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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Pinellas North Loop
Message	Hello Dave, I appreciate what you do. However, in listening to this meeting it seems you have a Bias for option B and are not fully listening to Ken. You also keep messing up the names of roads. Ken's plan to lower, create a new sidewalk and offer to build a hedge seems logical and was mentioned before you said something. You brought up twice about the sidewalk issue on Meadow Wood in a way that seems you are not listening to Ken and his expertise. Regards, Abraham
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Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas Trail North Loop Alignment Safety vote reasoning
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Dear Commissioners,

Back in fall of 2020 we were surprised to learn that the progress of the Pinellas trail "Alignment B" was put on hold due to "Safety concerns from neighboring residents that live east of Countryside Blvd". Thus, a Zoom meeting and survey was held and voting with suggestions were compiled from the neighbors and trail users; but let us not forget what the original flag was that held up the progress on this section of the trail...."Safety"! Here are the main safety concerns that should be logically considered

Overall safety due to the following:

Positives on "Alignment B"

Traffic signal needed at Countryside Blvd and Northside Dr to calm speeders on Countryside Blvd already

Having a traffic signal with pedestrian activation capabilities at this intersection makes for the safest place and method to cross Countryside Blvd. for trail users and pedestrians.

Going parallel to traffic is safest way to travel...not crossing 4 thorough fare roads

Saves cost of 5 RRFB's

Better aesthetics

Huge wide easement would be 60+ft from the only 6 homes next to trail and to the side of the home Countryside Blvd. already has a sidewalk that is currently used for bike trail already, not much change

Existing sidewalk can be left in place and used as a double up for pedestrians and the trail for bikers

Ability for Police, EMS, and public monitoring and access will be safer with less crime potential

Negatives on “Alignment A”

Crossing 4 major neighborhood thoroughfare roads is very dangerous especially Northside Dr. with upcoming construction to US 19.

Crossing Countryside @ Meadow Wood is a blind view crosswalk already and is dangerous

Cut through factor through Chateau Woods and Velventos neighborhoods which are private

Trespassing and crime factor to residents that live near or border the easement and their neighborhoods

Closeness factor to Chateau Woods condos (trail being 4-15ft near residences)

Closeness factor of 10-20ft to 55 residents back yards along easement

Loss of privacy and noise to 55 homes directly and another 60 homes within 150 ft

Use of Meadow Wood Dr. as a children’s bus stop right at the corner of Countryside Blvd.

Use of Meadow Wood Dr. for parking every day of the week...congested already

Risk of wildfires in dry easement grass to resident’s homes and fences bordering easement

Risk to power lines, towers, and other easement usages like data, cable, and phone lines

Lack of surveillance capabilities

20 + Gopher tortoise having to be relocated @ \$500+ per tortoise= \$10,000+

EMF dangers from power lines

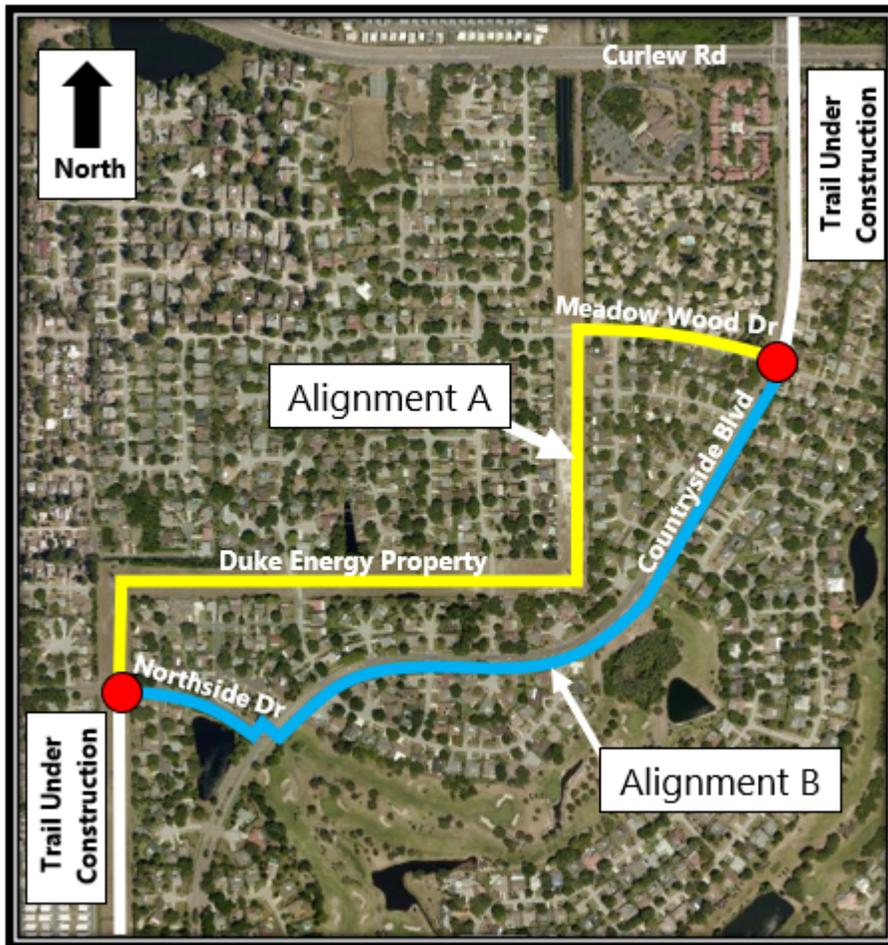
Commissioners, PLEASE “VOTE ALIGNMENT B” for everyone’s safety!

