

NOKOMIS CENTER REVITALIZATION

Project: ALBEE ROAD GATEWAY (TR-5)

Project Type: County

Project and Background Description:

Add new landscaping in the existing median on Albee Road. Use decorative signage and up lighting to enhance the landscaping and emphasize the gateway. Install transit stop shelters on both sides of U.S. 41.

Albee Road is an important gateway within the Nokomis Center providing access to southern Nokomis and to Nokomis area beaches. This is a major intersection and the only intersection with a traffic signal in the U.S. 41 Commercial Corridor between Laurel Road and Colonia Lane. Many residents use Albee Road to drive to the County's Nokomis Beach and North Jetty Park. Albee Road also is an important bicycle and pedestrian route to the beaches and is part of a larger recreational loop connecting to Bayshore Road and Laurel Road. There is a main transit route on U.S. 41, but no mass transit service on Albee Road. Transit service options such as a flexible transit system or a trolley should be developed to the beaches and for residents living in the Albee Road area. A mini-transfer station or a park and ride lot at this intersection would encourage transit use to the beaches, by allowing residents to connect to the main transit route.

Preliminary Cost Estimates:

Decorative Sign (on Albee Road)	\$ 2,500
Decorative Streetlights (10 @ \$43,000 each additional cost)	\$ 43,000
Stamped Concrete Crosswalks	\$ 25,000
<i>Total Estimated Cost</i>	<i>\$70,500</i>

Potential Funding Source(s): County Road Program, County Transit Program

Implementation Time Frame: Short term, one to two years

Responsible Parties: Public Works Construction, Public Works Transit, Florida Department of Transportation

Steps Required to Implement:

- Work with the Sarasota County Street Tree Advisory Council to design and fund median landscaping improvements.
- Evaluate opportunities for landscaping the rights of way along Albee Road in the Commercial Corridor.
- Determine locations for transit stop shelters and purchase additional right-of-way, if necessary.
- Seek funding for installation and maintenance of up lighting and gateway signs.

Issues Requiring Further Analysis/Action:

1. Submit roadway plans for Albee Road to FDOT DEM Project Manager by May 2001 to ensure coordination with U.S. 41 widening project (between Venice and S.R. 681).
2. Coordinate installation of mass transit shelters with Public Works Transit.
3. Evaluate options for expanding mass transit service to the Nokomis beaches such as developing a flexible route transit system and mini-transfer station or a park and ride lot connecting to a trolley.
4. Determine maintenance costs and responsibilities.

