

Carpenter, Katherine

From: gloria woodrow <gloriawoodrow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Meadow Wood Dr - Pinellas Trail

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Mr. Eggers,

I have been a resident of Chateaux Woods, living at 3391 Thalia Ct. since 10/2005.

Before you make a final decision, Please **WALK** west on Meadow Wood Dr. from Countryside Blvd. There are a few residents whose units are only feet from the existing sidewalk. Most residents living in this complex are elderly in their late 70's-80's and afraid. Most impacted is 3382 Thalia (who has an original single back glass door exit) and 3386 Thalia (who blocked up their back exit many yrs. ago, allowing only one exit out!) It is not safe.

Thru all the meetings owners attended and correspondence we rec'd from our president, Ruth Strum, residents were assured the trail would go south on Countryside then west on Northside. Yesterday we hear this may not be true. If this planned trail runs down Meadow Wood, it will severely affect the whole neighborhood property values as well.

From the meetings I attended last year and early this year, I surmised that none of our complex residents are against the trail. It's a great thing, but would you want bikes and runners 4 Ft. away from your dining table?? There is no wall or obstruction.

Sincerely,
Gloria Woodrow
727-421-6154

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Fran Minissale <franminissale1955@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 6:32 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Meadow Wood/Pinellas Trail

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Please reconsider bringing the Trail down Meadow Wood and choose another option. We all bought in this charming little community for the beauty of its peace and quiet. This will surely ruin the ambience of Chateaux Woods. It is not fair that people will have this trail in their backyard a few feet from their windows. Just terrible...

Fran Minissale
2800 Delachaise Court
Clearwater FL 33761

Sent from my iPad

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Paul Tillotson <judg69@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: NO to Meadowwood on trail.

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Meadowwood is a NO on the trail, PERIOD!! Sincerely, Paul Tillotson, 3406 Thalia Ct, Clearwater, FL 33761. (Chateaux Woods)

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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Joan Williams <jwmemma@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: North Loop bike Trail

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Att: Commissioner Eggers, I am a board member of Chateaux Woods I was one of the residents attending meetings on the north loop bike trail We understood that the trail was going down Northside instead of Meadow Wood We discussed issues on Meadow Wood especially our condos backing right up to trail (Their backyards) Also our back entrance in our complex comes out to Meadow Wood which is used by many residents each day It would be a problem getting in & out for residents & bikers There are also many school buses that stop right here each day (meadow wood & countryside) We discussed many of these issues at meetings At the Commissioners Meeting in June It was brought up that Northside would be a better route not any problem with homes coming down Northside/power lines to Countryside Commissioners discussed this solution after hearing speakers A vote was taken and we understood the route was to be changed to Northside Now we hear different Please help us out Thank You for your time Joan Williams

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Mark Switzer <mswitzer68@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Mark Switzer
Subject: North Loop Gap route for Pinellas Trail

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I was very dismayed to see construction work taking place on Countryside Blvd. near Meadow Woodood and then finding out according to the "Trail Connection Modification Update" located on the Pinellas Trail Loop North Gap website that "A decision on the trail alignment update is expected to be made in 2020."

I thought the Commissioners **voted to accept an alternative plan to utilize Northside Drive on June 20,2019. WHAT IS GOING ON????**

Why is Meadow Wood again a possibility for this Pinellas Trail route? An answer would be greatly appreciated.

Dr. Mark Switzer
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mswitzer68@gmail.com

Carpenter, Katherine

From: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Northern Loop, Pinellas Trail

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Dear Mr. Eggers,

My name is Dick Holt and we have conversed previously via E-mail and at the June Commissioners public meeting where, with your understanding of a glaring problem and conveying your thoughts and reasoning to the other Commissioners, they agreed and voted affirmatively to vacate plans to run a segment of the trail through Meadow Wood Drive and utilize Northside Drive instead. I personally thanked you for your assistance in this matter and expressed my gratitude on behalf of the 139 families that reside in Chateaux Woods, in which a portion of that property lies adjacent to meadow Wood Drive. Now I have been informed that the section between Meadow Wood and Northside is in question and undecided. This comes as quite a shock as I thought this had been voted on and approved.

I have a daughter who teaches special needs kids at Countryside High School. She resides in a Condo that sits directly on the corner of Masters Drive North and Meadow Wood Drive. She also has two special needs children, both falling into the Autistic spectrum. She has expressed her thoughts and fear of a trail within 15' of her door in public, at one of the County presentation Q & A sessions at Countryside library. Her children have adapted to their present neighborhood nicely and both she and the children feel safe. As you know, Autistic kids have a tendency to be socially awkward and prone to possible untoward actions by evil doers and we are seriously concerned for their safety if the public trail is in such close proximity to her home.

Mr. Eggers, I served as Chateaux Woods President of the Board for 11 years and on behalf of my daughter and the 139 families that reside in Chateaux Woods, I sincerely ask that the Board keep with their decision last year to vacate the proposed Meadow Wood section and direct the trail via the Northside section.

Very respectfully,

Dick Holt
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Clearwater, Fl. 33761
727 786 8505

Carpenter, Katherine

From: form_engine@fs30.formsite.com on behalf of kelknight84 at gmail.com
<form_engine@fs30.formsite.com>
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To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18018757

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Commissioner Dave Eggers - District 4 (2020 Vice Chair)
Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5
Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6
Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7
County Administrator

Subject North Pinellas Trail Extension

Message Thank you for your leadership during this trying time. As we pull through the other end it's time to continue improving our community. The best way is to provide outdoor recreation activities that are safe and benefit all. The North gap continues to be pushed back and should have been complete or nearing completion around this time. We have incredible support for this project reference our petition in favor <http://chnng.it/WPvcrcfdR>. Thank you for taking the time to finish this long awaited project and take credit for completing this amazing trail that will connect communities and parks, allow us to view our beautiful county, and give us needed recreation and exercise space. Thank you for your time.

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From: strumra@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Piinellas Trail/North Loop Route

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am very concerned to see construction work taking place on Countryside Boulevard near Meadow Wood and then learning from the October 14 Pinellas Trail website "Trail Connection Modification Update" that "a decision on the trail alignment is expected to be made in 2020."

I attended the meeting where the Commissioners voted to change the trail route from Meadow Wood to Northside Drive. In fact, I remember you saying to Mr. Lim that you didn't understand why Meadow Wood had been considered at all. Several other Commissioners agreeing with you. I'm really perplexed! What has happened in the interim to change your mind?

Why is Meadow Wood again a possibility for the Pinellas Trail North Loop Route? Nothing has changed here!!! Extremely disappointed!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ruth Strum, President
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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Scott <contact.scott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave
Cc: Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Pinellas County's December 10th Virtual Meeting Letter
Attachments: Virtual Meeting Letter.pdf

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Good evening/morning Pinellas County Commissioners -

We are finally here...the day of the last community meeting, albeit a virtual meeting, before decisions are made that will impact the Countryside region of Clearwater forever. It is the virtual meeting letter (see attached) that was issued to the Countryside homeowners a month ago that is very offensive. Not in it's language, but in it's interested omission of important details. I am not sure who was in charge of writing the attached letter, but I compare it's importance to the explanation that is printed next to each proposed amendment on voter's ballots. With all do respect, the intended verbage in the letter insinuating that Alignment A presents no safety concerns, but Alignment B does is as close to an example of misrepresentation in an attempt to persuade the local residents as I've ever seen. The additional safety concerns with Alignment A extend well beyond those of Alignment B, but the letter completes "sells" the opposite as the message. Since the safety concerns of Alignment A having to pass four extra "through streets" which all have traffic of at least 30 mph or greater easily make Alignment A much more dangerous and unsafe, yet the letter that has been in residents heads now for over a month, completely leave out this information and paint it as though Alignment A is the only "safe" route to take. I am very surprised that this letter was allowed to be sent out without proper proofing which would have prevented this.

Everyone knows that Countryside Blvd. MUST be crossed at one point. Why in the world would the BCC agree to continue the Trail Expansion, what should be a proud accomplishment of the BCC, by having it cross four extra "through streets" (Northside, Northridge, Fox Hill and Meadow Wood) which each have substantial 30-35+ mph traffic when all of those can be avoided by crossing at Northside with a light that also solves all traffic issues aside from the Trail. If you want to promote safety and save lives, one single light at Northside Dr. and Countryside Blvd. would solve the traffic issue and provide a safe Trail crossing all in one solution. It would also eliminate virtually all need to spend budget dollars on any beacon lights being needed for this area of the expansion project. Having Trail users run parallel to the traffic instead of crossing it should be the main objective. Having the Trail users run parallel to East Lake Rd. north of the Chestnut Park area has worked perfectly for years and that road easily has 2-3 times more traffic volume than Countryside Blvd. has. Since that's the case there, it will also work fine running the Trail parallel to Countryside Blvd. from Northside Dr. to Curlew Rd. Crossing the four cross streets and putting a Trail on more Power Lines territory where there is NO SHADE, NO WATER, NO SHELTER, NO PROTECTION FROM RAIN OR LIGHTNING, NO BEAUTY, NO REST STOPS and only sand burs, gopher tortoises, coyotes and rodents is a

mistake!! The beautiful pond on Northside Dr. is THE PERFECT rest stop for Trail users to rest in a shaded spot and enjoy the beauty of the region!

I have not way of knowing if it was intentional in any way, but there is no doubt the letter was and is very misleading the local residents who are not as well versed in the details involved with this expansion project and is certainly not a way to earn respect or satisfaction from County residents after this multi-million dollar expansion project is over. The lasting impacts of this BCC decision will contribute to the remaining legacy of each and every County Commissioner after your term has concluded. I would think that your oath to local residents as a County Commissioner to serve their needs in the best interest of safety, community improvement/beautification and enjoyment would be one of if not the most important aspects of your position. I certainly hope it is because that what we, who have voted for you, have as our expectations.

Every one of the 191 petition signers and local Countryside residents are counting on the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners to make the right decision. Alignment B is the right decision! As a Countryside homeowner who has spoken with multitudes of other Countryside homeowners over the past three years studying this expansion project, we all urge every County Commissioner to attend the December 10th virtual meeting. This is a VERY important issue for the safety, beauty an enjoyment of our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you at meeting on December 10th and at the upcoming BCC meetings in downtown Clearwater.

Sincerely,

Scott Bressler
3276 Buckhorn Dr.
Clearwater, FL 33761

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Carole Bundy <jeantiemann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail decision

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Please do not put the trail on Meadowood. We have challenged children, elderly people living alone and children getting on and off the bus from school. Just the prospect of upending our neighborhood and inviting strangers encourages crime and trash. Please do not let this happen.

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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Nadia Miladinovic <nadjovic22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail - Meadow Wood Dr.

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

Hope this email finds you well.

I have recently been made aware of the plans to route the Pinellas Trail through Meadow Wood Dr. in Clearwater. I own the property at 2849 Meadow Wood Dr. where I live with my family, including 2 small children. This is a quiet and safe neighborhood to raise my children, and this plan makes me very uncomfortable. I am very much against this decision, and am pleading to you to please reconsider.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nadia Miladinovic

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Jerry Krantz <JKrantz@progressivem.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:21 AM
To: North Loop, Pinellas Trail
Cc: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail
Attachments: Pinelas Trail update letter 10-19.pdf; Pinelas Trail update 10-19.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Last October we were provided a letter that the Pinellas trail would be going down Northside Dr in Countryside.

Please confirm that this is still the plan. We have some concerned residents further up Countryside Blvd that believe this has changed to go down Meadow Wood.

Thank you.

