) Has noise study been conducted to determine if noise walls would be needed?  
**A noise study was previously conducted by the County. The study includes the potential noise wall locations.**

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- 23) What does code say regarding noise with regard to decible limits. Would the additional traffic impact / exceed decible level that would impact healthy sound levels?  
**The FDOT states that a 66 decibel limit is the applicable criteria for residential use and the noise barrier must reduce noise levels by at least 7 decibels. The County uses the FDOT criteria.**
- 24) Will you evaluate the potential for flood induced changes?  
**This project will be designed to meet Florida Department of Transportation Standards and Central Broward Water Control District permit requirements.**
- 25) The poll questions are appreciated, but I doubt we're giving you informed answers. Will there be other opportunities to provide you with more informed preferences?  
**Yes, you may send your questions, comments, and concerns to [pineislandroad@rjbehar.com](mailto:pineislandroad@rjbehar.com).**
- 26) Trees that have to be trimmed back half way like on Nova Drive are a waste of money and subject to wind damage from storms. Are proposed trees relative to the location to avoid this?  
**A Landscape and Tree Disposition Plan meeting applicable standards will be prepared for this project.**
- 27) Will you conduct a traffic study and any potential impacts?  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic.**
- 28) How do you plan to mitigate for any potential impact to cultural resources?  
**The Design Team's Archeologist has been coordinating with the appropriate agencies so that the design avoids any impacts to known burial grounds within the project limits.**
- 29) Will this presentation be available for downloading?  
**Yes**
- 30) How is the merge to less lanes to be impacted at Nova to 595?  
**There are 6 lanes from Nova Dr to I-595, which will match the number being proposed south of Nova Drive.**
- 31) What is the need to expand the road?  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic.**
- 32) Will you consider impacts of lighting to both humans and protected or sensitive species?  
**Yes**
- 33) Currently, the road is 4 lanes are you adding 1 extra lane in each side?  
**Yes**
- 34) Why are we discussing noise wall before we actually see what the walk-way will look like?  
**The design team has received several email requests from residents requesting noise walls, so we wanted to clarify the process necessary (see response to question #1) and ask polling questions to determine the desires of all of the residents in the vicinity.**

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- 35) How much right of way will be required?  
**All the improvements will be done within the County's right of way.**
- 36) For virtual meetings, suggest a little later start for people being able to get home and participate  
**This request will be taken into consideration.**
- 37) Will the speed limit be lowered?  
**Yes, from 45 to 40 miles per hour**
- 38) Could you please include ALL the proper information for login into the next virtual meeting?  
**Yes**
- 39) We have a four foot shared sidewalk on the west side that I ride my bike on with NO problems. we do not need two 10 foot bike paths. leave the west side only and keep the medians  
**Thank you for your input. Where feasible, the County strives to ensure that both sides of the roadway have safe accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists traversing on either side.**
- 40) Have you identified more traffic on Pine Island Road or are you just trying to speed up existing traffic?  
**According to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's future traffic projections, there will be more vehicles on Pine Island Road in the future.**
- 41) The noise level is so bad already.....with 6 lanes it's going to sound like I95 or 595  
**Thank you for your observation. Please refer to question #1 for information regarding noise wall requests.**
- 42) It does not seem like Broward County will approve another light at the Forest Ridge entrance as it is not far from the light at the corner of PI Road and SW 36th Street. How far actually is it?  
**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie in regards to the costs for design and construction. The spacing between SW 36 Street and the Forest Ridge entrance is approximately 720 feet.**
- 43) For Isla Merita how are you going to encroach with the canal? Are there plans to fill in the canal?  
**There are no plans to encroach into the canal. A bulkhead wall is being proposed to avoid canal encroachment.**
- 44) Lowering the speed limit would eliminate the racing taking place on Pine Island Road.  
**Thank you for your comment. The speed limit is currently planned to be reduced to 40 mph.**
- 45) How will pedestrian safety be considered with both elderly and young individuals in the affected area?  
**Pedestrian safety will be addressed by providing a sidewalk or shared use path. The design will be in accordance with the American Disability Act (ADA), which addresses minimum sidewalk width and curb ramp compliance.**
- 46) Please provide a signal at pine island road and alpine wood road. Thank you.  
**A Signal Warrant Analysis will be conducted to determine if the signal is warranted.**
- 47) How will viewshed impacts be evaluated?  
**View shed impacts will be considered as part of the roadway design.**

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48) Are all the improvements to be constructed within existing right of way?

