

NOKOMIS CENTER REVITALIZATION

Project: COLONIA LANE RECONSTRUCTION (TR-1)

Project Type: County

Project and Background Description:

Investigate advancing the Colonia Lane reconstruction project from Fiscal Year 2005 to 2004 to address the immediate need for sidewalks and other safety concerns, such as intersection improvements at the Colonia Lane, Nippino Trail and Pocono Trail intersection. Initiate an ongoing public participation process before beginning design work to ensure residents and adjacent property owners are kept informed of the progress.

The Colonia Lane project is one of the highest priority projects of the Nokomis Center Revitalization Plan. Nokomis residents selected the project as its second priority after water and sewer service and want to see the improvements begin as soon as possible. The County will reconstruct the two-lane Colonia Lane within a sixty-six foot right-of-way with sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Opportunities for streetlights and landscaping will be evaluated and coordinated with the Colonia Lane Gateway and Streetscape project (TR-4).

Nokomis residents are concerned that the reconstruction of Colonia Lane will negatively effect adjacent businesses by impacting existing septic tanks, reducing already limited, poorly located parking and by interfering with business operations during reconstruction. An ongoing public participation process that begins before the design work will ensure residents and adjacent property owners are involved in the project and informed of its status.

Preliminary Cost Estimates: CIP Project / Soft Costs (In House Staff)

Advancing all or a portion of the reconstruction project will require reallocation of the Road Construction Program.

Potential Funding Source(s): County Road Construction Program

Implementation Time Frame: Mid term, five years

Responsible Parties: Public Works Construction, Environmental Services Utilities, Property Owners

Steps Required to Implement:

- Develop a process to include property owners in the early design phase of the Colonia Lane reconstruction project.
- Continue this process through design, right-of-way acquisition and construction, including a “hot line” for business owners to obtain accurate information on the road project.
- Determine the extent to which parking conflicts on Colonia Lane will be included in the reconstruction project.

Issues Requiring Further Analysis/Action:

1. Install sewer lines when the County reconstructs the roadway, even if they are dry lines.

