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## Center Road project receives state and regional awards

The Center Road improvement project, the county's single largest roadway corridor construction project in recent history, has been named winner of two industry awards, one statewide and the other regional.

Begun in October 2005 and substantially completed in February 2007, the Center Road project was chosen Project of the Year – Transportation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Florida Chapter, which will present the award May 1 during the state APWA Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Jacksonville. Center Road also was selected as the 2008 Outstanding Project of the Year by the Suncoast Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Suncoast Chapter serves the west central coast of Florida. The latter award will be presented in July.

Finished three months ahead of schedule and on budget, the \$29.7 million Center Road construction project included widening of a 3.6-mile stretch of two-lane roadway between Jacaranda Boulevard and River Road into a divided four-lane road. Landscaped medians, 4-foot bicycle lanes, streetlights, traffic signalization, roadway drainage and stormwater ponds were added, and a 10-foot-wide, combination path and sidewalk was built on each side of the roadway as part of the county's trail system. There also were major improvements to the intersections at Jacaranda Boulevard and at River Road, where a traffic signal was installed.

For more information about Center Road or other county road improvement projects, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Road Program Construction.