**Yes**

49) How will cross walks be affected?

**This will be determined in a later phase of the design.**

50) Sorry - late - traffic is so bad getting out of Forest Ridge - Traffic light?

**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie in regards to the costs for design and construction.**

51) Will all analysis be provided for review and comments?

**We will have another Public meeting in the Spring 2023 to present the proposed design and the results of the Warrant Analyses.**

52) This will turn Pine Island into another University Drive heavily traveled pathway

**Comment noted.**

53) Will the impacts of property value be considered?

**The improvements are driven by the responsibility of the County to address future transportation needs for all County residents. We do not believe property values will be affected by these roadway improvements.**

54) I'm the President of Chapel Hill at Forest Ridge. We would also like the opportunity to meet with you onsite so that you can appreciate the impact the additional noise will have on our community. Please let us know when you are available.

**We will be glad to meet you on site. We have a meeting scheduled with Reflections on March 11, we can meet then. However, please keep in mind that if you are interested in a noisewall, the first step is for the residents to make a formal request to the Town of Davie; then the Town submits the request to the County. The Town must provide the right of way or easement necessary for such construction. The Town must provide 50% of the cost and perform all future maintenance for the wall.**

55) What is the justified reason for the widening?

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56) Will there be anything done to monitor the speed limit? North of Nova has become a speedway ever since it has been expanded.

**Please consider informing Town of Davie of your concerns.**

57) Please address safety concerns in relation to inducing higher traffic projections.

**Consultant will design the project to meet the latest safety standards as required by the Florida Greenbook Design Guidelines.**

58) Will there be a noise study conducted to address impacts to both human and protected species?

**A noise study was previously conducted by the County. No impacts to protected species were identified. The study includes the potential noise wall locations.**

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59) Question reference canal bulkhead wall?

**A bulkhead will be constructed along the west bank of the canal adjacent to the golf course.**

60) LOS only changes if development changes so please evaluate the cumulative impacts for development.

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61) Forest Ridge traffic signal, would the 30<sup>th</sup> Street traffic light be timed in conjunction with FR? Would a right turn lane be added to 30<sup>th</sup> St?

**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie regarding the costs for design and construction. Signal timing between adjacent signals would be considered in the design and analysis.**

**Restrictions in the roadway right of way may limit the potential of having an exclusive right turn lane. The County will review further during plan development.**

62) Please advise the status of this project as this is the FIRST "Public Information Meeting" notice. How do we as property owners OPPOSE this Road WIDENING.

**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system. Property owners may provide comments, concerns, and questions to the following e-mail: [pineislandroad@rjbehar.com](mailto:pineislandroad@rjbehar.com).**

63) Will there be a light coming out of Forest Ridge?

**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie regarding the costs for design and construction.**

64) So based on the presentation, the traffic signal studies are to be done at a later date as well as noise wall studies. Will the information be presented at a public meeting before decisions are made for these areas?

**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie regarding the costs for design and construction. An update will be provided at a future public meeting.**

**A noise study was previously conducted by the County. Potential wall locations are identified in the presentation.**

65) When will the plans tentatively be ready for public view?

