Project to be funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Extension if passed by the voters of Charlotte County

# **Toledo Blade Widening**

Tier 2

### **Transportation/Infrastructure**

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Area: Mid Location: U.S. 41 to S.R. 776 through Murdock Village

#### Need:

To extend a critical north central county roadway network to I-75.

#### **Purpose:**

Improve access along the roadway corridor.

#### **Objectives:**

Enhance traffic flow and volume to serve residential and commercial traffic through Murdock Village. Widening will also improve the roadway to facilitate and improve hurricane evacuation route to I-75.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	\$60,000
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$2,700,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$2,640,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$5,000

Will the project impact public health and safety? Road widening will enhance traffic flow and operations.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? Widening of Toledo Blade will avail itself to developers investing in Murdock Village due to existing segment of Toledo Blade north of U.S. 41 being a 4-lane divided roadway through North Port to I-75. Commercial exposure due to this direct connection.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs? Minor O&M costs would be incurred.

- Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity? Sales tax may provide a means to secure cost-sharing funds from FDOT.
- Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension? No.
- Is this a joint project with another entity? FDOT
- Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities? No.
- Is the project included Master Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan?
  - Improvement of this roadway is identified in both the Murdock Village Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.
- Will the project impact environmental quality of the County? No impact.

#### Percentage of population served

It is anticipated the project could at least serve 25% of the population.

## Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Minor/indirect improvements due to enhanced traffic circulation.

#### Is the project state or federally mandated?

Project is neither state or federally mandated.

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