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## **Sarasota County Commission approves nearly \$8.2 million in construction contracts**

The Sarasota County Commission Tuesday awarded contracts totaling \$8,167,744 for construction of a roundabout in Venice, replacement of the Raymond Road Bridge and a vacuum pump station and collection system for the Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program (PCSSRP).

Among Capital Management Services contracts awarded were:

- Construction of a roundabout at Jacaranda Boulevard and Venice Avenue in Venice. The \$3,260,220 contract was awarded to Gator Grading and Paving LLC in Palmetto. The roundabout will have two lanes initially, but will be built for conversion to a three-lane facility if needed to handle traffic volume. Construction is expected to start in June and take nine months to complete. Funding for the roadway portion is provided by gas taxes, county road impact fees and developer contributions. Funding of the utility portion is available through rates.
- Replacement of the Raymond Road Bridge. The existing single-lane bridge will be replaced with two 11-foot-wide travel lanes. The \$739,859 was awarded to Frederick Derr & Company Inc. of Sarasota. Construction will start in May and take nine months to complete. As part of the Sarasota County Economic Stimulus Program of fast-track, capital-improvement projects, funding will be provided by the voter-approved penny surtax (1-cent sales tax).
- Construction of a vacuum pump station and collection system for Area N, Phase 1, and Area D, Phase 3, of the Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program. When the project is complete, central sewer service will be provided to nearly 700 properties. Water lines also will be installed to serve about 60 properties that do not have central water service. The project area for Area N, Phase 1, is south of Bee Ridge Road, north of Proctor Road, west of Swift Road and east of Phillippi Creek. Area D, Phase 3, consists of two small areas directly abutting Phillippi Creek off River Ridge Drive and Mineola Way. The \$4,158,935 contract was awarded to Forsberg Construction Inc. in Punta Gorda. Construction is expected to begin in late May with an estimated completion date in August 2011. Funding is provided by the penny surtax.

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