**The plans will be ready for public viewing at the Second Public Meeting anticipated to be held in Spring of 2023 or earlier.**

66) There is no consideration for a traffic light at Isla Merita Dr. Since the median has been cut to allow northbound traffic on Pine Island Rd to make u-turns to enter the Bamford Complex, can there be some discussion about how to alleviate problems for Isla Merita residents either coming southbound or leaving the complex to go southbound as the northbound traffic utilizing that cutout from blocking views, etc.,

**Design consultant will take this comment into consideration during the roadway design phase.**

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- 67) In morning commuter traffic going from Pine Is. to University Ave, we see cars back up heading east into the university complex. More traffic on Pine Is. may make this back up worse.  
**If the concerns on the above question are respect to SW 30<sup>th</sup> Street, please consider informing Town of Davie of your concerns.**
- 68) Has it been addressed the access to Alpine Woods, Calico and Reflection east? The turning is becoming more dangerous and busy without an expansion.  
**A signal warrant analysis will be prepared for Alpine Woods Road. If it is warranted, then the County will design, construct, operate, and maintain the signal.**
- 69) Please ensure you consider climate change when evaluating flooding on adjacent properties already in a tail water of a system that is taxed.  
**The Sea Level Rise is considered in the drainage design.**
- 70) Please advise the status of this project as this is the FIRST "Public Information Meeting" notice. How do we as property owners OPPOSE this Road WIDENING? This is a residential area. WE do NOT want or NEED a six lane highway where drivers will speed 60 mph as they do Nova to I-595. The beauty of Forest Ridge is the grand entrance, majestic trees, accented with pavers. Part of the ambiance will be destroyed along with our reason for investment. Please respond with contact information to STOP THIS PROJECT.  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system. Property owners may provide comments, concerns, and questions to the following e-mail: [pineislandroad@rjbehar.com](mailto:pineislandroad@rjbehar.com).**
- 71) Please post again the website address for the plan.  
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- 72) Is a right turn lane onto SW 30th St. for Pine Is. Rd. traffic heading north in the plan?  
**Restrictions in the roadway right of way may limit the potential of having an exclusive right turn lane. The County will review further during plan development.**
- 73) I agree with Andrew Levin  
**Thank you for your comment.**
- 74) What is the total anticipated cost of the whole project-all in?  
**Approximately \$25 million**
- 75) Where is the funding coming from? Is it tied to the infrastructure bill?  
**Funding is from the Broward County Penny for Transportation. It is not tied to the Infrastructure Bill.**
- 76) are roundabouts being considered instead of traffic lights? they are more efficient and cheaper to maintain than lights and stop signs  
**Geometric requirements of roundabouts for a 6 lane highway exceed the projects right of way.**

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- 77) We are not setting in traffic for minutes so do we get a vote between a few minutes of our time versus the loss of value and character of our community?  
**Additional comments, concerns, and questions may be submitted to the following e-mail: [pineislandroad@rjbehar.com](mailto:pineislandroad@rjbehar.com).**
- 78) When was the traffic study done for this project? I suspect that the traffic got better after the widening of the road up to Nova Drive.  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system.**
- 79) Is the need analysis open for public review and comment?  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system.**
- 80) Will a stop light be considered for the main Forest Ridge entrance along with elimination of left turn from SW 30 Street?  
**A signal warrant will be prepared and if the intersection meets the required warrants, then further coordination will be required with the Town of Davie regarding the costs for design and construction. An update will be provided at a future public meeting. The elimination of a left turn from SW 30 Street is not part of this project.**
- 81) Why increase the number of vehicles on a beautiful, scenic road when University Drive already carries most of the north-south traffic?  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system.**
- 82) Would you please provide the links for all the impact studies? I've looked around the Broward County website but couldn't find anything like that.  
**The Metropolitan Planning Organization website shows traffic projections for this roadway to exceed capacity on or before the year 2040 and therefore needs to be widened to accommodate future traffic. It is the County's responsibility to provide a regional transportation system.**
- 83) Likely more 3,000 year old Indian burials will be found, how long will each interment take?  
**This will be determined by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).**
- 84) Create a poll question if we want this  
**Additional comments, concerns, and questions may be submitted to the following e-mail: [pineislandroad@rjbehar.com](mailto:pineislandroad@rjbehar.com).**
- 85) Is it possible to get a section of noise wall approved? I live in NB-FR1 area and the back of my home is directly on Pine Island. Noise level is very high now and expanding the road will make it much worse. I can hear cars/road noise inside my home with the windows closed. How do I contact Town of Dave to request a wall?  
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**way or easement necessary for such construction. The Town must provide 50% of the cost and perform all future maintenance for the wall.**

86) Are FPL high tension wires going underground?