Jerry Krantz
LCAM

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From: Bob Liles <liles.bob@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Cc: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Subject: Pinellas Trail Connection Modification

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

My wife Renee and I live at 3403 Masters Dr N in Chateaux Woods Condominiums and attended several meetings in 2019 concerning the North Loop Gap route of the Pinellas Trail. We frequently use the trail for biking and walking and are not anti-trail. Our issue was with the route using Meadow Wood Drive. At the end of that time we were assured that the County was going to use Northside Drive from Countryside Boulevard to the Duke Energy easement rather than using Meadow Wood Drive. I believe that is the best solution with the least impact on homeowners on the route.

Now we have heard that at another meeting recently held at Countryside Country Club that the route may be changed back to Meadow Wood. I do not know why the change in plans, especially now that construction has started, but I ask you to be our advocate with the Board of County Commission and the Public Works Department to use Northside Drive rather than Meadow Wood Drive.

If you want reasons to explain why, please consider the following:

- 1) fewer homeowners are impacted.
- 2) the right-of-way is wider on Countryside Boulevard and Northside Drive.
- 3) one less street crossing to add.
- 4) more scenic trail.
- 5) narrow right-of-way beside Chateaux Woods Condominiums, requiring removal of the barrier berms.

I have copied Mr. Dick Holt with this email as he is representing Chateaux Woods at meetings.

I thank you in advance for carefully considering this issue and making the best decision.

Robert and Renee Liles

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Scott <contact.scott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Rice, Joan; Rice, Joan; Eggers, Dave; Eggers, Dave; Lim, KC
Subject: Pinellas Trail Expansion

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Ms. Rice, Mr. Lim and Mr. Eggers -

After being told by multiple personnel sources with Pinellas County (including some being addressed on this email) who have been working and are working on this project and was told unanimously that there would be **NO** proceeding with any construction work north of Northside Drive along the Duke Energy Power Lines corridor.

Yet...at this very moment, there are flagged stakes in the ground on the north side of Northside Drive in preparation of digging a pathway for the concrete to be poured. I was told this **WOULD NOT** be done for any reason until **AFTER** a County Commission meeting with the local Community Residents is held. So my question is....why are we still seeing this?? I am extremely disappointed and I want and deserve answers as does the entire community!

If your plan is to use Meadow Wood Drive as the eastbound pathway to connect the Pinellas Trail to Countryside Blvd. instead of using Northside Drive it will be a **HUGE** mistake! First of all, Meadow Wood is nowhere near wide enough on either side to have a safe pathway for the Pinellas Trail to be installed without it causing major safety issues, zoning issues coming within inches of private dwellings, but also multiple future lawsuits waiting to be filed.

Please provide answers for this flagged stakes on the north side of Northside Drive. As I said earlier, I deserve answers and all of the local community residents who voluntarily added their support on the Petition for construction north of Northside Drive along the Duke Energy Power Lines corridor.

- PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS FOR MYSELF AND THE ATTORNEYS WAITING FOR COMMUNICATION -

Sincerely,

Scott Bressler
727-409-2002

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Daniel Foskey <daniel.b.foskey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 7:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas trail extension

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Commissioner Eggers,

I bought my first home at 2831 Meadow Wood Dr in December 2019. I have just now become aware of the pinellas trail project and the debate between the extensions through Meadow Wood Dr vs Northside Dr. As a homeowner that would be directly impacted by construction and additional foot traffic, I would like to make my opinion known that **I am against the proposed extension of the trail along Meadow Wood Dr.**

I appreciate any influence you may have in routing the trail away from Meadow Wood Dr.

Thank you,
Daniel Foskey

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Linda Stevens <happytime0404@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail Modification

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To: Commissioner David Eggers:

From: Linda Stevens - Resident of Chateaux Woods.

I am contacting you in regards to the Pinellas Trail Modifications. We the people in Chateaux Woods, submitted our concerns and signed a form expressing what side the road was our preference in 2019. In June 2019, the Commissioners voted to accept an alternative plan to utilize Northside Drive.

Again, we ask that you please check everything and make sure that our voice is heard,

Thank You,

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Victoria Kearns <kearnsvr@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Gap - Alignment B

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As my Commissioner, I would like to register my desire for the trail to follow the Alignment B path.

- Northside Drive is a more public thoroughfare than Meadow Woods, which is only a subdivision access
- Northside has more open space between the trail and houses
- Countryside north of Northside is a smoother path for use and more public visibility for safety

- Alignment A means even less privacy due to the drastically reduce clearance between the trail and condos. I am a condo owner and the current sidewalk traffic and noise increased greatly with the impacts from the virus. This impact would be a small example of what a wider path would bring.
- The argument that access to the trail increases property value does not hold up when that access is just a few feet from your windows.
- Meadow Woods Drive is a straight wind path, as seen over 30 years, that would make putting up privacy fence dangerous. A fence would also reduce security to the backside of the condos without the public exposure. It would as cut off the sight of our beautiful sunsets.
- Should A be forced on us, when this was discussed in the first pass, there was a conversation that the path would be concrete, not asphalt. This needs to be maintained.

Victoria Kearns
3396 Domains Court
Clearwater, FL 33761

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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Sonya Liston <sonya.liston@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Gap - Reasons why it belongs on the Duke Energy Trail

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As you approach discussion of the final phase of the North Gap from Northside Drive to Meadow Wood Drive, I would like to highlight a few concerns:

1. **Safety of trail users and drivers.** If the trail crosses Countryside Blvd at Northside Drive instead of at Meadow Wood Drive, hundreds more cars will be impacted by the trail users. Literally hundreds of cars will be crossing the trail on a daily basis to drive on the boulevard. It isn't about the number of houses on the 6 extra streets which the trail will cross, but the hundreds of cars in and out of those streets. There are multiple cars at each of these homes making multiple trips in and out of these neighborhoods each day. I have great concern for the safety of the trail users and drivers of the cars, delivery trucks, and the many other service vehicles accessing these homes by crossing the trail along Countryside Blvd into these neighborhoods.

If the trail ran along the Duke Energy Trail, none of this would be a concern.

2. **Cost of new engineering and drafting plans.** From what I understand, the plans and engineering were already complete and paid for by the county for the trail to run along the Duke Energy Trail. I do not approve of using more funds to redesign and engineer a new location for a reason that is not warranted.

3. **Okay for homeowners who live along the Duke Energy Trail** If the trail is okay for homeowners to run along the Duke Energy Trail from S.R. 580 to Northside Drive, then I believe homeowners from Northside Drive to Meadow Wood Drive should be okay too. I am not sure why the Commissioners caved to the influence of a homeowner between Northside Drive and Meadow Wood Drive.

Please consider our voices and do what is right for the majority of your constituents.

With appreciation for your service,

Sonya Liston

Carpenter, Katherine

From: RICHARD F BELLVILLE <rfbellville@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop
Attachments: Pinellas Trail.docx

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Here's our list of concerns on the Pinellas Trail.

Looking forward to our meeting this afternoon.

Dick Bellville

Pinellas Trail North Gap

Alignment B – Along the south side of Northside Drive and along the east side of Countryside Boulevard

Several of the affected homeowners have attended meetings on this subject at least 3 times last year.

The last meeting attended was on Oct 29, 2019 and took place at Countryside Country Club. After that meeting we understood the Board would re-evaluate any route down Northside Drive to Countryside Boulevard (Alignment B) because of safety, environmental, and cost concerns. It was also understood that many of the homeowners were in favor of supporting the original plan which is Alignment A.

Upon receiving notice of this meeting on December 10, 2020, it appears that the Board has decided to go forward with Northside Drive to Countryside Boulevard (Alignment B).

We desperately hope that the Board will reconsider this decision if in fact they have decided to go with Alignment B for the following reasons:

1. Safety:

At the intersection of Countryside Boulevard and Northside Drive, you are crossing four lanes as opposed to two lanes. Within the last few months, there has been vehicle accidents, one was involving a PSTA bus. You can verify this with Clearwater Police Department.



What type of traffic control device will be installed for the crossing at Countryside Boulevard to Northside Drive?

Privately owned retention pond – Homeowners are paying for insurance and maintenance of the pond. They are also reminding the public this area is privately owned. Posted signs are ignored. When you put the Trail here, this will encourage fishing, swimming, trash – so who will be liable??



Private pond is posted.

Will all these trees be removed??

Traffic on Northside Drive has increased considerably because drivers have discovered it's a shortcut to Countryside Boulevard and Curlew Road. Speed limit is ignored.

Along the east side of Countryside Boulevard, there are 7 intersections that pedestrians will be crossing – Meadow Wood Drive, Fairgreen Drive, Masters Drive, Northridge Drive E, Fox Hill Drive, Springwood Drive and Northridge Drive E. Under Alignment A, they will not need to cross all these streets.

2. Environmental:

We have been informed that as many as 12 or more trees may be removed and/or damaged when the Trail is put in. These trees are over 40+ years. Is this environmentally acceptable? If the trees are damaged, they will need to be removed and if it's on the homeowner's property, who is paying??



Damage or remove 40+ year old trees???

3. Cost:

How does the County justify the cost of Alignment B versus Alignment A?

Alignment B removing/disposing of existing sidewalks on Northside Drive and Countryside Boulevard when Duke Energy easement does not involve removing/disposing of sidewalks, trees, protecting the pond, etc.

Along the east side of Countryside Boulevard, there are 7 intersections that pedestrians will be crossing – Meadow Wood Drive, Fairgreen Drive, Masters Drive, Northridge Drive E, Fox Hill Drive, Springwood

Drive and Northridge Drive E. What is the cost of expanding and marking the sidewalks and alerting traffic in these areas?

Concerns:

1. Sidewalk must be concrete, not black top like the Trail.
2. Is the sidewalk/Trail being extended toward the road; i.e., 8 ft. from 5 ft.
3. Is it all new concrete?
4. Does excavating and pouring new concrete damage the roots or necessitate the removal of the trees?
5. A fence must be installed to protect the pond from Trail users. Fence to be approved by the affected homeowners.
6. Has the City of Clearwater approved the County to run the Trail on Northside Drive?
7. Has the City of Clearwater approved the removal/damage of the affected trees?
8. White posts (blocking posts) should be not installed at Buckhorn Drive or Countryside Boulevard. Sidewalks cannot be blocked.

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Tony Kvedar <AKVEDAR@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail north loop

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Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I are residents of Chateaux Woods in Clearwater. The side of our unit borders on Meadow Wood Drive. If the proposed north loop of the Pinellas Trail were be placed on Meadow Wood, it would run literally with is feet of out living room and family room. This would be a huge invasion of our privacy and security, not to mention that it would lower the property value of our home!

We respectfully ask you not to choose this route for the trail. We will be attending the virtual meeting on December 10.

Sincerely,
Linda and Anthony Kvedar
3390 Thalia Court
Clearwater

Carpenter, Katherine

From: AMARTINELLI@briighthouse.com
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Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop

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From: chefcarla007@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Cc: strumra@verizon.net
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap

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Good morning Commissioner Eggers,

My name is Carla Guidry and I am a resident of Chateaux Woods, a condominium community located at the corner of Countryside Boulevard and Meadow Wood Drive.

Our community has spent much time in the last couple of years encouraging the County Commission to re-route the North Loop Gap of the Pinellas Trail so that it would not affect our residents as it comes off the Duke Energy Easement toward Countryside Boulevard. Our understanding was that a final decision was made to re-route that connection so that it would leave the Duke Energy Easement along Northside Drive.

