

Airport Road Widening Project (Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road) 60 Percent Design Public Information Meeting (PIM) Held on March 27, 2025
Comments and Responses

Comment Tracking No.	Public Comment	Collier County Response
1	Should be light at Victoria Park and Crescent Lake Estates – not Curling Dr traffic counts are much higher at Victoria Park and Crescent Lake. Do not widen path on west side – too dangerous. We just had a death in Palm River – electric bike running a stop sign.	Not Applicable
2	The stop lights need to be synced on this stretch of Airport as well.	Not Applicable
3	Place stop signs on the pedestrian crossings. So at least the bikes & electric bike know to slow down and allow the car that approaching & looking in the other directions can see them.	Not Applicable
4	Looking at these plans and the changes will impact me. Not being able to turn left out of neighborhood. I work north. This will add additional time for my commute. Will the stop lights be synced so can get out and move over three lanes to make a U-turn? Would be nice. I see this is going to be a nightmare with seniors coming down seasonally – they are not going to get it. The accidents are going to pile up on this stretch of road.	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: After completion of construction, traffic lights along Airport Road will be synced by Collier County Traffic Operations with the county's Traffic Control System.</p> <p>The project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. These modifications are intended to improve safety by reducing the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully in similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>This project includes improvements to the County's Intelligent Transportation System equipment, which will improve Collier County's ability to sync timing between the traffic signals and adjust the timings seasonally, if needed.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
5	Will this increase the flooding in Victoria Park our storm system is from 1973 & make a U-turn in front of Pelican Marsh during school hours to head north	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: The project has been designed to meet current South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) stormwater regulations and requirements in or to obtain a SFWMD Environmental Resource Permit for the project. Therefore, the project has been designed to meet SFWMD water quality and quantity requirements for stormwater runoff for storm events and not cause flooding along Airport Road or to adjacent properties.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
6	There has been a long going dialogue about landscaping the median on Airport Pulling Rd. It's still not planned as part of the project which makes this section of the roadway unattractive and inconsistent with the rest of Naples. It was address that there is also no planned irrigation planned. Both Pelican Marsh and Tiburon residents object.	Not Applicable
7	1.Necessary light on Curling & Airport or Regent Park cannot take a left turn in front or back entrance. 2.Heard letters were sent out to people this would affect, however, we never received any notice. Saw sign on Airport & newspaper. 3.County need to limit size of developments we have poor infrastructure. No rds and no access to 75 off Vanderbilt. Get state to do their job better traffic movement. Immokalee can't handle more cars. By 2:30pm we can't get into out Regent Park.	Not Applicable
8	Noise abatement (wall) needs to be included in the plan for the area from Nottingham to the wall for Victoria Shores. An insufficient study was apparently conducted, without long-term listening device placement. A microphone was mounted for a month or so, but it seems that was listening for bats. The traffic noise is excessive noise—especially during season. This project will encourage additional traffic, thereby increasing that noise. Sidewalk. The sidewalk for the west side of Airport-Pulling Road is proposed to be ten feet wide. Is this necessary? A six-foot wide sidewalk is not only sufficient, but might reduce some of the easements, thereby reducing the cost of removing foliage and reimbursing landowners. I strongly object. Is this is an attempt to accommodate e-bikes and scooters? I would discourage such traffic on the sidewalks, as they are noiseless and interfere with pedestrians. These vehicles should be using bicycle lanes or sharing the roadway, not using sidewalks.	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: A highway traffic noise study was completed for the project to model future traffic noise and determine future noise impacts associated with the proposed six-lane roadway along with identifying noise abatement for locations that meet requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Chapter 18. The project's noise study report has been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects. The study resulted in no communities or other noise sensitive areas along the project limits meeting the noise abatement requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls. Therefore, no noise barriers or noise walls will be constructed with the Airport Road Widening Project. This does not prevent each community and/or property owner from constructing a wall on their own property and own costs that meet current Collier County codes and regulations.</p> <p>Regarding the 10-foot wide sidewalk on the west side of Airport Road, the sidewalk width was increased from six foot to 10-foot wide based on public comments received at the 30 Percent Design Public Information Meeting. The increased sidewalk width did not effect project's required right-of-way. Collier County is only obtaining Drainage Easements for the project in the area of Victoria Park in order to meet South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) drainage requirements for the project.</p> <p>Regarding e-bikes and scooters, on April 22, 2025 Collier County amended Ordinance No. 2022-02 "The Collier County Pedestrian Safety Ordinance" to establish requirements for operating bicycles on sidewalks in unincorporated Collier County. Class 3 e-bikes are no longer allowed on sidewalks unless an adult is operating it with a child. Also, bikes and e-bikes must yield to pedestrians on shared use paths. Additionally, e-bikes shall not exceed 15 miles per hour (mph), and e-bikes with an electric motor over 750 watts of power are prohibited on sidewalks and shared use paths.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
9	Very good project and the people explaining the project are great! I don't understand why it isn't landscaped. I understand the cost but you also should look at the location and the amount of tax revenue that is generated. Z Ritz Hotels, Mercato & all the surrounding communities. Please landscape Thank you!	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: Capital Improvement Projects does not include landscaping. Landscaping is under the Collier County Landscape Beautification Master Plan Capital Program (Program). Once a roadway segment is completed, it is added to the Program for future landscaping consideration. In 2019, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) suspended the Beautification Master Plan due to increased maintenance costs. With the suspension, the BCC directed Staff to work with the Communities concerning landscaping. Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU) is an option for the communities to pursue if they want landscaping in the newly completed roadway. If the communities are interested learning more about an MSTU, please visit the Collier County website "What is an MSTU" at www.collierptne.com/what-is-an-mstu/.</p> <p>If the communities want additional information concerning landscaping, please contact Pamela Lulich. Pamela Lulich, Manager - Landscape Operations 239-252-6291 Pamela.Lulich@colliercountyfl.gov</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
10	<p>[Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:56 PM via email]</p> <p>Please see attached for your review and consideration. Much appreciated!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Comment Form: Noise abatement measures, specifically the installation of a sound barrier wall, should be included in the planning for the area extending from Nottingham to the wall for Victoria Shores. It appears that the initial study conducted was inadequate, lacking a long-term placement of listening devices. A microphone was only mounted for approximately a month, and it did not provide a comprehensive assessment of the current traffic noise levels. The excessive noise from traffic has become particularly problematic, especially during peak seasons, and this proposed project is likely to further increase traffic and, consequently, noise levels.</p> <p>Regarding the sidewalk proposal, a ten-foot wide sidewalk on the west side of Airport-Pulling Road raises concerns about necessity. A six-foot wide sidewalk should suffice for pedestrian use and could minimize the required easements, which would, in turn, reduce the costs associated with vegetation removal and landowner compensation.</p> <p>I firmly oppose any efforts to accommodate e-bikes and scooters on the sidewalk. These vehicles can silently disrupt pedestrian traffic, and I believe they should utilize designated bicycle lanes or share the roadway instead of being permitted on sidewalks.</p>	Not Applicable