**No, all FPL utilities will remain overhead.**

87) The canal bulkhead wall will reflect road noise. Can't the canal be filled in and pipes used to move the water as needed? It was done in a section of Pine Island north of Nova Dr. Can't you move the road east against the golf course and away from Forest Ridge?

**The canal right of way is governed by the Central Broward Water Control District and its presence is necessary to provide open drainage from the adjacent properties as well as conveyance of water to alleviate flooding. The installation of the bulkhead wall adjacent to the canal will allow the County to construct the improvements within the existing road right of way.**

88) Are all existing Ficus trees on the west side being removed?

**If a noise wall is built, some of the Ficus trees will be affected.**

89) Will the bulkhead wall affect water drainage in any way?

**No, this canal capacity will not be affected.**

90) Will you hold another meeting to discuss a more definite plan?

**Yes, the Second Public Meeting is anticipated to be held in Spring of 2023 or earlier.**

91) Are sleeves being installed for long term utility use such as fiber optic so that no excavations would be necessary?

**The County will install conduits and fiber optic cables for traffic signal purposes in conjunction with this project. Utility agencies are required by the County's Administrative code to make an application for permit for their desired improvements when needed.**

92) Please put up a screen shot of the cross section again so I can photo it, thanks

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<https://www.broward.org/BCEngineering/Pages/CapitalProjectsPublicInvolvement.aspx>**

93) Are there plans to expand pine island south of Griffin Rd?

**The project limits are Pine Island Road from Griffin Road to Nova Drive.**

94) Approximate completion date?

**Design is estimated to be completed in Spring 2023. Construction is estimated to be completed in Winter of 2026**

95) Can't you bury the canal at the pinch point?

**The pinch point is due to a right of way restriction, not the physical location of the canal.**

96) Will the project neighborhoods be subjected to assessments to partially pay for the project?

**Funding is from the Broward County Penny for Transportation.**

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- 97) Can you provide an email with attachments for all of the 20 or so images or a web site to see them?  
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- 98) Will the widening of pine island road negatively affect how storm water drains into surrounding neighborhoods?  
**No.**
- 99) Can a noise wall be placed on top of the existing Forest Ridge berm that runs along the west side of Pine Island Rd.? It should be back from the FPL easements and not affect them or the trees. It would also be shorter due to the fact it is on the berm.  
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- 100) We are located in the tail water. Therefore, moving water faster down to the canal that already backs up is not a viable solution.  
**This canal is controlled by the Central Broward Water Control District and our design will be such that it will comply with their criteria.**
- 101) Wider sidewalks are not the issue in safety of elderly and elementary age school kids walking/biking to school. It is more about being pushed closer to traffic and increasing traffic.  
**Thank you for your comment. The design will comply with roadside design safety guidelines.**
- 102) If you impact view shed you impact property value.  
**Thank you for your comment.**
- 103) Will the vegetation in the median be upgraded? Will it be more narrow?  
**A Landscape and Tree Disposition Plan meeting applicable standards will be prepared for this project. The proposed median width for the project is 15.5 feet.**
- 104) Mr. Behar responded that my question "How do we as property owners OPPOSE this Road WIDENING?" Mr. Behar responded "The answer was provided earlier by Mr. Tornese." I missed that response. Would you kindly please retrieve the information for me? Thank you in advance for your response.  
**Mr. Tornese indicated that this project was approved by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization due to higher volumes of traffic being forecasted for the year 2040. He added that on other similar projects where concerns had been voiced prior to construction that the County had received complements from the residents and motorists in the area after construction.**