Much to our dismay we have learned that that alignment is now undecided. If the route comes off the Duke Energy Easement along Northside Drive, less residents would be affected and Northside Drive is considered more of a commercial route between U.S. 19 and Countryside Boulevard. Meadow Wood Drive is a residential route through several neighborhoods and is not a connector between highly traveled streets.

I would respectfully request the Commission to re-examine the prior objections of our community's residents in making its final decision respecting the Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap.

If the purpose of the North Loop Gap is to connect the existing Duke Energy Trail at Enterprise Road with the Trail at John Chesnut Sr. Park, then the logical route would be along McMullen Booth Road which would cause less disruption through residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Carla Guidry
3412 Rochelle Court
Clearwater, FL 33761

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Donald Conn <dconnlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap

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Commissioner Gerard:

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We will greatly appreciate your selection of Northside Drive to close the Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap when this matter comes before the Commission.

Respectfully,

Donald and Eileen Conn
2867 Northside Drive
Clearwater, FL 33761

Carpenter, Katherine

From: thefranksb@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap extension

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Good Day Commissioners,

Disappointed in the way this matter is being handled. It seems that the loudest NOs will win the day.

It used to be that the more yeses would. Well, Chateaux Woods has 139 units, with at least 200 residents voting **NO!!!!**

Why don't you run the Trail where people are requesting it??. maybe because no one wants it by their property.

Below are my emails to Commissioner Eggers. Perhaps, the trail will end at Northside Drive and pick-up again on

Countryside and Meadow Wood, not perfect, but the lesser intrusive to all.

Stay Well, Be safe, and God Bless

frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
To: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
Sent: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 2:31 pm
Subject: RE: Pinellas Trail extension 3/26/19

On behalf of Commissioner Eggers, thank you for contacting out office. Please know that the route for this gap in the North Trail Loop has not yet been decided. Staff will be providing another opportunity for input from the community regarding the two potential routes. Residents living near either route should be receiving a flyer in the mail in the next week or so regarding a planned virtual community meeting.

Once staff receives the input from the community, they will provide a recommendation to the Commissioners. The Commission will then decide the route at an upcoming BCC meeting.

Additionally, I have noted and will share your opposition for the route going down Meadow Wood with Commissioner Eggers.

Kimberly H. Greenleaf

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From: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org <deggers@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 8:44 am
Subject: Fwd: Pinellas Trail extension 3/26/19

Good Morning Commissioner,

I am disappointed to hear that the trail route "is still under consideration". We were informed last year that it was finalized, and that the route was going down Northside Drive. Why the sudden change? Are not the commissioners people of their word? Please use your influence to guide the others back to their original decision. I've included my original e-mail to you.

stay well, be safe and God Bless
frank

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From: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org
Sent: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 9:00 am
Subject: re Pinellas Trail extension

Hello Commissioner Eggers

My name is Frank Bencivenga. I am on the Board of Directors at the Chateaux Woods Condo Association.

I would like to share a few of my concerns regarding the extension along Meadow Woods Road and Countryside Blvd. There are many in my development that have the same concerns, if not more. We were requested to e-mail you separately.

1- Blinking light to be installed at pedestrian crossing on Meadow Woods by Duke Energy power lines.
Is this going to be pedestrian control? It is a fairly traveled road. Who will have the right of way?

2- Pedestrian controlled crossing lights to be installed on Meadow Woods/Countryside and Countryside/Curlew Rd. Countryside is a well traveled road, and at times very busy. Curlew Rd is a very busy road. It is six lanes, used by autos, vans, trucks, tractor trailers, with a downward slope westbound. When that "button" is pressed, do you think traffic will come to a smooth stop. Good luck with that.

Will there be a time delay on the "buttons", so that one cannot push it again within a certain amount of time and has a delay before the lights start to flash. If not, there is a huge potential for major traffic incidents, congestion, and road rage.

3- Chateaux Woods entrance on Meadow Woods. Will there be a yield/stop sign for the trail users? We have 139 units in our development, with well over 100 vehicles. We believe we should not have our ability to enter or leave our complex hindered upon, nor should our workers, deliveries, etc. St. Tropez Condos on the eastside of Countryside has probably the same amount of vehicles, possibly more, and they have only one entrance/exit, which is one Countryside

4- Insurance - our rates most likely will increase due to the trail running along side us, the increase pedestrian and bike traffic, the inevitable "shortcuts" that will be taken through our property, people have mishaps on the trail, falling on our property. Is it the County's responsibility for any injuries that occur because of the trail and the increase in insurance rates?

5- Privacy - we are looking at planting hedges along Meadow Woods for privacy and hoping to deter people from taking that shortcut from Meadow Woods to Countryside through our property. Will the county reimburse us for that expense (hedges would be unnecessary without the trail)?

I do believe the route that was deemed "most expensive" is the most logical and practical way to proceed.

Chateaux Woods owns the property where Duke energy has their power lines by our complex. I pretty sure we would deed over the property to you. And if you continue to Curlew on the eastside of the powerlines, I'm do believe the Catholic church will allow it, or give that property to you. They may pick up new parishioners in the process.

Finally, continue with an overpass across Curlew. We were told that an overpass might be needed at Curlew and Countryside, but will be constructed later. Why wait? Do it along the power lines now.

Thank you for your consideration, and I do hope common sense will win out.

Frank

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Donald Conn <dconnlaw@gmail.com>
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To: Eggers, Dave
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2867 Rampart Circle
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From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop status

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Bruce Rumble

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From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
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Well I sure hope we are still in the mode of running the Pinellas Trail North Loop down Northside Dr. as was voted by the Commissioners to do, as there may only be 2 or 3 people that protest this route as opposed to the 175 plus people that have signed the petition against going down the Duke Energy easement and will put up serious opposition against this route as before. Here is the response I received from project MGR Lim a few months ago when only some residents were requested to attend the meeting and reply with their thoughts which side of Northside Dr. to place the trail on. Luckily I received notice and gave mine and my neighbors input. I don't know if it did any good but here it is:

[North Loop, Pinellas Trail <ptnls@co.pinellas.fl.us>](mailto:ptnls@co.pinellas.fl.us)

To: bruce r

Cc: Cutrone, Gregory, Harvey, Gina A, Jacobs, Kenneth A, Lim, KC, Michelle Greene and 3 more...

Tue, Nov 12, 2019 at 11:27 AM

Mr. Rumble,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the Pinellas Trail North Gap project. As you are aware, Pinellas County is currently evaluating ways to complete the Pinellas Trail North Gap. The initial North Gap alignment was introduced to the community for consideration at a public meeting held on November 13, 2018. Based on the comments received during the meeting comment period and citizen input provided to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, a small portion of Segment A between Northside Drive and Countryside Boulevard is being re-evaluated.

We are committed to working with residents and providing solutions that support the needs, desires and values of the community. It is our hope that we can work together to reach a satisfactory and beneficial outcome for everyone. Over the past two decades, Pinellas County has worked in unison with County residents to plan and thoughtfully expand the Pinellas Trail. In fact, the segments that have been installed, while not initially desired by some, have now become welcome additions within each community.

On behalf of the Pinellas Trail North Gap project team I would like to thank you for taking the time to contact us, providing feedback and giving us the opportunity to address your concerns. Your comments have been recorded in our database.

KC Lim, P.E.

Senior Engineer/Project Manager

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To: North Loop, Pinellas Trail <ptnls@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop/North Gap Comment form

Regarding the Pinellas trail north Gap Comment form: I find that this doc is very interesting since luckily I received it from a neighbor and that I was not notified of this meeting nor did I participate due to non-notice. Interesting that now you

are asking the public's comment when before you were just telling them what you are going to do as far as location.

As far as my neighborhoods input we recommend that you place the trail on the South side of Northridge Dr. because

if you place it on the North side it will then require 2 crossings on major roads and (Northside and Countryside Blvd)

and require 2 crossing signals, so therefore there will be only one crossing (Countryside from Northside Dr.)

Also the only side of Countryside Blvd. that has a wide enough easement is the south side of Countryside Blvd, and is not 15Ft from Chateau Woods Condos or anyone's home.

Signed, Bruce Rumble

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To: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Cc: Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020, 09:59:54 AM EDT
Subject: RE: Pinellas Trail North Loop status

Bruce:

On behalf of Commissioner Eggers, thank you for your email. I have opened a file for your inquiry in our County Assignment Tracking System in order to get the most up to date information from staff. It is my understanding that the route for your section of the North Trail Loop has not been fully decided. The Commissioners were scheduled to get an update from staff at a work session in mid-April, but of course, the meeting was postponed due to the coronavirus issues. Hopefully, the appropriate staff member will reach out to you directly, but if not, I will share any updates I receive from them with you.

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Sincerely

Anna Martinelli

Carpenter, Katherine

From: RUSSELL GONZALEZ <msggonzo36@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; cjustce@pinellascounty.org; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Pinellas trail options

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Hello, I am a resident of Chateaux woods and I am one of the homes directly affected by the option using Meadowwood drive. In saying that, I don't have any problem with that option and actually feel it is the safer option as compared with Northridge. My concern is only that it is professionally constructed and properly maintained. Thanks!

Russell Gonzalez
3394 Masters Dr N

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Carpenter, Katherine

From: nicole nystrom <nicolenystrom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail traffic disturbances as predicted

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

First, I want to thank you for all of your work to help our community.

All of the issues that were presented in previous emails and during previous meetings are causing traffic disturbances as predicted. We have now been informed that they may possibly use Meadowood even though the county commissioners voted against Meadowood due to significant safety concerns including an actual school bus stop!. Please update us on why this unfortunate incident is occurring.

Construction across the Countryside Boulevard and Countryside Mall should never have been allowed in the first place. There are already way too many lights on Main Street/580. There are over 10 lights between Bayshore Boulevard in Dunedin and McMullen Booth Road in Countryside on Main Street/580. Adding additional lights and traffic stops is going to be an absolute traffic nightmare.

Unfortunately, I have an issue with public safety and transportation that I need to bring to your attention. We had a local meeting at the Countryside Recreation Center on Monday, February 25 at 6 PM. Residents in my neighborhood presented issues about concerns about public safety and transportation due to the fact that the city and county want to start construction on the Pinellas trail that is designed to go by the Countryside Mall and go through our neighborhood. Many points were brought up, and they were not given proper consideration by the city and county representatives present at the meeting.

The issues with safety include:

1. The trail will go by the Countryside Mall, which will result in another traffic light that will cause safety concerns for trail users who cross 580 as well as traffic nightmares for anyone who wants to drive by Countryside Mall. The last thing that we need is another light at Countryside Mall to slow down traffic.
2. Safety concerns were discussed by people who live on Meadowood Drive because the trail will literally be in their backyard without a fence. The trail would end up being very close to their homes, which creates an obvious safety risk. One woman brought up that she has special needs children, and she was actually mocked and asked if she had a fence. The people who were trying to convince us that this was a good idea did not realize that the trail would be right next to these people's homes and there is no fence to separate the very short distance from the trail to their homes. They obviously had no awareness of how this was going to impact our property.
3. The trail would run underneath powerlines, which poses another obvious health risk. There are also coyotes that run along the powerlines that are between Countryside Boulevard and US 19., which presents obvious risks to all trail users.
4. When residents notified the 4 city/county representatives that there are also many school bus stops at the intersection of Meadowood and Countryside, they had no knowledge that they were placing the trail at a school bus stop. They also had no idea that this would cause a major traffic jam and safety risks for school students at Meadowood and Countryside Boulevard.

