

March 8, 2006

Mr. Mike Rippe
Regional Director, Region 1
Florida Department of Transportation

Dear Mike;

At the meeting of the Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) a motion urging FDOT to accept responsibility for paying the cost of any overrun on the construction of the segment of US 41 between Corkscrew Road and San Carlos Park in the event that Lee County constructs this segment under agreement with FDOT with financing provided by a county loan with developer paid interest contributions.

The Council believes that FDOT's contract with Lee DOT should provide FDOT with adequate assurance that the road is constructed economically and that acceleration of construction of this segment as much as three years earlier than if constructed by FDOT will save the State of Florida large sums of money as a result of the continuing escalation of road construction costs.

We look forward to the Community Hearing on the design of this project on April 4th at the South County Regional Library. However we would suggest that the Library meeting room is inadequate in size because there is so much interest in this project and further suggest that it be relocated to larger quarters in the Estero community.

Thanks for your consideration and help.

Very Truly Yours,

Don Eslick
Chairman, Estero Council of Community Leaders