11	I travel this entire section of road four times a day starting at 7:00 am going south on Airport. Going both north and south the entire section at lunch 12:00-1:00 and returning from work going north on Airport the entire section at 5:00pm. The only thing needed on Airport is an additional merge sign added (see drawing). I feel this project is a waste of money and is not needed. The traffic flow is OK even in season. The real traffic problem is going east on Immokalee Rd starting at 3:30pm. Can you put the money for this project towards a I75 interchange at Vanderbilt Rd? This would be a long term solution to the east/west traffic problem on Immokalee Rd. See attached drawing. [Drew on top of provided "Project Location Map". The drawing had a box to the left of Airport-Pulling Rd with an arrow pointing to the following text.] Add additional merge sign on airport. Traffic flow is OK now. [also drew a yellow diamond off the map depicting an additional I75 interchange with the following text.] If you want to make a long term traffic solution in Collier County, add I75 interchange at Vanderbilt Rd. Don't do Airport Rd widening project. Use money for interchange I75	Not Applicable
12	A sound barrier wall is strongly recommended. 1.Please provide communication on the decision to install a sound barrier wall on the west side of Airport Pulling Road this will help mitigate increased noise from the significant increase in capacity and traffic that will result. 2.Please email me a copy of the sound report study. Thanks,	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: A highway traffic noise study was completed for the project to model future traffic noise and determine future noise impacts associated with the proposed six-lane roadway along with identifying noise abatement for locations that meet requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Chapter 18. The project's noise study report has been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects. The study resulted in no communities or other noise sensitive areas along the project limits meeting the noise abatement requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls. Therefore, no noise barriers or noise walls will be constructed with the Airport Road Widening Project. This does not prevent each community and/or property owner from constructing a wall on their own property and own costs that meet current Collier County codes and regulations.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
13	This project should not be undertaken without the installation of irrigated landscaping the entire length of the 22-foot raised median, to be consistent with the median of Airport Road south of Vanderbilt Beach Road, and the median of Immokalee Road.	Not Applicable
14	Project need landscaping similar to Airport Rd going south to Pine Ridge. Our local development have over \$2-5 billion of real estate value and we should be treated the same as other roadways in the county.	Not Applicable

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15	<p>(Email to Collier Co. Commissioners on 4/7/25) Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed Airport Road widening project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road (Project No. 60190 / FDOT FPID No. 440441-1). As a resident of the Victoria Park community, I ask that you please reconsider this project and take into account the negative impact it will have on the surrounding neighborhoods, particularly Victoria Park, Crescent Lakes, Stonebridge, and Pelican Marsh, as well as Pelican Marsh Elementary.</p> <p>One of the most pressing concerns this project creates is limited and unsafe access into and out of Victoria Park. Our community lacks a traffic light, and residents are currently able to turn left and right at both entrances. With the widening we will only be able to make right turns in and out of the neighborhood. This limitation, combined with increased traffic from the widening, will lead to a sharp rise in dangerous U-turns in an area that has heavy foot traffic during peak hours due to the proximity of the elementary school.</p> <p>Additionally, this project poses a significant safety risk to the many children in our neighborhood who walk or bike to Pelican Marsh Elementary School. These students must cross Airport Road daily, and the proposed changes will increase traffic volume and speed, further jeopardizing their safety. It's important to note that the only times Airport Road experiences noticeable congestion are during school drop-off and pick-up—delays that are understandable and necessary for student safety. We are also concerned that the traffic study presented at the March 27 public meeting appears to be inaccurate. The data showing more traffic turning from Curling Lane than Nottingham Drive does not reflect what residents observe on a daily basis. These discrepancies call into question the validity of the study and the true necessity of this costly \$42 million project. Much of the Curling traffic is through traffic from Immokalee Rd due to the back ups along there. Victoria Park has four homeowners associations and hundreds of residents. In addition, at Halloween and Christmas we are inundated with traffic from the surrounding community. While we are often told this is 'what we signed up for' I personally purchased in the community to give my children a childhood that included friendly neighbors, walks to school, and lots of friends nearby. The amazing holiday spirit is an added bonus, however I did not sign up for being unable to get home, and worrying that in an emergency we will not be able to get out. With right turns only these challenges will increase exponentially in peak season.</p> <p>There are numerous areas in Collier County that experience far more severe congestion, such as Vanderbilt Beach Road from US-41 to Livingston, Pine Ridge Road, Immokalee Road east of Airport Pulling, and Airport Road further south. Compared to these corridors, this section of Airport Road does not appear to be a high priority for widening. I drive it daily and rarely encounter delays, except for the brief school-related slowdown.</p> <p>While I do not see a strong need for this expansion and believe it reflects poor future planning, if the project must move forward, I strongly urge you to at least prioritize the safety and accessibility of our community. A traffic signal at the Victoria Park entrance is vital. While we've been told the proximity to the Pelican Marsh Elementary light prevents this, alternatives—such as relocating the signal to Huntington or adjusting the school entrance as part of the project—should be explored.</p> <p>Additionally, the light could be at Nottingham and the Pelican Marsh light could be used just for the school start and end hours. These changes would greatly enhance safety and reduce the inevitable chaos that will result from the current plan. This project, as it stands, does not align with the real needs or safety concerns of the residents it affects most - in fact it shows a true disconnect from what Collier County residents would say our challenges are, which is concerning. I respectfully ask that you reconsider or revise the scope of the widening project to better serve our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: (comment inserted with email response)</p> <p>Response: The project was identified as being needed by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and included in the MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the MPO's 2045 LRTP. Additionally, on June 12, 2018, the Collier County Board County Commissioners (BCC) approved staff to submit a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) application to the FDOT for widening Airport Road from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road (BCC Agenda Item 16.A.24). CIGP funds are awarded to the projects which relieve congestion on the State Highway System and are consistent with established plans in the area. By adding capacity to the corridor, Collier County will relieve congestion on both state highway systems, US 41 and I-75. In addition, there will also be a reduced need for road maintenance and a reduction in injuries or fatalities by providing sidewalks for pedestrians/bicyclists and improving overall traffic operations.</p> <p>The existing 45 mile per hour (mph) speed limit will not change for the roadway. The project includes safety improvements at intersections and within the school zone to improve signing and pavement markings. The project design is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. Additionally, the project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. The design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These are intended to reduce the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>Regarding your concerns about the traffic study, we understand residents see delays on a daily basis. Please note the traffic study was completed to meet requirements in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Design Manual and has been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p> <p>Lastly, based on public comments received at the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting, the project team looked into a traffic signal at Nottingham Drive/Cresent Lake Drive. The project team met with Collier County Public Schools on April 10, 2025, and discussed moving the Pelican Marsh Elementary School traffic signal to the Nottingham /Crescent Lake Drive intersection. Collier County Public Schools cited several reasons this action would not benefit school operations and internal circulation, and rejected the idea. In addition, a new entrance off of Crescent Lake Drive presents adverse traffic issues for that road and community. Even if a signal were installed at Airport Road and Nottingham Drive/Crescent Lake Drive intersection, it would not meet the required spacing separation by technical guidelines. In the intersection evaluation, the Nottingham Drive community does not generate the traffic volumes that justify a signal installation.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments will soon be posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