5. Residents also brought up that this would make us late to work or any other appointment because they are blocking the entrances/exits to our condo association neighborhood, Chateaux Woods. The trail is designed to block our south entrance, the intersection at Meadowood and Countryside, and the intersection at Curlew and Countryside. This plan will cause three different traffic nightmares in three different directions as we try to leave and/or enter our neighborhood. These three new "roadblocks" out of our neighborhood will not only cause traffic problems, but they pose obvious safety risks to the people using the trail who would have to cross busy streets.

6. Another local resident brought up the fact that this design of the trail is crossing major intersections without overpasses. She also noted that in other counties, such as Hillsborough county, the trail goes by creeks, streams, and beautiful nature settings. The trails in other counties are not designed to tear up people's neighborhoods, go under power lines where coyotes run, and cause additional traffic problems and safety risks on busy streets.

Please let us know what you can do to assist us with this unfortunate public safety and transportation problem.

Thank you,
Nicole Shields

Sent from my iPhone

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Gary Sisco <siscojdeer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail

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My name is Gary Sisco and I am a resident at Chateaux Woods in Countryside. I am in strong opposition to the North Loop Gap route running along Meadow Wood as it would be very close to my residence and many others. I thought there was an alternate plan to utilize Northside Drive, but I'm now hearing things have changed. Please do all you can to prevent this from happening!

Thank you!

Cell# 727-312-9431

Email- Siscojdeer@gmail.com

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Carol Gonzalez <mrsgonzo46@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail/North Loop

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I have NO concerns for this north loop to be on Meadow Wood Dr. I also feel it is definitely safer to cross Countryside at Meadow Wood Dr. then at Northside Drive.

I live in Chateaux Woods at
3394 Masters Dr.
Carol Gonzalez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Carpenter, Katherine

From: da4bulls@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas Trail/North Loop

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Dear Ms. Gerard,

I'm writing in regard to the Pinellas Trail Loop North Gap Construction Project and the upcoming decision to be made between Alignments A and B.

As a long-time resident of Chateaux Woods, the condo association just north of Meadow Woods Drive, I'm deeply concerned about several safety issues surrounding Alignment A. I'd like to address a few of them below:

The trail would be positioned much too close to the road, posing a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. Meadow Woods is a major cut-through to several subdivisions, and these residential areas are home to a great many drivers.

There are school bus stops located where the trail would meet Countryside Boulevard. The trail would be open to anyone, including predators, which could pose a risk to children in the area.

It's likely that pedestrians and cyclists will choose to take a shortcut through the Chateaux Woods community, creating additional traffic and safety issues for residents and trail-goers alike.

I hope that you and your team will take these points into consideration when you make your decision. I'm sure that I speak for many Chateaux Woods residents when I say that I would strongly prefer Alignment B over Alignment A. Thank you for reaching out to the public for input on this important decision. I appreciate your contributions to our community.

Best Regards,
Jenifer Bullock

Da4Bulls@aol.com
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(727) 744-4172

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Kathi Acree <kathi.acree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Cc: Kathi Acree
Subject: Pinellas Trail/North Loop Discussion

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Dear Commissioners,

We are very concerned with the uncertainty of where the Pinellas Trail/North Loop is going to be built. Please **DO NOT** move the Pinellas Trail/North Loop impending construction back to Meadow Wood. That sidewalk is very narrow on our side of the road and you would be putting the trail extremely close to our subdivision/our home at Chateau Woods Condominums. This is not a logical place to put the trail.

We had understood that the trail was going to be built along Northside Drive, which is a much better location. But now, once again, you are looking at Meadow Wood Drive? We hope with our hearts that this is not to be.

Please do not run the Pinellas Trail thru on Meadow Wood Drive! Please know that the better route is Northside Drive. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kathi and Malcolm Acree

3412 Masters Drive N

Clearwater, FL 33761

Cell: 404-271-3435

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Kathi Acree <kathi.acree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Cc: Kathi Acree; rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Subject: Pinellas Trail-NOT on Meadow Wood

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

Please **DO NOT** move the Pinellas Trail impending construction back to Meadow Wood. That sidewalk is very narrow on our side of the road and you would be putting the trail extremely close to our subdivision/our home at Chateau Woods Condominums. This is not a logical place to put the trail.

We had understood that the trail was going to be built along Northside Drive, which was a much better location. But now, once again, you are looking at Meadow Wood Drive? This cannot be so!

Please, please do not run the Pinellas Trail thru on Meadow Wood Drive! Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kathi and Malcolm Acree
3412 Masters Drive N
Clearwater, FL 33761
Cell: 404-271-3435

Carpenter, Katherine

From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Rice, Joan
Cc: Lim, KC; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Re: North Trail Loop - Countryside/Northside segment - CAT Item #52613
Attachments: 20200920_130625[1].jpg; 20200920_130553[1].jpg

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OK, so if the decision to route the trail was unanimously voted by ALL Commissioners to route the trail up Northside Dr....why are there construction stakes and the concrete designed to come across Northside drive and route into the north end of the Duke easement??? As you stated the update was to be likely be this November to be looked at, but the problem is that it was voted by the Commissioners to route up Northside to Countryside Dr.'s. As far as we were concerned the vote was unanimously voted to run up Northside Dr. to Countryside Dr. and this item was closed at that point of the unanimous vote!!!! My neighbors and the 170 plus petition voters are extremely upset and want some answers as to why FDOT is going over the heads of the Commissioners!!!! Plus you did not notify us of any change as you stated to us that you would! See the attached pictures to see what I am talking about. We are not happy about this turn and this is total injustice!!!! We want answers now!!!

On Friday, July 24, 2020, 04:53:43 PM EDT, Rice, Joan <jrice@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Rumble,

The Duke Energy Trail North Loop construction project is starting construction without the segment between the Duke Energy corridor/Northside Drive and Countryside Blvd/Meadow Wood Drive. The project will take a couple of years to build.

The Board of County Commissioners update for the section you are asking about will likely be this November. This is the postponed April update I mentioned a couple of months ago. I confirmed this afternoon that the date has still not been set for this rescheduled item. I do have yours and Mr. Scott Bressler's email and just tacked a post it to my computer to send you the date when I know.

Thank you for reminding me and have a good weekend.

Joan

Joan M. Rice, PE

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Clearwater, FL 33765

727-464-8610

jrice@pinellascounty.org

From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Rice, Joan <jrice@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Re: North Trail Loop - Countryside/Northside segment - CAT Item #52613

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Miss Rice, I see that the trail posts have been laid today between Countryside Mall and Northside Drive for part of the Pinellas Trail North Loop on the Duke Energy easement. Can you tell me the results (as I have not been notified) regarding the route of the trail from the north end down Northside Dr. (which was chosen by the Commissioners with our input)? Our neighbors and many others stand unified that we do not wish the trail to run down the easement between Northside Dr. and Meadowood for many different reasons. Please get back to me on this construction plan as soon as possible and keep me updated! Thank you!, Sincerely, Bruce Rumble.

On Thursday, May 14, 2020, 02:23:04 PM EDT, Rice, Joan <jrice@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. Rumble:

Thank you for reaching out to Commissioner Eggers regarding the status of the Pinellas Trail North Loop. We were requested to provide you an update of the project.

As directed by the Board of County Commissioners in June 2019, the proposed Northside Drive and Countryside Boulevard alignment for the Pinellas Trail Loop North Gap was evaluated and presented to the public at an open house in October 2019. An update to the Board of County Commissioners to provide results of the design analysis and the public input effort relative to the Northside alignment was planned for April 2020. When COVID-19 disrupted the public involvement component usually available during Board discussions, the update was postponed. A new date has not yet been determined.

Given the delayed update to the Board, the segment between the Duke Energy corridor/Northside Drive and Countryside Blvd/Meadow Wood Drive was not included in the Duke Energy Trail North Loop construction project that was recently approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Once the appropriate discussions can be scheduled with the Board, including public input, the missing section can be added to the construction project. Construction status updates will be made available on the website www.PinellasCounty.org/NorthLoop.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Joan

Joan M. Rice, PE

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Beginning April 7, 2020, I will be working mostly at home and will have my work computer. It is best to still email me. If you leave a message on my work phone, I will still receive the voice message via email. Stay safe everyone.

Dear Commissioner Eggers, this is Bruce Rumble writing you regarding the placement of the Pinellas Trail North Loop placement...I'm sure you remember me from our visit and the 7 times I spoke at BCC meetings. Just wondering if we are still on for planning to reroute down Northside drive that we and ALL Commissioners agreed on in the meeting back last November. I have many petition signers and neighbors asking me, so I figured I'd drop you a line to relay back to them regarding our hartley concerned wishes. Thanks for all your assistance!!!

Bruce Rumble

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Allison Sisco <siscobling@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Stop the build on Meadowwood

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I am writing you to show my concern about the north loop trail. I originally was going to run along north side drive. I am not sure how or why this changed from there but my family and I DO Not want the trail running down Meadow Wood. Thank you taking charge of our county and our input.

Allison Sisco

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Allison

From: [Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller](#) on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
To: [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)
Date: Friday, January 29, 2021 9:52:24 AM

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Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I strongly support having the Pinellas Trail follow Alignment A along Meadow Wood and the Duke Energy easement. This was the original plan and it makes the most sense. There are many streets to cross if you run the trail down busy Countryside. The Duke Energy easement will provide a safer, faster and more enjoyable ride through this area of the trail. The Meadow Wood section is very short and the trail would not come closer to the condos than the existing sidewalk. I ride my bike past this area several times a week and there are hardly any cars going down Meadow Wood. Thank you for supporting the Pinellas Trail. I am very excited to have the trail in neighborhood.

Citizen Name Laura Black

Address 3439 NORTHRIDGE DR
CLEARWATER, FL 33761
United States

Phone

Email lzbdroid@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: [BULK] Pinellas Trail North Loop Alignment Choice
Importance: Low

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12/7/2020

To: Pinellas County Board of Council members

From: Bruce Rumble

Dear Council members:

This is a pre virtual meeting message to let you know where the many folks that live along the "Alignment A" route of the Pinellas Trail North Loop stand and want regarding the latest concerns of safety from Pinellas DOT and the choice of the route for the last portion of the Pinellas Trail North Loop. Routing pedestrians across Northside Dr. and Northridge Dr. for "Alignment A" will surely be extremely risky due to the position it would cross on those busy roads as the traffic would be at the highest speed at those points on those roads using traffic beacons. If you route the trail down parallel to Northside Dr. to Countryside Blvd. (Alignment B) the car traffic would be slow due to cars making turns and also that intersection would be capable of adding a traffic light that could also assist in traffic calming and safety for everyone. Also, regarding safety, all of the residents who live along the easement are concerned that routing a trail right next to their back yards within 10-15ft will bring many different problems like crime, noise, trespassing, vagrancy in a quiet neighborhood of over \$35 million dollars worth of homes your constituents reside in and enjoy their current conditions. "Alignment A" has 45 homes that would have the trail within 15ft of their back yard, 39 homes across the easement, and "Alignment B" only has 2 homes and on the garage side of the house. What provisions for the safety of the residents living on the trail have been taken? Let's consider the safety of the residents living on the trail first as it is right next to them. Not one single resident in this area is pro "Alignment A"! Routing down "Alignment B" allows for much more safety for trail users, residents, ease of surveillance for police, and access for EMS. This choice is extremely important to residents that live in this area as many have stated they will have to move if "Alignment A" is taken. Please make the correct choice and take the correct action by voting for "Alignment B" route which was chosen back on 6/20/19 unanimously by you council members and WILL be the safest route possible at this point, and is what the neighboring residents want!

