

Agenda Item #: 6-H-3

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 13, 2011 { } Consent {X} Regular  
 { } Workshop { } Public Hearing

Department:  
 Submitted By: Engineering & Public Works  
 Submitted For: Engineering Services Division

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to: A) open** the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) program for the Fargo Avenue and El Paso Drive/Pancho Way/Pinto Drive (east end only) road improvement projects; and **B) provide** interim courtesy maintenance upon receipt (at no cost) of any needed right of way; and **C) authorize** modification of the MSTU ordinance to allow a percentage up to 100% of project costs to be assessed for these two projects; and **D) propose** assessments equal to 50% of the projects cost, with the exception of any road adjacent to a canal, where the historical MSTU percentage calculation shall be used when adjacent to a canal; and **E) provide** the most cost effective paved surface for these roads, which may or may not involve installing drainage to meet current County standards; and **F) direct** staff to immediately proceed to hire a consultant to design the projects; and **G) direct** staff to proceed with the MSTU process, finishing the design and bidding the projects, followed by a public hearing to establish the maximum dollar assessments for each project.

**SUMMARY:** The above roads are in the Ranchettes and are located west of the Florida Turnpike and north of Lake Worth Road. Accepting Fargo from El Paso to Arrowhead into the MSTU program would allow the County to begin maintenance of the shell rock road as it exists today in a public right of way. Staff estimates that an initial cost of \$38,000 would be required to bring the road to County standards for shell rock roads. Annual maintenance costs would be approximately \$7,800. Staff will be determining the most cost effective option to pave the road and will then inform the Board of the recommended construction option when it brings the MSTU assessment roll for Board adoption. The other three roads (El Paso, Pancho and the east end of Pinto) have recently been privately treated with crushed asphalt to improve the rideability and lessen maintenance, with the work paid for by some of the residents. These three road rights of way are still owned by the original developer. In the past, he has dedicated rights of way, at no cost, to the County upon request. Staff recommends that the County accept maintenance when the rights of way are obtained. Staff would recommend that, at a minimum, the proposed improvement include a new surface on the three roads, along with guardrails along El Paso. Again, the existing drainage may not be changed with the installation of the new paved surface. County MSTU funds would be used for up-front money for the projects, and will provide the funding required for the construction costs over assessment receipts. District 6 (MRE)

**Background and Policy Issues:** Fargo is a privately maintained public road that carries thru traffic from County roads that ideally would have been included in a prior neighborhood assessment project. (continued on page 3)

- Attachments:**  
 1. Location Sketch

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Director Date  
 Approved By: S. J. Webb 9/6/11  
 County Engineer Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Capital Expenditures	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>*</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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POSITIONS (Cumulative)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Is Item Included In Current Budget?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget Account No.:**

Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

\* The fiscal impact of this item is indeterminable at this time.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:                     @rollhite                    

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

<u>                    [Signature]                    </u> OFMB <i>sw 9/7/11 9/7/11 cc</i>	<u>                    [Signature]                    </u> Contract Dev. and Control <i>9/9/11</i>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

                    [Signature]                          *9/9/11*  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

## **Background and Policy Issues (continued from page 1)**

The Board has asked staff to propose a solution that would result in County maintenance and an ultimate road improvement.

