

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Nancy Bunt, Assistant County Administrator

FROM: Addie Javed, PhD, PE, CFM, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Options for Paving of 32nd Avenue in Gifford Neighborhood

DATE: March 25, 2025

BACKGROUND

The Board recently directed staff to explore paving options for 32nd Avenue north of 43rd Street and present the findings for further review and guidance. Staff evaluated three conceptual options for paving and ancillary drainage improvements along the corridor. A key consideration was addressing the utility manhole that currently protrudes in the middle of the accessway near the intersection of 43rd Place and 32nd Avenue.

Proposed Options:

Option 1: Paving of 43rd Place between 33rd Avenue and 32nd Avenue with a hammerhead turnaround to bypass the utility manhole on 32nd Avenue.

- **Estimated Cost:** \$312K

Option 2: Paving of 32nd Avenue from north of 43rd Street to 44th Street, connecting to 31st Avenue, along with paving 43rd Place between 33rd Avenue and 32nd Avenue.

- **Estimated Cost:** \$1M

Option 3: Includes all improvements in Option 2 with additional drainage enhancements. This may involve swales or curb and gutter installations, piping, 33rd Avenue drainage improvements, utility coordination, a small stormwater pond, and connections to IRFWCD with necessary permitting from SJRWMD and IRFWCD.

- **Estimated Cost:** \$2.5M

Right-of-Way Considerations:

For Options 2 and 3: Paving 32nd Avenue requires land acquisition, involving a proposed 30-foot right-of-way. This would impact a combination of 10 properties and vacant lots.

For 43rd Place: The proposed improvements fall within the existing 30-foot County right-of-way.

Community Engagement:

In alignment with the goals of the **Gifford Neighborhood Plan (GNP)**, staff collaborated with the **Progressive Civic League of Gifford (PCLG)**, residents, and key stakeholders to review the

identified options and gather input.

FUNDING

Funding and budget appropriations will be programmed based on the Board's direction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners review the presented options and provide guidance on the preferred approach for paving 32nd Avenue in the Gifford Neighborhood.