I'd also like to mention that the easement along Meadow Wood Dr. is way too narrow for a trail. Three 40 year old oak trees and others would need to be removed along with relocation of a fire hydrant and its piping. "Alignment A" puts the trail within 8-10ft of 4 Chateaux Woods condos, 10-15ft of 6 others, and would increase trespassing on that associations property 100 fold. There is also a huge safety

concern of the crossing at that point on Countryside Blvd. being a blind corner/intersection and coming up a hill with limited visibility. That intersection is also a children's school bus stop!

A meeting as important as this choice should be in person as many of these residents are not tech savvy or have the ability to go on zoom for a virtual meeting, however, if the choice is to route using "Alignment B" they state they will be satisfied at that point.

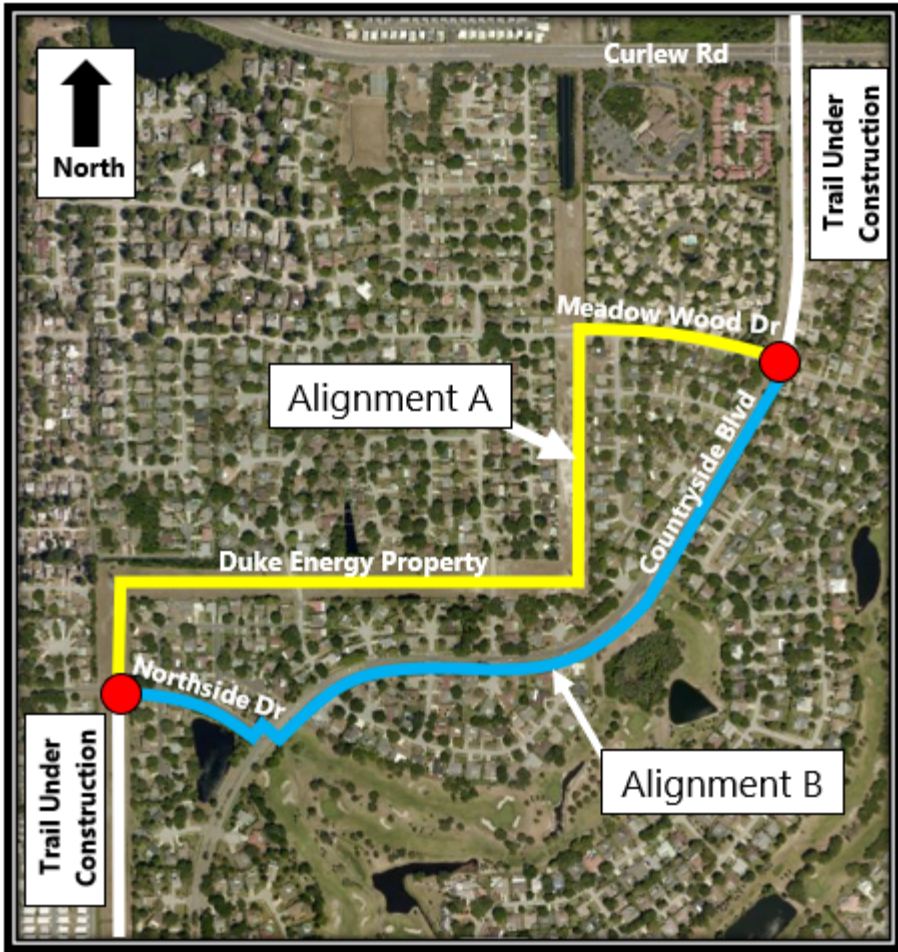
Many of you council members may not be familiar with this area so I challenge you to either confer with David Eggers who has walked the potential routes, or walk them yourself and see what we are talking about! We have around 200 petition signers stating "Alignment A" is incorrect and bad.

Trails should never be built next to, near, adjacent or through residential areas. Alignment B has a very wide easement on Countryside Blvd. that allows for the existing sidewalk to remain to parallel the trail and is not right next to any properties. I have provided you with thorough statistics and local residents input. Please make the correct choice of "Alignment B" which is extremely clear and logical! Thank you!

Sincerely, Bruce Rumble

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/427/484/262/pinellas-trail-expansion-north-loop/>

See the picture below:



Johnson, Krista

From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Seel, Karen; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; janetlong@pinellascounty.org; Justice, Charlie; Rice, Joan
Subject: duke trail

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Good afternoon,

I have written to each of you previously regarding the Duke Energy Trail North Loop verbalizing my concerns re: safety so I won't repeat "old news" but want to be sure you are aware of a recent change on US 19N. There is now a new traffic change in the extreme northbound right lane, just north of Northside Dr. that no longer allows this extreme right lane to go up to Curlew Road. One would have to move over to one of the left lanes. pass the lines and pole barriers, and then get back in the right lane in order to get to turn onto Curlew. Rush hour, and probably all, drivers will probably opt to cut down Northside and increase even more than usual, the congestion at the Northside and Countryside junction. Safety, yet again, is an increased risk by increasing the numbers of people trying to find a shortcut. Once again making the Alignment B a bad choice.

Thank you all and see you on the virtual meeting this coming Thursday.

Kathleen Agnew
3155 Masters Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33671

Johnson, Krista

From: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: FW:
Attachments: IMG_9939.jpg

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Hi Mr. Eggers. My wife and I were returning home on Saturday and this was Meadow Wood Rd. at about 1500. Picture was taken near the Masters Drive exit from Chateaux Woods, looking down toward Countryside Blvd. You can see the Orange detour signs and construction area on Countryside. As we discussed when you were out here on 12/22/20, cars are regularly parked along Meadow Wood and as you know, this road is not conducive with having a trail added to the already existing congestion. Obviously the parked cars increase during the week-ends and at the same time, the frequency of trail users increases accordingly. I, along with Bruce Rumble and Scott Bressler, met with Ken Jacobs and Joan Rice today and had a productive meeting. I shared this photo of Meadow Wood with them as well. We have some of the Commissioners lined up to visit our community before making their decision as well. Once again, sincere thanks for your cooperation in this endeavor. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Dick Holt

Johnson, Krista

From: Dana Brussow <danabrussow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Lim, KC; North Loop, Pinellas Trail; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave
Subject: North loop of Pinellas Trail

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I want to express my views regarding the North Loop of the Pinellas trail. I do not believe moving the trail from Meadow Wood to Northside Drive enhances the trail or provides a safer trail for the citizens of Pinellas County. Moving the trail means there are roughly 8 more blocks to travel on Countryside Boulevard until you reach Northside. From a safety point of view you now have at least 8 more roads to cross to reach the Duke Energy portion of the trail. Every home owner in our area uses Countryside Boulevard to travel north or south. Adding more intersections for trail uses to cross over on Countryside put them in the path of moving traffic. Since this is the only way most of us can reach other roads. We are using these same intersection 2-4 times a day. This is a safety issue for bikers, walker, joggers, and motor vehicles. McMullen Booth is not an option because of added safety issues, however you are considering Northside Drive over Meadow Wood Drive when that option raises more safety concerns for everyone.

Also, at the intersection of Countryside Boulevard and Northside Drive there are 5 lanes to cross. As you can see in the picture I have enclosed, accidents do occur frequently. Have you compared the amount of accidents at this intersection verses the intersection of Meadow Wood and Countryside Boulevard. This intersection is also dangerous because the roads are switching from one lane to two or two lanes to one depending on the direction you are going. Cars and now buses are constantly speeding up or slowing down to avoid hitting another car and now you want to add a bike trail. I realize that there will be some type of traffic signal for crossing the road that trail users can activate, but you know over half the users will not bother to actually use it.

Another concern I am sure you are not aware of is, the amount of traffic and type of traffic we see on both Northside and Countryside drive. Emergency vehicles, buses and delivery trucks, are constantly uses these two roads as alternative routes to go north and south. This is not the type of setting you want for a trail.

I thought the whole idea of the expansion/connection was to put the trail on the Duke Energy Easement as quickly and safety as possible. You are not reaching that goal when you choose to use Northside Drive.

I have lived in my home for 28 years. Many of my neighbors have been in their home for long periods of time also. Please listen to us, concerning this issue. We have first hand knowledge of how this will negatively impact our neighborhood. The time to safely implement a trail throughout a neighborhood is when that neighborhood is being designed and developed not 40 years after the neighborhood has been built.

Sincerely,

Dana Brussow
3248 Aspen Drive
Clearwater



Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Johnson, Krista

From: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Cc: Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Pinellas County Trail

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Happy Holidays to you and yours. Congratulations to those of you who were re-elected and elected to serve. As you are aware, the issue of finishing the Northern Loop of the Pinellas County Trail is front and center. Currently the Public Works Dept. is conducting a survey to gain comments and concerns from those who may be affected by the final placement of the trail.

I live in very close proximity to proposed trail Alignment A. This Alignment would bring the trail within 10-15 ft of people's homes. Their privacy and way of life would immediately change. Trail users being able to look in their windows and the potential for exterior noise, crime, vagrancy, litter and even worse, arises. We are a Condominium Community of 139 residences that was built in 1982 and it is currently a highly sought after asset in the Real Estate market. If the trail comes on our backyard, will the desire to purchase Real Estate remain? Most of us have the belief that a County Trail has no business traversing through our neighborhood, or for that matter, any neighborhood. Last June our area was slated to have the trail adjacent to our property but the Commissioners rightfully realized that many homes would be seriously affected and Alignment B was proposed and agreed upon.

In October we were notified that there were concerns with proposed Alignment B and Public Works Dept. wanted to revisit the issue. Subsequently the Public Works Dept. held a Virtual Meeting on 12/10/20 to present their outlook and take Questions from the public. There wasn't enough time allotted for all the questions so they established a "Trail Survey" to gather comments and concerns with both Alignments. The survey has turned into a "popularity" contest with each side of the issue trying to register the most votes. There are also constructive comments and concerns regarding safety and privacy issues that I assume will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration and analysis for which way to proceed.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the proposed Alignments, I would encourage you to come out and visit our area before making your decision. I know a few of you have visited both proposed routes and that is recognized and appreciated. This is a very serious matter as it directly affects homes, property and most of all, people. I am extending a welcome to those of you who would like to visit Chateaux Woods and see how Alignment A would affect us.

Very Respectfully,

Dick Holt
3409 Masters Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33761
(727) 786-8505

Johnson, Krista

From: Scott <contact.scott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave
Cc: Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Pinellas County's December 10th Virtual Meeting Letter
Attachments: Virtual Meeting Letter.pdf

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Good evening/morning Pinellas County Commissioners -

We are finally here...the day of the last community meeting, albeit a virtual meeting, before decisions are made that will impact the Countryside region of Clearwater forever. It is the virtual meeting letter (see attached) that was issued to the Countryside homeowners a month ago that is very offensive. Not in it's language, but in it's interested omission of important details. I am not sure who was in charge of writing the attached letter, but I compare it's importance to the explanation that is printed next to each proposed amendment on voter's ballots. With all do respect, the intended verbage in the letter insinuating that Alignment A presents no safety concerns, but Alignment B does is as close to an example of misrepresentation in an attempt to persuade the local residents as I've ever seen. The additional safety concerns with Alignment A extend well beyond those of Alignment B, but the letter completes "sells" the opposite as the message. Since the safety concerns of Alignment A having to pass four extra "through streets" which all have traffic of at least 30 mph or greater easily make Alignment A much more dangerous and unsafe, yet the letter that has been in residents heads now for over a month, completely leave out this information and paint it as though Alignment A is the only "safe" route to take. I am very surprised that this letter was allowed to be sent out without proper proofing which would have prevented this.