16	<p>•Airport will become a bottleneck to an already busy Immokalee.</p> <p>•Focus \$ on Immokalee which is the primary route to 75 from Victoria Park.</p> <p>•Consider a pedestrian bridge for the kids @ Pelican Marsh to ensure safety.</p>	Not Applicable
17	The airport expansion alleviates nothing – does nothing for our community. Measures should be set forth to alleviate Immokalee’s traffic. Stop giving out building permits like Christmas cards and maybe we wouldn’t have this issue.	Not Applicable
18	Nottingham turn around north on Airport is in a school zone. And very congested during school entry/exit. Please consider moving school drive to north end of property. This allows traffic light to move to an intersection of Nottingham & Crescent Lakes. Then remove current school light & drive. --> Safer, less congestion	Not Applicable
19	Timing of the street lights will be critical for this to work. Anyone leaving for work during school start or end times will have a very difficult time getting out of Victoria Park, making a U-turn amidst all the school traffic. Christmas – Victoria Park – more police presence will be needed with the flow of traffic just to see the lights. Anticipate more accidents due to all the U-turns. There is a lot of young drivers and older drivers in this area.	Not Applicable
20	<p>1.The plan is after 30 yrs of an elementary school on Airport, to dump traffic at that intersection.</p> <p>2.The plan is to make impassable a 3-way intersection that is under utilized in order to dump all Northbound traffic on an elementary school.</p> <p>3.The plan is to increase the traffic on older neighborhoods and the road with many more egresses from homes rather than widen the through road with few egresses and fewer homes.</p>	Not Applicable
21	<p>In my opinion I think this project is a big mistake, traffic seems to flow perfectly! If the median is taken out residents of several subdivisions will be hindered. How will our police, fire, ambulance be able to access us if median are removed?</p> <p>Do we need to go all the way to Immokalee Road and make "U" turn?</p> <p>Or to Vanderbilt and make "U" turn? I foresee many accidents in our future, some will be tragic!</p> <p>Please, leave it as is!!!</p> <p>I will be @ the meeting!!!</p> <p>Stop building!!!! Infrastructure!!!!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: (comment inserted with email response)</p> <p>Response: The project is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. The proposed roadway modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users. The project is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. The proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users. These designs have been used successfully in similar corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type collisions. While some direct access will be modified, the design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These changes will improve safety by reducing the need to cross all lanes at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type collisions.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
22	<p>Name: Alexander Post; Address 266 Sawgrass Court; City: Naples; State: FL Email:post.alexander@gmail.com</p> <p>Comments: I attended the public information meeting on March 27, 2025 and wanted to thank you for organizing it. The meeting was very informative. I hope this project helps alleviate traffic in the area especially with many new residential apartments, a new dealership and other buildings along Immokalee Avenue. Although I live on Sawgrass Court, I also own a condo in Naples Trace Circle which is directly impacted by this project. My feedback is as follows:</p> <p>1. Currently, I can make a left turn from Naples Trace Circle onto Airport Road. The project plan calls for this left turn to be eliminated. I don't understand why a traffic light would not be installed at the intersection of Naples Trace Circle and Airport Road which would have helped all along because it's a difficult left turn without a traffic light and all the traffic. I believe it would be less expensive than constructing a new median at this intersection, more convenient for residents of Naples Trace Circle and the Greentree offices, and help further moderate traffic in the area. I understand a proposed traffic light is being planned at Curling Ave, but this would mean driving down airport to make a U-turn at that intersection and force Naples Trace and Green tree office traffic in that direction to get on Immokalee Road East or go through the Green Tree shopping center which would cause more traffic in an already busy shopping center needlessly.</p> <p>2. I would strongly suggest creating a dedicated bike path that is separate from the pedestrian walkway along the west side of Airport, instead of one 10 foot wide sidewalk. Currently the sidewalk is shared with bikes and pedestrians and as someone who personally walks there regularly I can tell you folks are taking their lives in their hands walking there with the proliferation of E-bikes and E-scooters. These electric bikes and scooters regularly speed down the sidewalk, silently, and barely missing hitting pedestrians. The e-bikes and e-scooters are probably afraid to ride on Airport Road (where they should be) because they don't want to get run over by cars and trucks.</p> <p>3. With the imminent arrival of automated self driving vehicles, you may want to consider a lane that could be repurposed for these vehicles that is separate from human drivers. Once self driving arrives, it will be exponentially safer than human drivers and the risk of accidents will primarily be caused by human drivers who are increasingly emotional, distracted, or otherwise breaking the law while driving, putting everyone at risk.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and please let me know if you have any questions.</p> <p>Regards, Alexander Post</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: (comment inserted with email response)</p> <p>Response: The project is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. 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Due to right-of-way constraints, a separate bicycle path adjacent to a sidewalk cannot be included with the project. The western sidewalk width was increased to 10 feet wide to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians based on comments received at the project's 30 Percent Design Public Information Meeting. However, to restrict e-bikes and scooters use of sidewalks, on April 22, 2025 Collier County amended Ordinance No. 2022-02 "The Collier County Pedestrian Safety Ordinance" to establish requirements for operating bicycles on sidewalks in unincorporated Collier County. Class 3 e-bikes are no longer allowed on sidewalks unless an adult is operating it with a child. Also, bikes and e-bikes must yield to pedestrians on shared use paths. Additionally, e-bikes shall not exceed 15 miles per hour (mph), and e-bikes with an electric motor over 750 watts of power are prohibited on sidewalks and shared use paths.</p> <p>Lastly, regarding automated vehicles, if there is a need in the future to evaluate separate lanes for automated vehicles without drivers, Collier County will do so based on design standards and regulations at that time.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
23	I am opposed to this project. Need more traffic signage for pedestrians. Sidewalks need to be farther away from the road. My children and many others walk this stretch of road. I don't see any safety improvements. This project will slow traffic down and make this road less efficient. Will e-mail with more thoughts. Thank you! Need trees/shrubs/beautification.	Not Applicable
