

US 17 – COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Area: City of Punta Gorda
Location: Along E Marion Ave. and E Olympia Ave from Cooper St. to Cross St. (US 41 NB)
Category: Public Safety

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure; Quality of Life

Need:

Improve safety for all roadway users with a special focus on pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Additional roadway enhancements will provide gateway to downtown and provide a more attractive environment for businesses and residents.

Purpose:

Project implements the City of Punta Gorda and the Florida Department of Transportation Complete Streets policies by providing safe routes for pedestrians and bicycles.

Objective:

To providing sidewalks, street lighting, bicycle lanes, intersection treatments and enhanced crosswalks.

Project Cost Prior Funding: \$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$3,019,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax: \$519,000 – Tier I
Annual Operating Cost: \$5,000

Will the project impact public health and safety?
If so, how?

Yes, enhance/improve public safety by adding pedestrian and bicycle facilities; adding LED lighting; sidewalk and intersection enhancements

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, safe transportation for pedestrians and bicyclist have a positive impact on economic development

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Yes, new O&M cost will be incurred for sidewalk and lighting maintenance

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes, the majority of funds for this project are anticipated through grants from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Sales tax funds will serve as a match for these grant funds

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

Yes, project will provide a connection to the City's Punta Gorda Pathways system

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Yes, joint project between Public Works, Urban Design, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Florida

Department of Transportation (FDOT) has a project development and environmental (PD&E) study scheduled in 2024-2025; design and construction are anticipated to be funded by FDOT in future program years

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

Yes, will provide safe transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling into the City

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, this project is included in the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element; Park and Recreation Master Plan; Master Plan; and MPO's long range plan

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda? If so, How?

No

Will the project improve quality of life in the City of Punta Gorda?

Yes, by providing safer traffic operations, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No