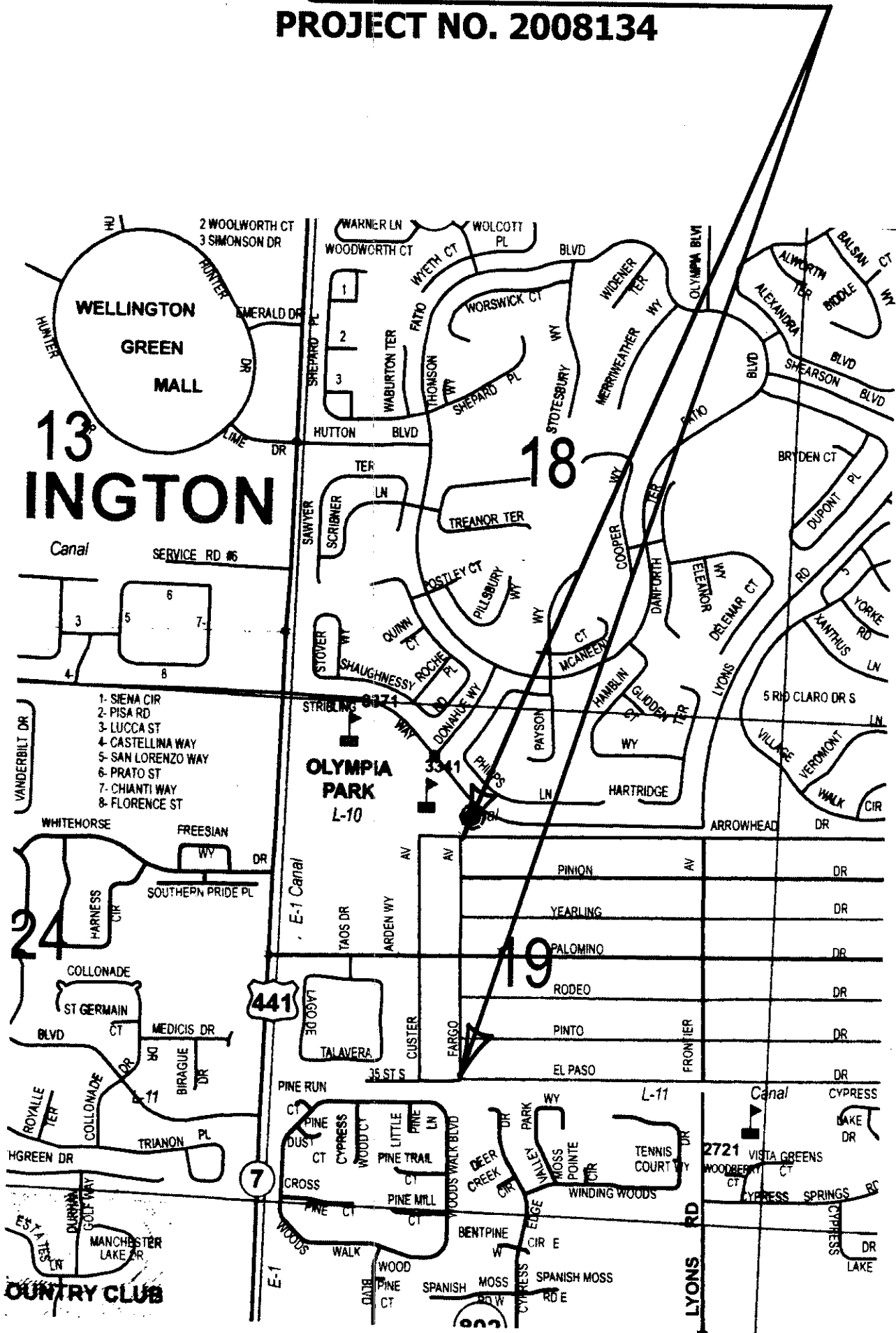
The estimated initial cost is \$38,000, for filling in and raising the existing shell rock, and an annual maintenance cost for grading and culvert cleaning is expected to be approximately \$7,800. There is a marginal drainage system so it will need a higher level of maintenance than is normal.

Ultimately, one option is to build Fargo Avenue up with shell rock to make it high enough to keep storm water off with an asphalt layer to provide a harder driving surface. The cost of this work is estimated to be \$144,000. This option simplifies implementation requirements and reduces annual maintenance costs, but results in a shorter term fix (less than 8 years) before repair/substantial maintenance is required, and doesn't completely address any current or future drainage issues.

If drainage is to be more fully addressed, another option would be to construct a swale section (similar to recent construction in the neighborhood) and a new drainage system to get the water to canals on the north and south side of the neighborhood. This is a more expensive option, but it will result in addressing perceived/actual drainage problems.

For El Paso/Pancho/Pinto, these Ranchette residents have also sought County maintenance and previously submitted petitions under our MSTU program, and it is fair to treat them similarly to Fargo by allowing them to potentially participate in the MSTU when the design and bidding processes have been completed.

# PROJECT LOCATION FARGO AVENUE PROJECT NO. 2008134



**LOCATION SKETCH**