Everyone knows that Countryside Blvd. MUST be crossed at one point. Why in the world would the BCC agree to continue the Trail Expansion, what should be a proud accomplishment of the BCC, by having it cross four extra "through streets" (Northside, Northridge, Fox Hill and Meadow Wood) which each have substantial 30-35+ mph traffic when all of those can be avoided by crossing at Northside with a light that also solves all traffic issues aside from the Trail. If you want to promote safety and save lives, one single light at Northside Dr. and Countryside Blvd. would solve the traffic issue and provide a safe Trail crossing all in one solution. It would also eliminate virtually all need to spend budget dollars on any beacon lights being needed for this area of the expansion project. Having Trail users run parallel to the traffic instead of crossing it should be the main objective. Having the Trail users run parallel to East Lake Rd. north of the Chestnut Park area has worked perfectly for years and that road easily has 2-3 times more traffic volume than Countryside Blvd. has. Since that's the case there, it will also work fine running the Trail parallel to Countryside Blvd. from Northside Dr. to Curlew Rd. Crossing the four cross streets and putting a Trail on more Power Lines territory where there is NO SHADE, NO WATER, NO SHELTER, NO PROTECTION FROM RAIN OR LIGHTNING, NO BEAUTY, NO REST STOPS and only sand burs, gopher tortoises, coyotes and rodents is a mistake!! The beautiful pond on Northside Dr. is THE PERFECT rest stop for Trail users to rest in a shaded spot and enjoy the beauty of the region!

I have not way of knowing if it was intentional in any way, but there is no doubt the letter was and is very misleading the local residents who are not as well versed in the details involved with this expansion project and is certainly not a way to earn respect or satisfaction from County residents after this multi-million dollar expansion project is over. The lasting impacts of this BCC decision will contribute to the remaining legacy of each and every County Commissioner after your term has concluded. I would think that your oath to local residents as a County Commissioner to serve their needs in the best interest of safety, community improvement/beautification and enjoyment would be one of if not the most important aspects of your position. I certainly hope it is because that what we, who have voted for you, have as our expectations.

Every one of the 191 petition signers and local Countryside residents are counting on the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners to make the right decision. Alignment B is the right decision! As a Countryside homeowner who has spoken with multitudes of other Countryside homeowners over the past three years studying this expansion project, we all urge every County Commissioner to attend the December 10th virtual meeting. This is a VERY important issue for the safety, beauty an enjoyment of our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you at meeting on December 10th and at the upcoming BCC meetings in downtown Clearwater.

Sincerely,

Scott Bressler
3276 Buckhorn Dr.
Clearwater, FL 33761

Johnson, Krista

From: bruce r <brucer526@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Alignment Vote
Attachments: Velventos trail petition.jpg; Velventos trail petition 2.jpg

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12/9/2020

To: Commissioner Dave Eggers

Dear Commissioner Eggers,

Just to let you know, all the residents in my association (Velventos) are all voting for, and pro "Alignment B". I thank you immensely for your recommendation of this route, and votes for it on 6/20/19 along with all your fellow Commissioners. All the residents of Chateaux Woods condos, and homes that boarder the easement on "Alignment A", totaling over 220 are pro "Alignment B".

We are sad that the Pinellas DOT has safety concerns regarding this route and assure you that they are incorrect of their assessment, and that we feel we know more about this since we live in the area and also drive it daily. We want you to see the logical answer and choose that route.

Using "Alignment A" would require trail users to cross 4 main thorough fare roads (Northside Dr., Northridge Dr., Fox Hill Dr., Meadow Wood Dr.) and require traffic beacons that would be risky to pedestrians on these roads due to the amount of traffic and speeds vehicles travel. It would also put trail users right next 45 homes back yards on the easement along with 8-10ft next to condos at Chateaux Woods. Meadow Wood Dr. has limited visibility Southbound up Countryside Blvd. for the crossing there due to the curve and hill at that spot in the road. It also is children's bus stop. It is impossible to place a stop light there due to the potential backup of traffic to Curlew during rush hours.

Using "Alignment B" would be the best solution as it will be possible to place a pedestrian activated traffic light on the corner of Northside Dr. and Countryside Blvd. and that will fix two potential problems (safety for the trail riders crossing Countryside Blvd. and calming traffic speeds of vehicles on that road which has been a problem). Any streets/drives that would be crossed on this route are right at a stop sign on each road anyways so traffic is already stopping.

We sincerely hope that you and your fellow Commissioners see this logic to vote for "Alignment B" and we are praying and counting on you to do so! Thank you!

Sincerely, Bruce Rumble

P.S. please see area residents that are also pro "Alignment B" supporters
<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/427/484/262/pinellas-trail-expansion-north-loop/>

Johnson, Krista

From: thefranksb@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, December 06, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap extension

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Good Day Commissioners,

Disappointed in the way this matter is being handled. It seems that the loudest NOs will win the day.

It used to be that the more yeses would. Well, Chateaux Woods has 139 units, with at least 200 residents voting **NO!!!!**

Why don't you run the Trail where people are requesting it??. maybe because no one wants it by their property.

Below are my emails to Commissioner Eggers. Perhaps, the trail will end at Northside Drive and pick-up again on

Countryside and Meadow Wood, not perfect, but the lesser intrusive to all.

Stay Well, Be safe, and God Bless

frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
To: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
Sent: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 2:31 pm
Subject: RE: Pinellas Trail extension 3/26/19

On behalf of Commissioner Eggers, thank you for contacting out office. Please know that the route for this gap in the North Trail Loop has not yet been decided. Staff will be providing another opportunity for input from the community regarding the two potential routes. Residents living near either route should be receiving a flyer in the mail in the next week or so regarding a planned virtual community meeting.

Once staff receives the input from the community, they will provide a recommendation to the Commissioners. The Commission will then decide the route at an upcoming BCC meeting.

Additionally, I have noted and will share your opposition for the route going down Meadow Wood with Commissioner Eggers.

Kimberly H. Greenleaf

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From: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org <deggers@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 8:44 am
Subject: Fwd: Pinellas Trail extension 3/26/19

Good Morning Commissioner,

I am disappointed to hear that the trail route "is still under consideration". We were informed last year that it was finalized, and that the route was going down Northside Drive. Why the sudden change? Are not the commissioners people of their word? Please use your influence to guide the others back to their original decision. I've included my original e-mail to you.

stay well, be safe and God Bless
frank

-----Original Message-----

From: thefranksb@verizon.net <thefranksb@verizon.net>
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org
Sent: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 9:00 am
Subject: re Pinellas Trail extension

Hello Commissioner Eggers

My name is Frank Bencivenga. I am on the Board of Directors at the Chateaux Woods Condo Association.

I would like to share a few of my concerns regarding the extension along Meadow Woods Road and Countryside Blvd. There are many in my development that have the same concerns, if not more. We were requested to e-mail you separately.

1- Blinking light to be installed at pedestrian crossing on Meadow Woods by Duke Energy power lines.

Is this going to be pedestrian control? It is a fairly traveled road. Who will have the right of way?

2- Pedestrian controlled crossing lights to be installed on Meadow Woods/Countryside and Countryside/Curlew Rd. Countryside is a well traveled road, and at times very busy. Curlew Rd is a very busy road. It is six lanes, used by autos, vans, trucks, tractor trailers, with a downward slope westbound. When that "button" is pressed, do you think traffic will come to a smooth stop. Good luck with that.

Will there be a time delay on the "buttons", so that one cannot push it again within a certain amount of time and has a delay before the lights start to flash. If not, there is a huge potential for major traffic incidents, congestion, and road rage.

3- Chateaux Woods entrance on Meadow Woods. Will there be a yield/stop sign for the trail users? We have 139 units in our development, with well over 100 vehicles. We believe we should not have our ability to enter or leave our complex hindered upon, nor should our workers, deliveries, etc. St. Tropez Condos on the eastside of Countryside has probably the same amount of vehicles, possibly more, and they have only one entrance/exit, which is one Countryside

4- Insurance - our rates most likely will increase due to the trail running along side us, the increase pedestrian and bike traffic, the inevitable "shortcuts" that will be taken through our property, people have mishaps on the trail, falling on our property. Is it the County's responsibility for any injuries that occur because of the trail and the increase in insurance rates?

5- Privacy - we are looking at planting hedges along Meadow Woods for privacy and hoping to deter people from taking that shortcut from Meadow Woods to Countryside through our property. Will the county reimburse us for that expense (hedges would be unnecessary without the trail)?

I do believe the route that was deemed "most expensive" is the most logical and practical way to proceed.

Chateaux Woods owns the property where Duke energy has their power lines by our complex. I pretty sure we would deed over the property to you. And if you continue to Curlew on the eastside of the powerlines, I'm do believe the Catholic church will allow it, or give that property to you. They may pick up new parishioners in the process.

Finally, continue with an overpass across Curlew. We were told that an overpass might be needed at Curlew and Countryside, but will be constructed later. Why wait? Do it along the power lines now.

Thank you for your consideration, and I do hope common sense will win out.

Frank

Johnson, Krista

From: RICHARD F BELLVILLE <rfbellville@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop

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Since I cannot attend or watch the Board's workshop due to prior commitment, I'm submitting the following for your consideration:

About the Pinellas Country Trail.

If Duke Energy put a "*Service Road*" under "their" power line on "their" property, there would be NO discussion. It is only when we use "*Pinellas Trail*" that it becomes "Not behind my house".

Whereas we live on Buckhorn Drive and Northside Drive, corner of Duke Energy right of way, which is behind our home of 30 years.

We agree on Alignment A:

1. Less expensive than Alignment B
2. Less environmental damage than Alignment B
3. Less traffic than Alignment B
4. Lower speed limit than Alignment B
5. Safer than Alignment B

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Richard and Kathy Bellville
3240 Buckhorn Drive
Clearwater, FL 33761
727-460-6038

Johnson, Krista

From: Tony Kvedar <AKVEDAR@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail

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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my deep disappointment about the Pinellas Trail Northern Gap project. I have serious concerns about this project. My wife and I live on Thalia Court in Chateau Woods. The east side of our villa is on Meadow Wood Drive. Alignment A would bring the bike trail down Meadow Wood drive right outside the windows in my Florida Room and create an invasion of my privacy.

Alignment B would travel down the east side of Countryside Blvd and is the better route for two reasons. First, there is a broader track of land coming down Countryside BLVD, allowing the bike path to be built further from the road. Second, most homes on this road have either hedges or fences blocking the view from the area where the bike path would go. Two years ago, Alignment B was the settled route, but someone has said there is a safety issue, but we never told what this issue is. Alignment A does create its' own safety issue. Would. The trail would cross over the intersection of Countryside and Meadow Wood. A school bus stop is located here, and cars park there twice a day picking up children.

You should not complete this project with either A or B. There are two areas where safety is an issue. As Proposed, The bike path has to cross Curlew road, a highly traveled road. This intersection is hazardous, with many car accidents resulting. I ask myself, is it worth the potential danger so that the trail can be connected.

Tony Kvedar

Johnson, Krista

From: J D <jedemeo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Pinellas Trail/North Loop Gap

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

I urge you to select trail Alignment B for the North Loop.

The Northside Dr. to Countryside Blvd. is a natural addition to that neighborhood. Both sides of Countryside are, and have been, heavily used by walkers, bikers, runners and joggers for years. The east side sidewalk has ample setback to accommodate a full 12 ft. trail width. The construction of a trail along this route would be a natural addition to the neighborhood. Crossing traffic at this point is much safer than at Meadow Wood because there is a clear line of sight in both directions. The road curves as it approaches Meadow Wood, and there is a sloped roadway that approaches Meadow Wood from the north end traffic signals. It's dangerous! There is nothing pretty when biking down a power line easement. But leaving that trail and following Countryside Blvd. is the reward. It's simply a beautiful area of Clearwater. The Countryside/Curlew construction now in progress fits right in with the natural environment.