Safety should be the number one concern. The loss of one life will be too many. Alignment B is best since the trail users will go parallel to the traffic on Northside Dr. (and consider the fact that going parallel to is much safer than crossing traffic). Routing pedestrians across Northside Dr., Northridge Dr., Fox Hill Dr., and Meadow Wood Dr., for “Alignment A” will surely be extremely risky due to the position it would cross on those busy neighborhood thoroughfare roads as the traffic would be at the highest speed at those points on those roads maybe using traffic beacons on just some. Car traffic is not an issue routing the trail down parallel to Northside Dr. to and Countryside Blvd. (Alignment B) the car traffic would be slower due to cars making turns at the end of Northside Dr., and also that intersection would be capable of adding a pedestrian triggered traffic light (not an RRFB) that could also assist in traffic calming and safety for everyone. This is the best solution! This would be the safest way and place to cross Countryside Blvd. and it will also slow the traffic which is another issue on this road too that folks that are pro Alignment A want anyways. Alignment B crosses 5 roads (one being a cul-de-sac) and Alignment A crosses 4 roads not including Countryside Blvd.. Either route has to cross Countryside Blvd.! Crossing at Meadow Wood at Countryside Blvd. is a blind and dangerous crossing due to southbound driver’s visibility due to the hill and curve at that point in the road. The trees on Northside and roots do not need to be trimmed just build the trail at those spots

narrower (8”), no issue and is no more an issue that what is being done north of Curlew on Countryside Blvd.. On Countryside Blvd. you can just leave the existing sidewalk in place then add the trail toward the road; then walkers can use the current, and riders won’t be near walkers and folk’s homes.

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 10-20ft will bring many different problems like crime, noise, trespassing, vagrancy in a quiet neighborhood of over \$35 million dollars worth of homes that enjoy their current conditions. “Alignment A” has 55 homes that would have the trail within 15ft of their back yard, and 50 homes across the easement @150ft. What provisions for the safety of these 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. Let’s not forget about being exposed to dangerous EMF’s under power lines either. 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 Commissioners and WILL be the safest, most logical, least disruptive route possible at this point, and is what the neighboring residents want! Thank you!

Sincerely, Bruce Rumble



Johnson, Krista

From: Robert and Kathleen Agnew <bk3155@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 3:08 PM
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Subject: North Loop

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Good Afternoon,

As the time draws near for your vote on the North Loop of the Trail I ask you to consider.....I, and many of my neighbors, wish you to consider above all, safety.

Proponents of the B decision (alternate) are also concerned but I feel for a different reason. For many years some have had open space behind their properties and some even may have developed a little compound abutting the Duke Energy property. They have enjoyed that open space behind their property but as always, one must know what that open land could become and who owns it. In addition, they fear aliens (???), a misnomer possibly for immigrants or transients invading their land via the trail. Doubtful as there is a group of officers and other city staff that monitor for that potential.

My, and that of my neighbors, concern is for SAFETY at the junction of Northside Drive and the other 6 street junctions along the Countryside Boulevard heading towards Meadow Wood Drive. In addition the visibility on Countryside Boulevard is difficult due to the several bends in the road and the recent increase of traffic possibility due to a change in lanes on US 19. Safety is paramount and loss of life should not be an option because there is an open expanse present on the property already owned by Duke Energy, why put people at risk on a road when there is a large open area already available where no vehicles are driven. One life lost is too many.

Thank you for your consideration on this topic and my hope is you too feel safety should be first and foremost.

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Topic North trail loop

BCC Agenda Date 2-4-2021

Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

I strongly oppose putting the Pinellas Trail on Northside Drive. Northside Drive has a lot of traffic and is often backed-up for two blocks during heavy traffic times of the day. All the data shows that Meadow Wood Drive is a much safer route for trail users and motor vehicle. Getting trail users on to the Duke Energy land and off of Countryside Blvd. as soon as possible is safer for all residents. It makes no sense to me why you are even considering Northside Drive when you have data showing which route is safer for all residents.

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Topic	Pinellas County North Loop
BCC Agenda Date	2-4-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Supporting the Alignment A North Loop Bike path. - Safety of bicycles-Safety of residents-Less crossings and disruption using Alignment A -I've almost been hit riding my bike down the east side of countryside-More traffic is now diverted up Northside to Countryside due to the forced right turn lane by the Yahama dealership-Hours of operation of the park. Someone mentioned 24 x7 access on Countryside Blvd-Also we have had more random dumping along Countryside Blvd I would like a nonstop bike path AND NO BIKE PATH ON COUNTRYSIDE BLVD! USE ALIGNMENT A which has lots space for recreation
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