

Wabasso Corridor Plan Update

Comments from the 1st Wabasso Corridor Plan Update Meeting

Dasie Hope Center 6:00 p.m. on 8/2/2016

Verbal Comments received at the meeting:

Problems

1. Road Maintenance (84th Place, west side is not maintained: how can it not be a public road if it has a street sign?)
2. Postal Address (8450 62nd Avenue) "Vero Beach": problems getting deliveries
3. Representation/Communication (owners/residents)
4. Lying - Misrepresentation – Lack of Communication
5. Drainage, a master drainage evaluation/plan is needed
6. Drainage poor in Lowes Park Subdivision and 64th Avenue

Issues

7. Tower near park – Revenue from property – who benefits (located in Sebastian, next to Wabasso)
8. Coordination with City of Sebastian, better tower site maintenance needed? Wabasso cemetery maintenance?
9. U.S. 1/CR 510 roadway construction limits and timeframe, impact on business, traffic management
10. Community identification, Winter Beach sign moved north on U.S. 1 and Sebastian sign moved south – Preserve Wabasso identity
11. Zoning change from limited commercial to heavy commercial approved despite some residents desires – Heavy Commercial restriction
12. Concerns over transition between road projects (coordinating state and county projects)
13. Will corridor criteria limit commercial development in Wabasso? Are they too stringent or too costly?
14. Historical resources impacts: will changes to plan have an effect?
15. Right-of-Way acquisition for 510: will compensation pay to replace a home – make residents whole?
16. Notify all interested parties, create a new Wabasso Corridor Plan Committee (at least half of the members be native/full time residents)
17. Stakeholders? Who are the community members?
18. New affordable residential development needed
19. Focus improvements in Western portion of corridor ("West Wabasso") – so far left behind
20. Tradeoffs for improvements/takings/cost of improvements (who pays for beautification?)
21. Wabasso due for improvements
22. Why are improvements grant-dependent?
23. Vero Beach and Sebastian look much better (spend tax money in Wabasso)
24. Improve communication
25. businesses need support to beautify the area

Opportunities

26. Developers can coordinate with the community about their projects (provide community benefits?)
27. Apply corridor plan requirements to roads/public projects/ROW
28. Additional communications on upcoming projects, private and public
29. Naming areas, subareas by residents (probably use old family names?)
30. Rename the street (from current name of CR 510) to give it an identity (“Gateway to the Causeway” as an example of something different)
31. Additional protections for historical buildings/resources may be needed. Will they be protected for CR 510 expansion project? Redevelopment?
32. Make the plan more current and up-to-date
33. Help for affordable/low income housing
34. Better define the Wabasso boundary (road signs)
35. Additional funding for CR 510 upgrades (federal, state, local), especially west of US 1
36. Work better together
37. Alternative transportation options, bicycle and pedestrian improvements
38. Historic preservation on CR 510 and U.S. #1

Doing Well Now

39. Corridor Committee did a good job (maybe “illegal” in its current composition?)
40. Corridor Plan has worked well (appearance of projects), may need updating
41. Monument signs (Corridor plan sign requirements) are good
42. Landscape (Corridor plan landscaping requirements) are good

Written Comment Received at the Meeting:

43. Need to communicate the Wabasso Corridor road construction start and finish dates as well as beginning and ending location

Written Comments Received after 8/15/16

44. Is U.S. #1 widening justified?
45. If U.S. #1 widening is certain, then 79th Street turn lanes should be improved
46. Effect of U.S. #1 widening on environmentally sensitive lands and wildlife?

Summary:

Comments received from community at Meeting #1: 43

Post-meeting comments received by staff: 3

Total Comments: 46

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