24	I do not think this project is necessary for the area. Adding a third lane for one mile will not alleviate traffic, it will just make travel in and out of our neighborhood worse. Having no way to turn North out of the neighborhood will only add to the problem as most of the residents of Victoria Park need to get to Immokalee Rd. and this project will make that really hard, especially in the morning work traffic commute. Hairly to jump 3 lanes of traffic only to drive south for a bit, then use a turn lane into Crescent Lakes Development and then jump back across 3 lanes of traffic to head north is not going to make my commute any safer, which I was told is the purpose of this road widening project. Also, not sure how much more traffic needs to cram into this one mile stretch from Pelican marsh to Immokalee Road. I fell this 30 million dollar project would be better served in other areas of the county, no on a one mile stretch of road that nobody wants to see widened (at least in my neighborhood). Also, Victoria park gets lots and lots of traffic during Xmas time and this will just make ingress and egress out of the neighborhood a nightmare. On the sidewalks, please at least add a grass swale between the road and the sidewalk. A six inch curb does not slow a car going 60 miles an hour. This will just make traveling on the sidewalk very dangerous.	Not Applicable
25	<p>1. Airport/Curling Signal</p> <p>a. Definitely needed. Traffic counts should be confirmed</p> <p>b. Queue. With a signal in place, vehicles will be required to queue up. This is directly impacted by the duration of the signal. An extended queue will impact the flow out of Boca Palms</p> <p>• Determine if 2 left turn lanes are required.</p> <p>2. Airport Pulling Canal</p> <p>a. It is inevitable that debris will find its way into canal. The contractor should be required to clean canal as a part of its close out. SFWMD can define what "clean canal" is.</p> <p>b. It is unclear if this project is coordinating with SFWMD before submitting for permits. Advance coordination is essential.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: (comment inserted with email response)</p> <p>Response: The project is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. The proposed roadway modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users. The project is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. The proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users. These designs have been used successfully in similar corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type collisions. While some direct access will be modified, the design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These changes will improve safety by reducing the need to cross all lanes at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type collisions.</p> <p>Pre-application meetings with SFWMD Environmental Resource Permit and Big Cypress Basin (BCB) staff have occurred prior to the submittal of permits. The pre-application meeting was held to go over the project and treatment requirements required to issue permits for the Airport Road Widening Project. The anticipated BCB Right-of-Way Occupancy Permit for work proposed in the Airport Road Canal will include permit conditions requiring the construction contractor to comply with debris removal from the canal.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
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28	<p>• It is crucial to include a traffic light at Curling. It will be too dangerous to cross the north bound three lanes to go south on Airport.</p> <p>• Curling Rd is used by residents especially when Immokalee is backed up.</p>	Not Applicable
29	Please contact us if noise barrier wall is to be constructed. We do not want wall. Thank you	Not Applicable
30	<p>Not happy with the change at all. I understand planning for the future, however, the volume of increase on this particular stretch can't be much given the surrounding area is already built up full.</p> <p>Most of my life takes the north. I have been turning left on Airport Rd from Huntington for 25 years. Never is a problem (Christmas lights time is the one exception to traffic congestion).</p> <p>No drivers in my entire community are going to be able to turn left onto Airport Road. That is going to increase traffic issues at peak times. As well as school traffic.</p> <p>I believe this project is a misappropriation of county funds. Road & traffic improvements are better used in other spots around the county.</p>	Not Applicable

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32	Strong agree with the proposed traffic light addition @ Curling Ave. Another traffic light needs/should be added at Nottingham/Crescent Lake. It is a dangerous intersection currently And, thank you for adding a barrier between the road and sidewalk on the east side of the road	<p>Not Applicable</p>
33	Need centerline landscaping along Airport south of Vanderbilt is landscaped all the way downtown. Livingston is landscaped both north & south of Vanderbilt. This portion of Airport is like an island of no landscaping in entire area & subdivisions on either side of Airport are top class but roadway landscaping is not.	<p>Not Applicable</p>
34		<p>Not Applicable</p>
35	1.Another meeting time 6pm-8:30pm for working people 2.Signage cut and easier to visualize [Mary Winter then drew the following next to this comment: an arrow pointing to a rectangle split in the middle with two boxes above the section of the rectangle furthest to the right] Thank you. Very helpful. I still worry about older people making U-turns! ☺	<p>Not Applicable</p>
36	Hello all, This email has been sent to Collier County Commissioners as well. Please understand the adverse impact this proposal will have on our communities and families and keep Collier County safe first and foremost: I have been a resident of Naples since 1990 and of Victoria Park since 2000. I would like to express concerns about the current proposal of the Airport Road Widening and the impact of Victoria Park and neighboring communities and general safety of our families and children. #1. There is NO traffic problem currently at the short distance from Pelican Marsh to Immokalee Road on Airport Road. It is very smooth going even at rush hour traffic. If there is any taxpayer money spent on roads, there are way more dangerous and congested roads that need to be addressed, like Immokalee Road and many more. #2. If for some reason you choose to spend this outrageous amount of money on something that is not an issue, there NEEDS to be a light at Victoria Park and Crescent Lakes Community where there are many families attending Pelican Marsh Elementary. For the safety of our children, and also traffic flow, this would make the most sense. When Pelican Marsh Elementary was first built, it was already set up for the light as you can see by the sidewalk on the Crescent Lake Side that goes right to the bike racks. # 3 The amount of traffic that comes through at Christmas Time (not to mention Halloween), is at least one month of thousands of cars coming into Victoria Park and the traffic and potential danger this will cause with u turns on both sides will be horrific and dangerous. I know your first and foremost concerns are for the residents of Collier County and you would not adversely affect or put in danger any families by continuing with the proposed plan as it is now stated. Thank you for your consideration in advance.	<p>Not Applicable</p>
37	Our main concern is the level of noise with cars racing. Its bad enough with 4 lanes let alone 6 lanes. We would like to see what is proposed for noise abatement. We want better policing of speeding and road racing. Regular road traffic noise with cars and trucks very loud. Sitting on our lanai is impossible.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project’s 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: A highway traffic noise study was completed for the project to model future traffic noise and determine future noise impacts associated with the proposed six-lane roadway along with identifying noise abatement for locations that meet requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Chapter 18. The project’s noise study report has been posted on Collier County’s website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects. The study resulted in no communities or other noise sensitive areas along the project limits meeting the noise abatement requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls. Therefore, no noise barriers or noise walls will be constructed with the Airport Road Widening Project. This does not prevent each community and/or property owner from constructing a wall on their own property and own costs that meet current Collier County codes and regulations.</p> <p>We have been made aware of vehicles speeding along Airport Road, but this can only be enforced by the Collier County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office has been made aware of speeding along Airport Road and the need for additional enforcement.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project’s 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County’s website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
38	Team, Living directly off Airport road in the area set for expansion I can appreciate the county trying to help congestion and improve safety. And I’m sure it’s too late, and for a lot of reasons something that can’t be done, however, the part of Airport road is not terribly congested and in my opinion the money would be better spent either improving traffic flow on Immokalee or certainly widening Rt 75 from Immokalee to at least Bonita Beach Rd. Any of the arteries on Rt 75 from mile marker 131 to 111 are where we really need the expansion. It is almost a parking lot every morning and from 3:30 pm to 6pm every afternoon on Immokalee, Livingston and Rt 75. Thank you for suggesting expansion on Airport road, but in my humble opinion there are a lot of other areas that are in much greater need to help traffic flow and improve safety where the money would be better spent. I’m sure it’s significantly more complicated than I realize, but please take a drive in the areas and times I mentioned and see what I am writing about. Thank you for your consideration,	<p>Not Applicable</p>
