



Ocean Walk and More

THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

For the first time in 20 years, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will undertake a resurface, restore and rehabilitation (RRR) project on A1A. The project is scheduled for A1A in Highland Beach for 2022-2023. This project provides the Town with an ideal opportunity to partner with FDOT to undertake corridor improvements that include stormwater management improvements, utility undergrounding, crosswalk enhancements, entryway signage improvements, and more. It is a once in 20 year opportunity as FDOT will not allow work in the corridor for a period of time once the RRR project is completed. Highland Beach voters will vote on the referendum authorizing funding for the improvements at the March 12, 2019 Municipal General election.

Key Features & Benefits:

- Reduced flooding along A1A
- Improved pedestrian safety
- Internally illuminated crosswalks
- Wider bike lanes to avoid vehicular conflicts
- Storm water system that reduces pollution to environment and waterways
- New Entryway Signage
- Upgraded landscaping, benches, water fountains and other amenities in selected areas next to the sidewalk
- Upgraded Community Appearance
- Underground utilities remove visual clutter, improve safety, better storm resilience and can increase property values

BALLOT QUESTIONS

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Shall the Town be authorized to issue bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$16,550,000, bearing interest rates not exceeding the maximum legal rate, maturing within 30 years from their respective issuance, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and/or other revenues to finance stormwater improvements, including drainage, removal/conversion of ditches, pipes, water quality treatment, a multiuse path, roadway improvements, and landscaped infiltration areas.

OCEAN WALK MULTIUSE CORRIDOR PROJECT

Shall the Town be authorized to issue bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$11,250,000, bearing interest rates not exceeding the maximum legal rate, maturing within 30 years from their respective issuance, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and/or other revenues to finance roadway improvements, complete streets elements, park and recreational improvements, and gateway monuments; such bonds shall be issued only if the stormwater improvements are voter approved.

UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES PROJECT

Shall the Town be authorized to issue bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$17,200,000, bearing interest rates not exceeding the maximum legal rate, maturing within 30 years from their respective issuance, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and/or other revenues to finance undergrounding of electrical, cable, and communications utilities, and street lighting improvements along all public streets in the Town.

How much will the project cost?

Project costs are still being evaluated, and final costs will be determined after the referendum and after approval of the final design plans. The table below estimates the costs to each property owner based on a 30 year bond with a maximum project cost of \$45 million. The maximum may be reduced through value engineering and the acquisition of grants.

Monthly Cost to Property Owners	Taxable Value of \$250,000	Taxable Value of \$500,000	Taxable Value of \$750,000	Taxable Value of \$1,000,000	Taxable Value of \$3,000,000
Stormwater Improvements	\$8.80	\$17.60	\$26.40	\$35.20	\$105.60
Ocean Walk	\$5.98	\$11.96	\$17.94	\$23.93	\$71.79
Underground Utilities	\$9.15	\$18.29	\$27.44	\$36.58	\$109.74
Monthly Total (per household)	\$23.93	\$47.85	\$71.78	\$95.71	\$287.13

Frequently Asked Questions

What is proposed?

The project consists of 3 major components: (1) Stormwater improvements, (2) Ocean Walk Multi Use Corridor improvements, (3) Undergrounding utilities. Each project component is presented for voter approval within 3 separate ballot questions. (Refer to other side)

What is included within the stormwater management improvement component of the project?

Stormwater improvements would be engineered to handle a 25-year storm event and projected sea level rise and king tides. The improvements would address flooding within the A1A corridor. The exfiltration system will collect, treat, infiltrate and discharge clean stormwater runoff to the Intercoastal Waterway. This category of work also includes the construction of a pervious concrete sidewalk on the west side of A1A.

What is included within the Ocean Walk and More component of the project?

Ocean Walk and More improvements are corridor enhancements including small pocket parks, enhanced landscaping, illuminated crosswalk improvements, updated entry signage, turtle friendly corridor lighting, widened bike lanes, water station for pedestrians and dogs, and other similar improvements.

What is included within the Underground utilities component of the project?

Underground utilities placement would be within public rights-of-way within the Town utilizing HDPE pipe. The cost estimate includes underground placement of all utilities (FPL, Comcast and AT&T) for the entire Town.

Has the plan been determined?

The final plan consisting of a comprehensive list of modern and upgraded corridor improvements will be developed between the Town Commission, the Town's Planning Board and the residents of Highland Beach. The process will be facilitated by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and its consultants. The final plan and budget (not to exceed the funding authorization) will be determined after the referendum vote by the Town Commission.

What is the proposed timeline?

The project is currently in the conceptual design phase. Following the outcome of the March 12th 2019 Municipal election, the project would move into the design engineering phase that would be followed by construction of the project components. It is anticipated that the project will be constructed in 3 phases. Phase ONE: Completion of Stormwater Improvements and Ocean-Walk Improvements. Phase TWO: Completion of utility undergrounding improvements (Florida Power & Light (FPL)/Comcast/AT&T) and Street Lighting. Phase THREE: Roadway Improvements to be installed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in its "RRR" (Roadway, Resurfacing & Rehabilitation) project.

Are there other funding sources available?

Yes, the Town will aggressively pursue any and all grant funding from other governmental agencies, private contributions and any additional funding FDOT may towards the project.

What are pocket parks?

Pocket parks are small pedestrian resting facilities including facing L shaped benches, trash receptacles, water stations for pedestrians and dogs, and enhanced landscaping, with no parking spaces. All will be located within in the right of way and not on private property. This will provide opportunities for social interactions, resting and enhance the visual beauty of the town.

What are the effects the project may have on property owners landscaping?

Landscaping that exists within the public road right of way may be modified by the project. Some relocation and replacement may be necessary for the construction of the storm water improvements but will be retained or relocated to the greatest extent possible.



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