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Commission awards three construction contracts totaling \$1.6 million

The Sarasota County Commission Tuesday approved construction contracts for the replacement of the Lockwood Ridge Road Bridge, the resurfacing of Cattlemen Road, and new restrooms and a pavilion at the Fruitville Road Park. The three contracts totaled \$1,607,769.

The commission also approved an addendum to an existing contract with Palmer Ranch Holdings Ltd. and McCann Holdings Ltd. to include the construction of the Honore Avenue Phase VI project, which covers the northern 1.16-mile segment of the Honore Avenue-Pinebrook Extension just south of State Road 681. The project calls for a two-lane arterial roadway with closed drainage within the four-lane right of way. Construction is expected to begin by March 30 and be completed by the end of 2010. Also approved was a contract amendment with Wilbur Smith Associates in the amount of \$262,267 for redesign of the remaining portion of the Honore Avenue Pinebrook Extension (Phase VII) as a two-lane roadway. Funding for the construction of Phase VI and redesign of Phase VII is primarily through the penny surtax (1-cent) sales tax.

Awarded were:

- A \$624,651 contract with Lovin Construction Inc. of Bradenton for replacement of the Lockwood Ridge Road Bridge over Bermuda Brook. The existing bridge is structurally deficient and obsolete. The replacement bridge will have 12-foot travel lanes, 4-foot bike lanes on each side and connect with existing sidewalk on the east side of the bridge. The project also includes reconstruction of the roadway approaches and relocation of a 12-inch force main and drainage system. Lockwood Ridge Road is expected to be closed at the bridge for 90 days during construction. Project duration is estimated at 120 days. Funding is from the penny surtax and through utility rates under the Lift Station Rehabilitation Program.
- A \$666,087 contract with APAC-Southeast Inc. of Sarasota for the resurfacing of approximately one mile of Cattlemen Road from north of Bahia Vista Street to south of Fruitville Road. Also included are the replacement of traffic loops at the intersection of Cattlemen Road and Palmer Boulevard with cameras in all four directions, new signage and sidewalk improvements to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Construction is scheduled to begin in late January and be completed in April. Funding is provided through a Florida

Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) grant funded by the American Recovery and Investment Act and a short-term commercial borrow to be repaid by penny surtax revenues.

- A \$317,031 contract with D.E. Murphy Constructors Inc. of Sarasota for the construction of restrooms and a pavilion at Fruitville Park, located at the corner of Richardson Road and Richardson Way in north Sarasota. Built 28 years ago, the current facility includes only two restrooms in a 660-square-foot area served by a septic system. The new facility will include four designated restrooms – two for men and two for women – a family-style restroom, a multipurpose space and an open pavilion in a 2,600-square-foot structure. The new facility also will be connected to the central wastewater system. Although the new structure will not be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, “green building” criteria has been integrated into the design to reduce operations and maintenance and the overall carbon footprint of the facility. The existing structure will remain until the facility is built. Funding is available through surtax revenue bonds to be repaid with infrastructure surtax money, and the North Park Construction Fund.

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