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## Board approves \$31.2 million in capital improvement contracts

The Sarasota County Commission today approved contracts totaling \$31.2 million for the design or construction of 14 infrastructure projects across the county. Among the biggest contracts are two road projects, Honore Avenue Phase 2 and Fruitville Road Phase 1. Other major contracts included replacement of the Dona and Roberts Bay bridge trestles and construction of Fire Station 1 in downtown Sarasota.

The four largest contracts awarded Tuesday were:

**Honore Avenue Phase 2 improvements:** A \$14.24 million design-build contract to improve Honore Avenue from Bee Ridge Road to Fruitville Road will make this section into a 2.7-mile, two-lane divided road. Designed to protect the neighborhood character and feature sustainable, environmentally friendly features, the project includes the addition of medians, roundabouts, meandering sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, drainage improvements, Florida-friendly landscaping, bio-swales and rain gardens to treat stormwater runoff and decorative streetlights in the medians. This project is part of the Sarasota County Economic Stimulus Program (ESP) of fast-track, capital-improvement projects funded largely through the penny surtax (1-cent) sales tax. APAC-Southeast Inc. of Sarasota is the contractor. The project is expected to be completed within 21 months.

**Fruitville Road Phase 1 improvements:** This \$4.35 million contract with Russell Engineering Inc. of Bradenton involves the widening and reconstruction of a ¾-mile section of roadway from two to four lanes from Debrecen Road to east of Tatum Road, on the east side of Interstate 75. The ESP project also includes closed drainage, bicycle lanes, streetlights, sidewalks, a water main and intersection improvements. The project is expected to take eight months.

**Replacement of Dona Bay and Roberts Bay bridge trestles:** Construction of the trestles over Dona Bay and Roberts Bay will complete The Legacy Trail. The \$3.14 million contract was awarded to Misener Marine Construction Inc. of Tampa. The project is expected to be complete in one year.

**Replacement of Fire Station 1 and Refueling Station:** Construction of the replacement facility, located at 1445 4<sup>th</sup> St. in downtown Sarasota, will be a one-story, 13,054-square-foot facility with four bays. The \$3.11 million project includes

improvements to the on-site refueling station, and is expected to be completed in June 2010. The contractor is DeAngelis Diamond Construction Inc. of Naples.

Three contracts were awarded for the Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program (PCSSRP). The largest – at \$1.36 million – went to Giffels-Webster Engineers Inc. of Englewood for the design of a vacuum sewer for the PCSSRP's Area O and portions of Area P, which will provide central sewers to approximately 1,200 properties. E.T. MacKenzie of Florida Inc. was awarded a nearly \$769,700 contract for the construction of a vacuum collection system in Area N, Swift Road, Phase 1A. The third PCSSRP contract – for \$637,500 – went to Giffels-Webster Engineers Inc. for construction services in Area D of the PCSSRP.

Other infrastructure-related contracts awarded Tuesday were for:

- Construction of a regional water main interconnect at State Road 681; Stately Contractors Inc., \$1.36 million
- Construction engineering inspection services for the Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility Expansion Phase 3; Stanley Consultants Inc., \$1.46 million
- Construction of the T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Memorial Reserve, Well No. 59 modification; Hausinger and Associates Inc., \$97,986
- Design of sediment management services for the Lemon Bay watershed, an ESP project; Progressive Water Resources, \$287,852
- Design of sediment management services for the Roberts Bay watershed, an ESP project; Progressive Water Resources, \$271,597
- Additional professional engineering services for the North Sarasota Neighborhood Enhancement, an ESP project; Stantec Consulting Services Inc., \$17,666
- Engineering design and consulting services for the Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Bus Stop Sidewalk Enhancement Project; Stanley Consultants Inc., \$90,629

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