39	Good afternoon, I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to widen Airport Pulling Road, particularly due to its proximity to Pelican Marsh Elementary School. This road has never been particularly busy, and I believe that making it wider will only increase traffic and, ultimately, make the area more dangerous. With an elementary school right nearby, more cars speeding through the area could pose serious safety risks for children, parents, and staff—especially during drop-off and pick-up times when pedestrian traffic is at its peak. In addition, the proposed change to prevent Victoria Park residents from making a left turn out of our community is absolutely unreasonable. Why would you make it more difficult for residents who live here to access their own homes? We are a tight-knit community that hosts annual Christmas traditions, attracting people from all over Naples and beyond. I’m sure you and your families drive through our neighborhood during the holiday season. Just imagine how much more difficult you are making it for us to go about our daily lives, especially during such a busy time of year. Instead of making the road wider and imposing restrictions on us, I urge you to consider safer and more practical alternatives that won’t negatively affect the flow of traffic or the safety of residents and children Sincerely,	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project’s 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: The project includes safety improvements at intersections and within the school zone to improve signing and pavement markings. The project design is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. Additionally, the project’s proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. The design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These are intended to reduce the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project’s 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County’s website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
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41	Dear Mr. McCoy, We are owners at Victoria Lakes and own the first floor, end unit of the first building closest to Airport Rd. We are very concerned about the road noise and value of our homes if there is no sound barrier provided. Could you provide information with what would or could be done to help us keep the value of our condominium in tact with the widening of the road? We understand why this is necessary with the amount of added traffic and people coming to Collier County but want to voice our concerns. Any input would be appreciated. Thank you!	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project’s 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: A highway traffic noise study was completed for the project to model future traffic noise and determine future noise impacts associated with the proposed six-lane roadway along with identifying noise abatement for locations that meet requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Chapter 18. The project’s noise study report has been posted on Collier County’s website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects. The study resulted in no communities or other noise sensitive areas along the project limits meeting the noise abatement requirements for cost reasonable and feasible noise barriers or noise walls. Therefore, no noise barriers or noise walls will be constructed with the Airport Road Widening Project. This does not prevent each community and/or property owner from constructing a wall on their own property and own costs that meet current Collier County codes and regulations.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project’s 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County’s website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>

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42	<p>[Monday, March 31, 2025 12:13 PM] I meant to ask for the traffic light to be moved from Pelican Marsh to Victoria Park and change the school entrance. Thank you.</p> <p>[Monday, March 31, 2025 11:53 AM] Good morning</p> <p>I am a thirty year resident of Victoria Park in North Naples. I am very concerned and frustrated about the upcoming road widening project. I cannot imagine in what world widening airport is going to cause better traffic flow and improve conditions on Immokalee Rd. Immokalee Rd. is basically a parking lot everyday during season here. Our family knows it well and travel it daily. Increasing the number of cars turning onto it from Airport will make it worse, not better. Traffic studies were done in Victoria Park after school was out and people left for summer. Our neighborhood is traveled very heaving during Halloween and Christmas. Neither of the events are "sponsored "by this neighborhood as seems to be a misconception held by many. People simply decorate their homes in large numbers for many years causing people to come view the lights. And we give out lots of candy. No official invitations are given out.</p> <p>As I understand it Curling Avenue will get a traffic light. It is going to become dangerous to enter and exit Victoria park from either entrance. Wouldn't it make more sense to put a traffic light at the Huntington drive entrance to Victoria Park? The school light could be moved here if the CCPS approved and the project paid for it. This would also help with the Airport traffic caused during school hours and help Victoria Park and Crescent Lakes. Plus it would make it much, much safer for families to drive their children across 3 lanes to get their children to and from school at Pelican Marsh. The NNMS bus would be safer too as it leaves here and picks up students in Crescent Lakes after. I would think trying to cross 6 lanes with a school bus will be terrifying. 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43	<p>Though I believe getting comments is being done as a legal formality rather than actually looking for inputs and ideas with open minds –below are addition comments to prior county responses Regards,</p> <p>Regarding safety, the project's traffic study does not provide a safety comparison between the different segments along Airport Road. Therefore, Collier County is only addressing the safety concerns within the Airport Road Widening project limits. Safety concerns for Airport Road located outside of the project limits will need to be addressed under a separate Collier County project or during future road maintenance projects. I understand the point but it is absent of logic. If the road segment is already safer than the segment feeding it how is safety a need to be addressed by changes?</p> <p>Regarding traffic flow, our evaluation of Airport Road has found that this project is expected to decrease traffic along Immokalee Road east of Airport Road. This is due to Airport Road becoming a more desirable north-south connector compared to other roadways intersecting Immokalee Road. So to be clear – traffic heading east will improve by adding more feeder lanes northbound on Airport Road ? Perhaps people suggesting this should be required to take the road daily after 4 PM to enjoy the benefit.</p> <p>For the traffic study, there is a continuous count station located along Airport Road within the study limits which was utilized in adjusting our short-duration counts to the appropriate existing traffic volumes for our study. According to the AASHTO Guidelines for Traffic Data Programs, "In the case of volume and classification counts, data at selected sites are collected as nearly continuously as practical throughout the year in order to develop factors (or ratios) that reflect seasonal and day-of-week (DOW) variation in total volume and in truck volume. 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At times southbound traffic to enter the neighborhood is backed up almost to Immokalee Road while northbound traffic is lined up to Galleria. The new traffic light plan will cause immense traffic problem, increased accidents and injuries in spite it of being raised as a major concern. A much better solution is having the existing school light relocated as a normal traffic signal to the intersection of the north entrance to Victoria Park and Crescent Lakes with the school entrance also extended to there--making the entire situation safer and more practical for all stakeholders.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss the project in more detail, please call Bee Thao at 239-252-5844. Also, the project team members would be glad to discuss the project in more detail during the next public information meeting. 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44	<p>1.Today, there is no congestion or traffic delays along this corridor 2.There shouldn't be congestion in the future as there is no room for development along this corridor. 3.You are going to add more traffic to Immokalee Rd which is a parking lot every afternoon. 4.You are going to inconvenience communities along the corridor by altering traffic patterns. This actually could delay emergency response times to these communities. 5.Please don't do this! Save the county some money.</p>	Not Applicable