Alignment A continues the trail through the ugly power line easement. I assume it was chosen as a cost-cutting option. The proposed trail is literally jammed into the Meadow Wood neighborhood. There is not enough space to accommodate a 12 ft. width. While I understand the road will not be narrowed, I also understand that excavation of property along Chateaux Woods would be necessary even to accommodate an 8 ft. width. There is very little setback from that property to the sidewalk. Parking along the street is common...not the case with Northside and Countryside. The entrance/exit of Chateaux Woods slopes down to Meadow Wood. I see this as being extremely dangerous. In short, Alignment A is not a natural addition to this congested area of the neighborhood. It would ruin the beautiful landscaping of Chateaux Woods and bring travelers even closer to the homes.

This project is being funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and Penny for Pinellas. The Pinellas Trail was created to provide a unique and safe connector to our communities. Alignment A bypasses the Countryside community. It takes travelers along a remote, potentially unsafe, stretch of power line property absent of "nature". I don't see any awards in the future for this choice.

Alignment B, in my opinion, is the most appropriate use of grant money and Penny for Pinellas funding. Costs are cut by using the Enterprise to Northside Duke easement. Then, in the true intent of the Pinellas Trail, the trail switches to the community of Countryside and showcases it. There is no doubt in my mind that many travelers along this route will return to it and explore the area. That's my vision. I hope it's yours, too.

Please approve Alignment B.

Sincerely,
Jean DeMeo
2822 Rampart Circle, Clearwater

Johnson, Krista

From: Patricia Fain <banklite1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Trail/Northside Drive

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I have lived in the Countryside area for over 30 years and have never contacted you before. I'm very concerned about the proposed plan to route the Pinellas Trail alongside Meadow Wood Drive, off Countryside Blvd, rather than by Northside Drive. Many of us attended meetings throughout the last year and assumed, based on meeting results, that the Northside Drive option was the one having your primary consideration. Now we find this is still up for discussion. I'm frustrated and alarmed that both the pace and process of your work is still now finalized. I must advise that many members of my community and the Countryside area in general are advocating that you route the Trail on Northside. There is no impediment to your doing so. It is the logical place for the Trail as Meadow Wood is a narrower, more residential street whereas Northside Drive is more widely traveled, wider and more accessible than Meadow Wood.

The Chateaux Woods community feels strongly that our privacy, and quiet residences would be disrupted considerably by the trail going along our perimeter, with increased congestion, traffic, parked cars and noise. Not to mention the increased chance of crime in the vicinity.

Please advise why (in the world) you are not moving forward to route the Trail, as planned, along Northside Drive. I fail to see any logical reason why delaying a decision on this has not been made.

Please feel free to contact me with any argument you have which is contrary to the trail on Northside.

Yours,

Patricia Fain

Chateaux Woods

727 432 1039

Johnson, Krista

From: J D <jedemeo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Survey North Loop Alignment

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

This is my second letter to the board.

At what point did the choice of Alignment A vs Alignment B for the North Loop of the Pinellas Trail resort to a popularity contest between two neighborhoods? What pressures appear to have reduced the board's concern for safety? I thought the board was reviewing all considerations and concerns that have been voiced by residents. I thought the decision would ultimately choose the safest and most appropriate use of land that would be a credit to the neighborhoods involved, and to the Pinellas Trail as a whole.

I am now imploring you **not** to base your decision on the survey. What is most favored does not equate to the safest. What is most favored does not equate to the most appropriate use of land, nor the most appropriate use of funding. That is your responsibility as a board.

The concerns I raised in my first letter are still my concerns. Crossing Countryside at Meadow Wood is dangerous. The very busy road curves at that point and line of sight is poor. Meadow Wood residents have very little setback from the road. Alignment A would reduce the setback even more, and the trail itself would be reduced to 8 ft. And this narrowed trail crosses the busy Chateaux Woods entrance/exit. Drivers exiting the property would do so directly onto the trail. The sloped landscape and lack of setback create a very dangerous point for trail users. The only reason I can see that Meadow Wood was chosen as an option is because it is convenient and cheaper. Not safer.

Alignment B crosses Countryside where vision is not obscured. The green way along the east side of Countryside, passing a country club, is already used by dog walkers, joggers, hikers, etc. The selection of this route is a natural extension of its well-established use. The setback is more than ample, even with a full 12 ft. trail width. The entire route to Curlew is basically flat and because of this, and the setback, drivers leaving properties on the east side do not have their vision obscured as is the case with Chateaux Woods. As I said before, using Duke's easement for part of the loop is cost saving. Getting off that easement at Northside and passing two properties before Countryside is the right choice. Biking or hiking a power line easement is not a pretty sight, and in many areas remote. Once again, directing the trail out of that easement and onto the east Countryside alignment would be a credit to the neighborhood and the Pinellas Trail project. It is beautiful, safe, wide and already being used for this purpose.

Alignment A would be a huge burden to Meadow Wood and Chateaux Woods homeowners. Property values are more apt to be adversely affected. The roadside landscaping would be ruined, privacy lost, entrance/exit made unsafe for both trail users and drivers, and the trail reduced in size. It's too much to ask of one small neighborhood and unfair. Let's face it, Meadow Wood would never have been a trail choice under any other circumstances.

Please consider these concerns before making your choice. I can probably guess what the most popular choice is at this point in time. But it doesn't mean it's the right choice. I hope you choose not to unfairly burden our small neighborhood at Meadow Wood and Chateaux Woods. I hope you choose not to discount safety concerns or bend to pressures that do not consider what trail **users** would prefer. That's a no brainer. What burden does Alignment B create for Countryside east residents?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jean E. DeMeo
2822 Rampart Circle, Clearwater

Johnson, Krista

From: Tony Kvedar <AKVEDAR@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; 'struma@verison.net'
Subject: bike trail

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Commissioner Eggers,

Our names are Linda and Tony Kvedar. We live at 3390 Thalia Lane, on the south side of Chateau Woods condo development in Clearwater. Meadow Wood Drive is in our back yard. We can see it clearly from our Florida Room. Two years ago we spoke up to discourage the proposed bike path from coming down Meadow Wood Drive. This is a quiet residential street with minimal traffic. If this project were to come down Meadow Wood we would be left with a bike path virtually right outside our Florida Room taking away all the privacy and security we now enjoy and the potential damage to our property values. We would propose the better route would be to go east on Northside Drive to Countryside Blvd crossing over to the east side and then proceeding north on Countryside Blvd. Actually, we thought McMullin Booth was the best route but it appears that idea has gone by the wayside.

We are still at a loss as to why this needs to be done. There are various places where the bike path will cross streets and roadways creating a greater potential for accidents and injury to the users. This will be especially true when the bike path crosses Curlew Road. The intersection of Curlew Road and Countryside Blvd. is already a hot spot for numerous accidents.

We respectfully ask you to reconsidered this project, but if that is unavoidable please don't allow it to come down Meadow Wood Drive.

Sincerely yours,
Linda and Tony Kvedar

Johnson, Krista

From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Duke Energy Trail North Loop

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

This is a follow up communication to each of you to reiterate my, and that of many others' concerns, regarding the section of the North Trail Loop yet undecided. I personally have requested Mayor Frank Hibbard to address this change with you and act as an advocate for SAFETY on this proposed section of the Trail, hopefully he will do so.

Sadly, an excuse used to change the original route to exit the Duke Energy grassed property onto Northside Drive rather than onto Meadow Wood Drive, we have been told is that someone claims there are Aliens on that section. Who would think that would be a consideration over SAFETY or that this is even a credible excuse. Some have said that possibly some other reason or person may be the cause Over SAFETY, that is difficult to believe. Please share the reason so I can understand.

Please remember that area is a cut through from US 19 and there is increased traffic particularly at certain busy times of day, that then joins up to Countryside Boulevard. This traffic will come upon lane changes and increasing speeds at that junction. Once across Countryside Boulevard, there are 7 cross streets where trail users will compete with vehicles exiting their neighborhood. In addition, Countryside Boulevard is not straight, having several twists and turns that do not allow the user to see too far ahead. There has been a recent accident of someone not navigating one of these twists very well and driving into a hedge and a tree, fortunately he survived.

If the trail can continue the original route down the Duke Energy grassed area and then enter onto Meadow Wood Drive, it would keep all the citizens who want to enjoy the trail, SAFE for an additional half mile. It would require for that distance only work on the trail and not having to adapt the present land on Countryside Boulevard including sidewalks and sprinkler systems until it reaches Meadow Wood. Most importantly, it will keep cars and people apart and SAFE for that additional half mile.

Please consider this, one life or one injury is too many. All of you have a vote, vote for SAFETY please.

Thank you for consideration of this item.

Kathleen Agnew
Clubhouse Estates HOA of Countryside
3155 Masters Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33761

Johnson, Krista

From: Bob Liles <liles.bob@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:20 PM
Cc: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com; Burton, Barry
Subject: [BULK] Pinellas Trail/North Loop

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Dear Commissioners,

My wife Renee and I live at 3403 Masters Dr N in Chateaux Woods Condominiums and we attended several meetings in 2019 concerning the North Loop Gap route of the Pinellas Trail. We frequently use the trail for biking and walking and are not anti-trail. Our issue was with the route using Meadow Wood Drive. At the end of that time, we were assured that the County was going to use Northside Drive from Countryside Boulevard to the Duke Energy easement rather than using Meadow Wood Drive. I believe that is the best solution with the least impact on homeowners on the route.

Now we have heard that at another meeting recently held at Countryside Country Club that the route may be changed back to Meadow Wood. I do not know why the change in plans, especially now that construction has started, but I ask you to be our advocate with the full Board of County Commissioners and the Public Works Department to use Northside Drive rather than Meadow Wood Drive.

If you want reasons to explain why, please consider the following:

- 1) fewer homeowners are impacted.
- 2) the right-of-way is wider on Countryside Boulevard and Northside Drive than Meadow Wood Drive, causing less impact and providing more safety.
- 3) one less street crossing to add, if the Countryside crossing is on the south side of Northside Drive, rather than the north side. Increasing safety.
- 4) crossing of Countryside Boulevard at Meadow Wood drive would interfere with a current school bus stop, impacting student safety.
- 5) narrow right-of-way beside Chateaux Woods Condominiums, requiring removal of the barrier berms and may require adding fencing, increasing the project expense.

I have copied Mr. Dick Holt with this email as he is representing Chateaux Woods at meetings.

I thank you in advance for carefully considering this issue and making the best decision.

Robert and Renee Liles

Johnson, Krista

From: Dan Crean <odaneboi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK]

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Mr. Eggers, I live at 3382 Thalia Ct, Clearwater, FL 33761 I have been informed that the Pinellas trail may still go down Meadowood? I urge you to take the time to walk this path. This trail will be feet from my house! I know that people enjoy the trail that exists! I am not comfortable with people using this trail next to my windows!! I am sure you would NOT give me your address and standing a few feet from your house looking in!! It's creepy and scary! My house will be one DIRECTLY effected by this intrusive trail! I hope that this trail will be reconsidered i do not want to replace my doors and have to add security lights because I can't afford it! If you proceed with this trail please send me your address so I can walk by your house SLOWLY AND only a couple feet away from your windows and look into your family's house and scare your family and make you as uncomfortable as you plan to make my family!! I URGE you to see how INTRUSIVE this is to my home!!

