

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Input from local residents and business owners is welcomed and needed as the project continues into the Design Phase. The project hotline to field your questions and comments is still available. In addition, the project team has met and is scheduling additional meetings with homeowner and neighborhood associations located near the project corridor and will continue to be available to speak with you and your neighbors upon request. Additional community-wide public meetings are planned in the later stage of the design plan preparation and prior to beginning of any project phase construction.



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Issue 2

## BACKGROUND

Engineering efforts are continuing on an extension of Mission Road (Pine Hills Road) between Conroy Road and Old Winter Garden Road.

Kirkman Road, which serves as a main arterial highway in west Orlando, continues to become more congested and cut-through traffic in surrounding neighborhoods is also a major concern. The extension of Mission Road (Pine Hills Road) provides an alternative route for commuting traffic and provides an alternative to both Kirkman Road and John Young Parkway, while

reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic. This project is included in the METROPLAN Orlando Long Range Transportation Plan. The Long Range Transportation Plan is the 20 year vision for the region. The current plan guides transportation development through the year 2025.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of a new 4-lane divided roadway connecting Mission Road north of Conroy Road to Pine Hills Road at Old Winter Garden Road.

Included with this project is an extension of Metrowest Boulevard east to the new roadway extension. A parallel multi-use (bicycles and

pedestrians) facility will be constructed to provide a link between the proposed Shingle Creek and Pine Hills trails.

## PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

The Preliminary Engineering Report has been completed for the extension of Mission Road (Pine Hills Road) between Conroy Road and Old Winter Garden Road and is available for the public to review at the following locations:



By 2030, the annual average daily traffic is projected to be 44,500 vehicles per day on Vineland Road.

- Dr. James R. Smith Neighborhood Center located at 1723 Bruton Blvd., Orlando, Florida
- Washington Park Branch Public Library located at 5151 Raleigh St., Orlando, Florida
- City of Orlando City Hall (8th Floor Reception Area) located at 400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida
- Also available to review online at <http://www.cityoforlando.net/planning/Transportation/MISSION.htm>

Based on the results of the Preliminary Engineering Report the design team has selected the Eastern Alignment Option as the Preferred Alignment for this project, for which final construction plans will be developed.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will traffic signals be installed along the new road?

The City of Orlando is investigating existing and future intersections along the proposed Mission Road extension. Additional traffic signals are planned at L.B. McLeod Road, the proposed extension of Metrowest Boulevard and Raleigh Street. Intersection improvements at the Conroy Road/Mission Road and Pine Hills Road/Old Winter Garden Road intersections are also planned for this project. Plans for a traffic signal at Mission Road and Conroy Road are also moving forward sooner as a separate project

### What safety measures will be implemented to protect children on their way to school?

The Mission Road (Pine Hills Road) extension will have lighting and a 12-foot separated multi-use trail along the west side of the roadway for less experienced bicyclists and pedestrians. A five-foot concrete sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of the roadway. Signalized pedestrian crossings will be provided at Conroy Road, LB McLeod Road, Raleigh Street, Old Winter Garden Road and Metrowest Boulevard intersections. The city also coordinates with Orange County Public Schools in regards to "Safe Routes to Schools."

### My backyard is adjacent to the new road; will a noise wall be constructed?

A noise study performed by the design team indicated there were no significant noise impacts to the community from the roadway, as defined by established Federal Highway Administration criteria. Therefore, noise barriers are not warranted along the proposed roadway. However, buffering of nearby residences from the roadway using landscaping will be included as part of the project. Buffering options and the final decision(s) on this issue will be made prior to final design with further input from the neighborhoods along the project corridor.

### Will the new roadway cause flooding problems in my neighborhood?

A full drainage study including floodplain impacts is being performed as part of the design and all stormwater runoff will be treated and stored in stormwater management ponds along

the roadway. This stormwater design will be reviewed and approved by the South Florida Water Management District to assure there will be no adverse impacts to the floodplain or the surrounding neighborhoods.

### What will the new road look like; will there be landscaping, fencing or traffic calming devices?

The proposed Mission Road/Pine Hills Road extension will be a four-lane divided curb and gutter facility, with a grassed median separating two-lanes per direction. This facility will have lighting and a 12-foot separated multi-use path along the west side of the roadway for use of bicyclists and pedestrians, and a five-foot sidewalk along the east side. The City of Orlando is investigating buffering and landscaping along the proposed Mission Road. Additionally, landscaping opportunities at stormwater retention ponds and community "gateways" are being studied. Stormwater retention ponds will be fenced per current design standards. Overhead utility power lines will be accommodated within or adjacent to this proposed roadway right of way.

### What will be the speed of the new roadway?

The proposed Mission Road/Pine Hills Road extension will have a design speed varying from 45 mph to 40 mph. Therefore the posted speed is anticipated to vary from 40 mph to 35 mph.

### Where will the new road connect with existing streets?

Access to and from the new roadway will be provided at 36th Street, L.B. McLeod Road, the future extension of Metrowest Boulevard, Raleigh Street, College Drive, Carter Street, the new Venetian Gardens Development, Mission Road, Klondike Road, Nome Drive and Old Winter Garden Road. A final decision regarding additional access to neighborhood streets will be made during the final design phase of the project based on input from individual neighborhoods.

## FAQ'S CON'T.

### Will the new roadway result in more cut through traffic problems?

The City of Orlando will work with you and your neighbors to develop a solution that addresses both community concerns and the need for an improved regional transportation network. Traffic studies for the project show that there will be a reduction in traffic on many neighborhood and connector local roadways as a result of the project.

### Will any homes be removed as part of this project?

There will be homes acquired for this project in "Little Egypt Area", which is the section of the project generally located from north of Carter Street to Old Winter Garden Road.

### What about detours? Will Orange County or the City reroute traffic off the main roads?

During construction, access to all residences and businesses will be maintained, and details of the maintenance of traffic scheme will be developed during the final design phase of the project.

### Did this project take other roadway improvements into account?

This project has been designed in accordance with all long range transportation plans approved by the City of Orlando and Orange County.

### Are any improvements planned for Old Winter Garden Road?

There are no plans to improve Old Winter Garden Road at this time. However, signal improvements at the Pine Hills Road intersection will be required and are a part of this project.



## SCHEDULE AND PHASING

The engineering and design will continue through 2009. The construction of this project will be completed in segments and is estimated to begin mid 2009, based on the availability of funding. Phase One will consist of building Mission Road as a four lane roadway between Conroy Road and Metrowest Boulevard and a two-lane extension of Metrowest Boulevard (Segments One, Two & Three).