45	<p>I read the information made available about the road and did not see information on traffic counts and stop light wait times. Will you share information showing this project is needed?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: Regarding your concerns about the traffic study, the project's traffic report includes traffic counts and stop light wait times. Please note the traffic study was completed to meet requirements in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Design Manual and has been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects. If you have specific questions, please contact the Collier County Project Manager Dennis McCoy.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
46	I've never had a problem with that stretch of road. The problem is Goodlette Frank Rd between Vanderbilt and Immokalee.	Not Applicable
47	I am very concerned that this project will de-value my property – my condo which is located across from Pelican Marsh elementary school. My condo is just over the fence & berm in Pelican Marsh. The additional traffic once this project is completed will increase car noise & traffic noise, etc., which will decrease the value of my property. Also, I don't believe the road needs widening in the first place. Other than during season, it (the traffic) flows very well.	Not Applicable
48	I thought that this meeting was good. I live at Stonebridge Country Club. The only thing that I like to see to install a noise wall between Airport Rd and Stonebridge property. I think that this is the only one that will prevent noise.	Not Applicable
49	<p>Although not an expert, living off Airport road for 5 years I see no need to spend \$42.0 M on this project. Not sure how you arrived at the need but my visual and driving experience rarely sees any backups between Immokalee and Vanderbilt Beach Road. Project just doesn't seem necessary.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: The project was identified as being needed by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and included in the MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the MPO's 2045 LRTP. Additionally, on June 12, 2018, the Collier County Board County Commissioners (BCC) approved staff to submit a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) application to the FDOT for widening Airport Road from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road (BCC Agenda Item 16.A.24). CIGP funds are awarded to the projects which relieve congestion on the State Highway System and are consistent with established plans in the area. By adding capacity to the corridor, Collier County will relieve congestion on both state highway systems, US 41 and I-75. In addition, there will also be a reduced need for road maintenance and a reduction in injuries or fatalities by providing sidewalks for pedestrians/bicyclists and improving overall traffic operations.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
50	Glad to see a traffic signal going in for Curling. There is a possibility of the traffic signal only impacting Airport Road going North rather than in both directions. Either way it will improve safety by having a signal there. Thank you.	Not Applicable
51	I am against this project. We don't need to encourage more traffic, speeding, noise & litter along Airport Pulling and Canal. A moratorium on building is what needs to be put in place. I am sure this meeting is just a formality! So please consider my thoughts from living here 12 years. Please install traffic signal at Crescent Lake Dr & Airport Pulling as of now its difficult getting on to Airport to go south with traffic also going in & out Victoria Shores. Now noise is at high levels peak traffic times county to install wall to abate noise at length of Crestview condos. Please also over the years mount of debris from back of trucks blowing out in canals has gone unchecked. Looks like garbage dump. What a shame! No maintenance either erosion on banks it used to look so nice. Be respectful to nature. Thank you.	Not Applicable
52	<p>(Email to Commissioner Chris Hall on 4/2/25) Hi Chris</p> <p>My husband and I want to meet with you regarding Airport Road. We have lived in Tiburon for 20 years and developed friendships with many residents - both in Tiburon and Pelican Marsh. All residents we connected with agree widening this road will increase traffic; but first and foremost, risk school children's safety. Beyond the children's safety, this corridor also affects residential properties - homeowners quality of life and property values. Living here full time for 20 years, we have not experienced issues delaying traffic flow. Collier County should not make a decision to spend \$47M plus to add more traffic lanes within a residential district which includes a school that will affect children's safety under the notion this project will abate traffic flow on Immokalee and Vanderbilt Roads. Believe me, having traveled on these roads for more than 20 years, this is not the solution to abate traffic issues on Immokalee and Vanderbilt Roads. It will bring more traffic on Airport Road severely affecting school children and residents. Please provide us a period of time that we can meet with you any time after April 16 as George and I have business and family commitments (as I am sure you understand).</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Your email to Commissioner Chris Hall was forwarded to the project team to respond to.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: The project was identified as being needed by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and included in the MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the MPO's 2045 LRTP. Additionally, on June 12, 2018, the Collier County Board County Commissioners (BCC) approved staff to submit a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) application to the FDOT for widening Airport Road from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road (BCC Agenda Item 16.A.24). CIGP funds are awarded to the projects which relieve congestion on the State Highway System and are consistent with established plans in the area. By adding capacity to the corridor, Collier County will relieve congestion on both state highway systems, US 41 and I-75. In addition, there will also be a reduced need for road maintenance and a reduction in injuries or fatalities by providing sidewalks for pedestrians/bicyclists and improving overall traffic operations.</p> <p>The project includes safety improvements at intersections and within the school zone to improve signing and pavement markings. The project design is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. Additionally, the project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. The design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These are intended to reduce the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>If you have specific project questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact the Collier County Project Manager Dennis McCoy between 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday via email at Dennis.McCoy@colliercountyfl.gov or by phone at (239) 252-5726.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments will soon be posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
53	please install landscaping in the median	Not Applicable
54	<p>Hi, I am a seasonal resident within Pelican Marsh, with my primary residence in Naperville, IL.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am in favor of the widening project 2. It is long overdue 3. While your plan looks good, my only suggestion is to consider starting the project after busy season, either on April 1 or May 1, 2027 4. Will traffic both ways be maintained during the entire construction phase? 5. Will the speed limit remain the same? 6. Will any pedestrian overpasses be constructed, especially at Pelican Marsh school? <p>Thanks.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: Construction is anticipated to start in June of 2026 and last up to two years. During construction, the contractor will maintain travel lanes along Airport Road and maintain access to businesses and residential properties. The existing 45 mile per hour (mph) speed limit will not change for the roadway after completion of construction.</p> <p>The project does not include a pedestrian overpass at Pelican Marsh Elementary School. However, the project does include improvements to roadway signing and pavement markings including crosswalks within the school zone.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>

Airport Road Widening Project (Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road) 60 Percent Design Public Information Meeting (PIM) Held on March 27, 2025
 Comments and Responses

Comment Tracking No.	Public Comment	Collier County Response