Daniel Crean

3382 Thalia Ct, Clearwater, FL 33761

Johnson, Krista

From: thefranksb@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Fwd: Pinellas Trail extension 3/26/19

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To: deggers@pinellascounty.org
Sent: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 9:00 am
Subject: re Pinellas Trail extension

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1- Blinking light to be installed at pedestrian crossing on Meadow Woods by Duke Energy power lines.
Is this going to be pedestrian control? It is a fairly traveled road. Who will have the right of way?

2- Pedestrian controlled crossing lights to be installed on Meadow Woods/Countryside and Countryside/Curlew Rd. Countryside is a well traveled road, and at times very busy. Curlew Rd is a very busy road. It is six lanes, used by autos, vans, trucks, tractor

trailers, with a downward slope westbound. When that "button" is pressed, do you think traffic will come to a smooth stop. Good luck with that.

Will there be a time delay on the "buttons", so that one cannot push it again within a certain amount of time and has a delay before the lights start to flash. If not, there is a huge potential for major traffic incidents, congestion, and road rage.

3- Chateaux Woods entrance on Meadow Woods. Will there be a yield/stop sign for the trail users? We have 139 units in our development, with well over 100 vehicles. We believe we should not have our ability to enter or leave our complex hindered upon, nor should our workers, deliveries, etc. St. Tropez Condos on the eastside of Countryside has probably the same amount of vehicles, possibly more, and they have only one entrance/exit, which is one Countryside

4- Insurance - our rates most likely will increase due to the trail running along side us, the increase pedestrian and bike traffic, the inevitable "shortcuts" that will be taken through our property, people have mishaps on the trail, falling on our property. Is it the County's responsibility for any injuries that occur because of the trail and the increase in insurance rates?

5- Privacy - we are looking at planting hedges along Meadow Woods for privacy and hoping to deter people from taking that shortcut from Meadow Woods to Countryside through our property. Will the county reimburse us for that expense (hedges would be unnecessary without the trail)?

I do believe the route that was deemed "most expensive" is the most logical and practical way to proceed.

Chateaux Woods owns the property where Duke energy has their power lines by our complex. I pretty sure we would deed over the property to you. And if you continue to Curlew on the eastside of the powerlines, I'm do believe the Catholic church will allow it, or give that property to you. They may pick up new parishioners in the process.

Finally, continue with an overpass across Curlew. We were told that an overpass might be needed at Curlew and Countryside, but will be constructed later. Why wait? Do it along the power lines now.

Thank you for your consideration, and I do hope common sense will win out.

Frank

Johnson, Krista

From: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; 'janetlong@pinellascounty.org'; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: FW: Pinellas Trail, Northern Loop Segment

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dick Holt and I reside in Chateaux Woods, a Condominium Association that consists of 139 families. I served as President of the Board of Directors for 11 years and have resided here for 35 years. I attended several meetings last year concerning the proposed route of the trail and how it may effect certain areas that were directly involved in the planning process. I also attended the June 2019 meeting when the Commissioners amended the proposed route, selecting the Countryside Boulevard to Northside route instead of the Meadow Wood proposal. I also attended the October 2019 meeting at the Countryside Country Club for Countryside residents. All in attendance were provided with large photos of the trail, the routes, including the amended change to use Northside instead of Meadow Wood Road. We were provided a form that asked the residents to select whether the trail should be installed on the North or South side of Countryside Boulevard, before it connected to Northside and entered Duke property.

Now, a year later, we learn that there is a conflict of interest in using the Countryside Blvd-Northside route and that the Meadow Wood route may be back in planning. My daughter resides directly at the corner of Meadow Wood and N. Masters Drive, which would be ground zero if Meadow Wood is used. The county is aware she has two special needs children as she expressed same to trail representatives who were present at a meeting at the Countryside Library last year. She is extremely anxious and fearful that a trail in such close proximity to her residence may be dangerous, as her home is approximately 15 feet from the road. The children fall in the Autism spectrum and after moving here, are finally comfortable and feel safe in their neighborhood. However, with special needs kids, we know they are vulnerable to those in society who may have sinister thoughts and act upon them if the situation arose.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Meadow Wood area. It is a narrow street with 10 residences on one side of the street and 11 on the other side. There are also 9 driveways that would be involved. In comparison, placing the trail along Countryside Boulevard to Northside is 0.7 miles of scenic perimeter views of wooded areas and a pristine Golf course. There are very few residences, if any, that are directly effected via this route in comparison to the 20+ residences on Meadow Wood. I encourage you to visit the area and travel the two options to see the glaring differences between the two options.

It is obvious that people on both sides of the issue are not in agreement and to my knowledge, no one has come forward to express their excitement over the proposal of a trail traversing their neighborhood. If I were a trail patron and given the choice of which option would be preferable, it would be an easy one. Either running, walking, jogging or cycling through a neighborhood where you can look into resident's windows or an area of scenic beauty with plenty of room for the users and more convenience for emergency vehicles, should the need arise.

This is an important decision for our Commissioners and not one to be taken lightly as it could seriously and directly effect people's lives going forward. I sincerely request that you honor the decision you made last June and vacate any plan to utilize Meadow Wood Road.

Very respectfully,

Dick Holt
3409 Masters Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33761
(727) 786-8505

Johnson, Krista

From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fw: Duke Energy Trail North Loop

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Ms. Gerard,
Please excuse my terrible typing and sending skills. Please consider my message.
Kathleen Agnew

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From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
To: janetclong@pinellascounty.org <janetclong@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 05:48:25 PM EDT
Subject: Fw: Duke Energy Trail North Loop

Ms. Long excuse my not including you on my initial e-mail, unfortunately I hit send and should double and triple checked.
Many thanks, Kathleen Agnew

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From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org <deggers@pinellascounty.org>; cjustice@pinellascounty.org <cjustice@pinellascounty.org>; kseel@pinellascounty.org <kseel@pinellascounty.org>; kpeters@pinellascounty.org <kpeters@pinellascounty.org>; kwelch@pinellascounty.org <kwelch@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 05:46:00 PM EDT
Subject: Duke Energy Trail North Loop

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

This is a follow up communication to each of you to reiterate my, and that of many others' concerns, regarding the section of the North Trail Loop yet undecided. I personally have requested Mayor Frank Hibbard to address this change with you and act as an advocate for SAFETY on this proposed section of the Trail, hopefully he will do so.

Sadly, an excuse used to change the original route to exit the Duke Energy grassed property onto Northside Drive rather than onto Meadow Wood Drive, we have been told is that someone claims there are Aliens on that section. Who would think that would be a consideration over SAFETY or that this is even a credible excuse. Some have said that possibly some other reason or person may be the cause Over SAFETY, that is difficult to believe. Please share the reason so I can understand.

Please remember that area is a cut through from US 19 and there is increased traffic particularly at certain busy times of day, that then joins up to Countryside Boulevard. This traffic will come upon lane changes and increasing speeds at that junction. Once across Countryside Boulevard, there are 7 cross streets where trail users will compete with vehicles exiting their neighborhood. In addition, Countryside Boulevard is not straight, having several twists and turns that do not allow the user to see too far ahead. There has been a recent accident of someone not navigating one of these twists very well and driving into a hedge and a tree, fortunately he survived.

If the trail can continue the original route down the Duke Energy grassed area and then enter onto Meadow Wood Drive, it would keep all the citizens who want to enjoy the trail, SAFE for an additional half mile. It would require for that distance only work on the trail and not having to adapt the present land on Countryside Boulevard including sidewalks and sprinkler systems until it reaches Meadow Wood. Most importantly, it will keep cars and people apart and SAFE for that additional half mile.

Please consider this, one life or one injury is too many. All of you have a vote, vote for SAFETY please.

Thank you for consideration of this item.

Kathleen Agnew
Clubhouse Estates HOA of Countryside
3155 Masters Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33761

Johnson, Krista

From: RICHARD F BELLVILLE <rfbellville@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Survey Pinellas Trail North Gap

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The survey shows that no one wants the trail.

That said, the decision rest with the Commissioner's. You. Sorry, some divisions are left for the next elected.

Alignment A (Meadowood)

1. Less traffic (Safer)
2. Lower speed limit (Safer)
3. Same distance to Countryside
4. Countryside Blvd has 2 lanes to cross (Safer)
5. Longer/safer time on trail right a way

Alignment B (South side on Northside Drive)

1. Heavy traffic
2. Higher speed limit
3. Same distance to Countryside
4. Countryside Blvd has 5 lanes to cross
5. Damage and/or remove 14 or more TREES
6. Liability/Safety concern for Private owned pond.
7. There are 7 street to cross along the proposed Countryside Blvd route.

I am at your service if I can help.

Dick Bellville
3240 Buckhorn Drive
Clearwater 33761

From: [Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller](#) on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
To: [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)
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Topic North Trail Loop

BCC Agenda Date 2-4-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I am Not in favor of the trail being constructed along Northside Drive. Constructing the trail along Meadow Wood Drive is a safer option according to the data that has been collected by the county. 1. Less traffic on Meadow Wood Drive 2. Less accidents on Meadow Wood Drive 3. Less cross-road/side-streets for trail users if Meadow Wood is used verses Northside Drive 4. Easier cross over on Countryside Drive at Meadow Wood. (2 lanes verses 5 lanes) 5. Both Countryside Drive and Northside Drive are used by larger/commercial vehicles.

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From: rholt2@tampabay.rr.com
To: [Seel, Karen](#)
Subject: Meadow Wood Rd.
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:53:23 PM

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Hi Commissioner Seel. Once again I would like to sincerely thank your for participating in the recent zoom meeting. We here at Chateaux Woods thought it was very productive and we were able to express some of our concerns to you. Obviously you guys have a difficult decision to make and I recognize and appreciate that.

If you recall, I mentioned that I had mailed a picture of Meadow Wood Rd. that was taken around 1500 on 1/06/21 to Joan Rice @ Pinellas County Public Works, as well as Commissioner Dave Eggers. This picture was taken as you leave the rear entrance/exit of Chateaux Woods and turning left toward Countryside Blvd. You can see the construction area at the Meadow Wood and Countryside intersection. As mentioned, this was on a Saturday afternoon. I would speculate that most trail users would be using the trail on the week-ends and as you can see, this is a very narrow street, already extended from it's intended use as a neighborhood feeder road. Families grow, suddenly 6 yr olds become teenagers and that means another car in the family, with no room to park, except along Meadow Wood. Please feel free to share this photo with your fellow Commissioners. Respectfully,

Dick Holt
Chateaux Woods

From: 7276473278@mypixmessages.com
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From: [Tony Kvedar](#)
To: [Seel, Karen](#)
Cc: "[rholt2@tampabay.rr.com](#)"; "[Jkrantz@progressivem.com](#)"
Subject: Pinellas Trail Loop Countryside
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 4:20:54 PM

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Dear Commissioner Seel:

My name is Tony Kvedar and I am President of the Chateau Woods Condo Associations. I writing concerning the Pinellas Trail Loop Countryside Alignment. Alignment A comes east down Meadow Wood Drive and butts right up to our property. Many in our association do not want Alignment A. They believe it invades their privacy, will create unnecessary traffic issues along our street, and cause property values to go down.

Commissioner Dave Eggars traveled to Chateau Woods and Meadow Wood Drive on December 22, 2020 to meet with our members and discuss the issues surrounding Alignment A. It was a very productive meeting and all who came appreciated Commissioner Eggar's willingness to meet with us and hear our grievances.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and meet with us prior to your vote on this issue.

You may contact me at akvedar@tampabay.rr.com

Or call at 802-324-6296 or 727-474-3031

Looking forward to meeting,

Anthony J. Kvedar, Jr.

President Chateau Woods Condo Association