55	<p>Email on 3/26/25: Gentlemen,</p> <p>I took at a look at the 60% drawings and have some concerns.</p> <p>1) Southbound on Airport, turning left (east) onto Vanderbilt Rd - for months the left turn traffic backs up beyond Galleria Drive, blocking the left lane. It does not appear that you have done anything alleviate this condition.</p> <p>2) We all know that Holiday Traffic into Victoria Park (Nottingham Dr) is very heavy. You have VERY short left turn / U turn stack up lanes for this. Again we are going to continue to have the left lane of Airport Rd blocked by cars trying to turn.</p> <p>3) The left turn stack up lane into Pelican Marsh Elem. is also very small. For 9 months, when school is in session, the left lane of Airport Rd gets blocked by cars trying to turn left into the school. These are the 3 most dangerous conditions we have on this section of Airport Rd and you have done nothing to improve / eliminate them. I would suggest eliminating the left turn into Pelican Marsh Elem. Have all the southbound cars U turn at Pelican Marsh Blvd, where they have a light. And then right turn into the Elem School. This would allow you to have a much longer left turn stack up lane, and allow you to increase the left turn stack up lane to Nottingham Drive.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>The project design is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. Additionally, the project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. The design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These are intended to reduce the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>The Airport Road Widening Project includes lengthening the left turn lanes for southbound Airport Road to eastbound Vanderbilt Beach Road. Longer turn lanes could not be utilized due to the need to maintain access and turning lanes to Galleria Drive and the U-turn.</p> <p>Regarding traffic stacking in U-turn lanes and left turn lanes, the intersection queue is heavily influenced by traffic signal timings. The Collier County Traffic Management Center (TMC) maintains traffic signal timings and can address any complaints to existing issues. Your comment has been forwarded to the Collier County TMC. In the project's traffic simulation, the U-turn traffic from Nottingham Drive was added to the left-turn traffic. This resulted in a queue length within the capacity of the turn lane length. With the proposed widening of Airport Road, green traffic light times can be more readily redistributed to increase the green traffic light timing for the southbound left-turn lane at Pelican Marsh Elementary School especially during school arrival and release times. With the proposed improvements, vehicles may also find it more advantageous to avoid the school traffic signal and use the Huntington Drive to turn right on Airport Road then make a U-turn at the Nottingham Drive/Crescent Lake Drive intersection.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
56	<p>Email 3/28/25: Jay,</p> <p>My wife use to see you on the beach all the time (back when you first came to Naples). Have not seen you in a few years now. But then again we walk the beach at 6:30 am now that we are retired.</p> <p>I heard that it was a possibility that the Pelican Marsh Elem light be moved to Nottingham Drive (entrance to Victoria Park & Cresent Lakes) xxxx and I would be all for that.</p> <p>Also, for the last 3 or 4 months, traffic going south on Airport turning east on Vanderbilt backs up and blocks the left lane of Airport Road. Creating a real hazard as people jump into the other lane because the left lane is stopped. I see it in the 3 pm to 6 pm time frame every time I go by that intersection. It does not appear that you are increasing the length of the left turn lanes so this is going to continue to happen.</p> <p>Also Southbound on Airport turning into Pelican Marsh elem, the left turn lane is only about 5 cars long, so again the left lane of Airport gets blocked twice a day, every school day. Note; I noticed that the traffic study was done when school was not in session, that means they missed thousands of trips a day (parents going to and from the elem school).</p>	<p>Response email sent March 28, 2025 by Jay Ahmad:</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>It is so good to hear from you and congratulations on your retirement. Hope you and Barb and kids are doing great.</p> <p>Our 60% plans to widen the last segment of Airport Rd were presented at the Public Information Meeting yesterday. The meeting was attended by many of your Victoria Park neighbors. Few commented about the possibility of moving the traffic signal at the Pelican Marsh school drive north to Nottingham Drive and connecting the school to that intersection. As you know this will require approval from the Collier School District. In the past such approval at other locations was not looked at favorably. This will require further discussions with the School District. Perhaps representatives from your community, you and the County can schedule a meeting with the folks from the School District and discuss this issue. Please let me know who will be in attendance.</p> <p>Jay</p>
57	<p>Thank you for notifying me of the Public Information Meeting planned for March 27. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend, but would like to offer my comments about this project.</p> <p>Upfront, I want to acknowledge the personal impact this project imposes on our enjoyment of our condo close to Airport Rd. Traffic sounds and proximity are enough for us.</p> <p>Beyond those personal matters, the need for this project exceeds my observations of volume on this section of the roadway witnessed now for three peak seasons here in Naples. Admittedly, I have no metrics to support my case, but our experience should me something. This section of Airport Rd between Immokalee and Vanderbilt is often thought of by me and my wife as the 'break through' zone, meaning we have escaped the volume and traffic light controlled back-ups south of Vanderbilt. Additionally, I must confess to why it would be prudent to widen a roadway in front of Pelican Marsh elementary school, which slows traffic down to 20 mph in the morning and afternoon times. Adding space for this section of Airport Rd seems to add only higher speed traffic and does not satisfy a nonexistent volume problem most encountered south of Vanderbilt Rd. Investing \$42m in addressing a better traffic signal system in this area of Airport Rd based on my observations would yield a better return.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my comments.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
58	<p>Thank You,</p> <p>For the information that was mailed to our home about Airport road...I could not find any mention of how people living along that section of road are going to be able to cross 6 lanes of traffic to head north or south depending on which side of the road they live on. Are you planning to stop right turn on red from Immokalee Rd?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: <i>(comment inserted with email response)</i></p> <p>Response: The project does not include changes to Immokalee Road or the right turn lane from Immokalee Road to Airport Road.</p> <p>However, the project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. These modifications are intended to improve safety by reducing the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully in similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>Lastly, this project includes improvements to the County's Intelligent Transportation System equipment, which will improve Collier County's ability to sync timing between the traffic signals and adjust the timings seasonally, if needed.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments have been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p>
59	<p>Good afternoon. I have been a resident in Victoria Park since 2013 and a Collier County resident since 2006. I am emailing you in hopes to get a better understanding as to why the county feels that Airport Road between Vanderbilt Beach Road and Immokalee Road needs to be widened? As a long-term resident of Victoria Park, myself and others, have serious concerns about this proposal and question its necessity compared to other more pressing issues with traffic patterns within the county.</p> <p>The street will be widened from the current 4 lanes to 6 lanes.</p> <p>I walk this stretch of road every morning and afternoon, taking my son to and from Pelican Marsh Elementary. The only time there's ever significant traffic on this road is during school zone hours, exactly when traffic should be backed up and slowed down for the safety of children and families.</p> <p>Several times a week I watch cars as they speed through the school zone. It's clear many drivers either don't see or simply ignore the flashing yellow lights, the speed monitor signs, and even the cones and flashing lights our amazing, dedicated crossing guard puts out.</p> <p>I have made a personal effort to try and help the crossing guards with waving and flagging down these drivers. I have often been thanked and praised by fellow parents and even passing drivers who appreciate someone standing up to protect the children.</p> <p>Widening this road won't solve this problem, only exacerbate it. It will make it worse by giving careless drivers more space and opportunity to speed through a school zone. I am aware there will be new safety measures, signs, guardrails, and the like but even with those, the risk to children and parents remains dangerously high.</p> <p>Some of the feedback at the project meeting included "We've done studies," or "I stood out there one day." Quite frankly, that's not thorough enough. A couple of car counters or a one-day observation doesn't capture the real picture. I encourage the committee to come out with myself and other parents. Walk on that road every morning and afternoon for a month. Be there during the holiday evenings. See firsthand what happens when neglectful drivers speed through that zone. Understand the human element, not just the data.</p> <p>This road is dangerous, and adding more lanes for speeding drivers is not the solution. Safety must come first, we do not want to have a tragic event knowing that the community had the opportunity to prevent it but did not heed the advice and concerns of its residents.</p> <p>There will be no turning North out of Victoria Park and no turning South out of Crescent Lakes.</p> <p>Residents need more clarity on this plan and a better understanding of its purpose. There have been no reported issues with accidents when pulling out of either of these communities. If there was a demonstrated safety issue, I would understand the need for these changes. But instead, you're asking residents to make a U-turn at a location where children and parents are actively crossing the street between 7:30 and 8:30 every morning and then same at 3pm. This is essentially forcing more traffic towards the most congested areas of the road during times when children are crossing.</p> <p>With the proposed road widening, those pedestrians will now have to cross six lanes of traffic, likely bumper to bumper, during peak school zone hours. Add to that the volume of cars exiting the school after dropping off children, and it becomes an even more dangerous and chaotic situation. We believe with this type of traffic and congestion the need for additional police support would be non-negotiable for life and safety issues.</p> <p>And then there's the holiday season. From Thanksgiving through early January, Victoria Park experiences significantly higher traffic volumes due to seasonal decorations. This is already a challenging time for residents trying to access their own homes and with the changes proposed will compound the issue. Before assuming we "knew what we were signing up for" or that "we invited the traffic," please consider whether that's a fair or reasonable mindset. What Victoria Park provides the community with their holiday displays is invaluable and something that we have been told year over year the Nales/Bonita community is grateful for. We do this at no cost, it is provided as a gift for everyone to enjoy. Shouldn't that have the support of our community officials to help make sure that this is able to continue safely for both residents and patrons?</p> <p>We already must carefully time our returns home during the holidays to avoid long delays. I live near the front of the community, and even for us, the longest it has taken was just over an hour. This community extends nearly a mile past my home, and there is no back entrance or exit. Just Nottingham and Huntington. Having the ability to utilize both entrances from either North or South bound access helps Victoria Park residents get back to their homes more efficiently during this time.</p> <p>The Airport Road widening project needs to be completed before other big projects start."</p> <p>Why? The real traffic problems are on Vanderbilt Beach Road, Immokalee Road, and I-75, not Airport Road. I haven't heard a single person complain about being stuck in traffic on Airport Road between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Meanwhile, the I-75 project has already started or is about to begin. That's where the focus should be.</p> <p>As a parent, I regularly drive from a school off of US-41 back home to pack up and then drive to Estero four nights a week. I never sit in traffic on Airport Road. Vanderbilt Beach Road from US-41 to Airport is a parking lot. But I also sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic from Immokalee Road to I-75, then again, all the way down I-75 to Corkscrew Road. Each trip to Hertz Arena takes at least 45 minutes to an hour, sometimes even an hour and a half. That's where the traffic problems are. Widening Airport Road isn't going to fix any of that. It won't ease that congestion, it will make it worse in the already congested areas, as it will allow traffic from Airport Rd. to get there even faster.</p> <p>"They had money to spend back in 2020 and decided to do this road widening project."</p> <p>So, the money had to be spent, whether the project was needed or not?</p> <p>"The governor isn't happy this road hasn't already been widened for hurricane evacuation purposes."</p> <p>That's something I was told by another resident, maybe it's true, maybe not. But it still seems like a stretch.</p> <p>None of these reasons sound justifiable. If they're true, they're concerning. If they're not, why are they being circulated at all?</p> <p>I sincerely hope you'll take a step back, look at the actual needs of this area, and see how unnecessary and disruptive this project is. Please reconsider moving forward with it.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and help.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and for attending the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting for Airport Road Widening Project from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road. Your comment will be included in our project record as we work toward the project's 100 Percent Design Plans.</p> <p>Comment: Provided in your email below.</p> <p>Response: The project was identified as being needed by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and included in the MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the MPO's 2045 LRTP. Additionally, on June 12, 2018, the Collier County Board County Commissioners (BCC) approved staff to submit a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for widening Airport Road from Vanderbilt Beach Road to Immokalee Road (BCC Agenda Item 16.A.24). CIGP funds are awarded to the projects which relieve congestion on the State Highway System and are consistent with established plans in the area. By adding capacity to the corridor, Collier County will relieve congestion on both state highway systems, US 41 and I-75. In addition, there will also be a reduced need for road maintenance and a reduction in injuries or fatalities by providing sidewalks for pedestrians/bicyclists and improving overall traffic operations.</p> <p>Regarding I-75, based on a 2019 FDOT Corridor Master Plan, I-75 is anticipated to be deficient at the Immokalee interchange by 2025. As a result, FDOT's I-75 project is in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study phase at this time and is evaluating potential improvements to I-75 from Golden Gate Parkway to Corkscrew Rd. The study's website is at https://www.swflroads.com/project/452544-1. Construction of the I-75 project is anticipated to begin in 2027.</p> <p>We understand residents see delays on a daily basis. Please note the traffic study was completed to meet requirements in the FDOT Design Manual, and it has been posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects.</p> <p>We also understand and share your concern for vehicles speeding along Airport Road in the school zone. This can only be enforced by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has been made aware of speeding along Airport Road and the need for additional enforcement.</p> <p>The project includes safety improvements at intersections and within the school zone to improve signing and pavement markings. The project design is based on a detailed analysis of safety data, crash history, and future traffic projections. Additionally, the project's proposed modifications, including median changes, are intended to reduce vehicle conflict points and improve long-term safety for all users of the roadway. The design includes strategically located U-turn opportunities. These are intended to reduce the need to cross all lanes of traffic at once and to provide safer, more controlled turning paths. These designs have been used successfully for similar roadway corridors across the state to reduce crashes, especially severe angle-type vehicle collisions.</p> <p>Lastly, based on public comments received at the 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting, the project team looked into a traffic signal at Nottingham Drive/Crescent Lake Drive. The project team met with Collier County Public Schools on April 10, 2025, and discussed moving the Pelican Marsh Elementary School traffic signal to the Nottingham /Crescent Lake Drive intersection. Collier County Public Schools cited several reasons this action would not benefit school operations and internal circulation, and rejected the idea. In addition, a new entrance off of Crescent Lake Drive presents adverse traffic issues for that road and community. Even if a signal were installed at Airport Road and Nottingham Drive/Crescent Lake Drive intersection, it would not meet the required spacing separation promulgated by technical guidelines. In the intersection evaluation, the Nottingham Drive community does not generate the traffic volumes that justify a signal installation.</p> <p>A copy of all public comments received at the project's 60 Percent Design Plans Public Information Meeting and responses to comments will be posted on Collier County's website at www.colliercountyfl.gov/transportationprojects within the next couple weeks.</p>