



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

First Amendment to Construction Contract Between Alachua County and North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. for Realignment of SW 41st Boulevard

Presenter:

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Description:

Amendment to existing contract between Alachua County (the "County") and North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. ("North Florida") for the realignment of SW 41st Boulevard.

Recommended Action:

The Board approve the First Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amendment.

Prior Board Motions:

On August 22, 2023 the Board approved Capital Construction Contract # 13939 between Alachua County and North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. for the realignment of SW 41st Boulevard (the "Contract").

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact for this Amendment.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. ("North Florida") is developing a free-standing emergency room located at 4094 SW 41st Blvd, Gainesville, Florida in the Southwest corner of the I-75 and Archer Road intersection. This property is within the Gainesville city limits but is adjacent to SW 41st Blvd (Fred Bear Road) an existing County right-of-way. As a part of the City's project approval, the City has required North Florida to realign a portion of SW 41st Blvd for safety and traffic flow reasons.

North Florida has submitted a proposal to the Alachua County Public Works Department whereby North Florida will design and build a new section of SW 41st Blvd, at their expense, and convey the new road and right-of-way to the County. In consideration of the new road alignment and deed for the right of way, the County will grant a drainage easement to North Florida over the existing section SW 41st Blvd right-of way.

In order to memorialize the rights and obligations of each party, and to comply with the requirements of section 336.71, Florida Statutes, on August 22, 2023 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approved Capital Construction Contract #13939 between Alachua County and North Florida, dated as of August 24, 2023 (copy attached).

Among other things, the Contract currently requires North Florida to cure title objections and complete the new road segment before the County Engineer is authorized to temporarily close SW 41st Blvd. Temporary closure of SW 41st Blvd is necessary so that North Florida can connect the new road segment to SW 41st Blvd. North Florida requests this amendment to authorize the County Engineer to temporarily close SW 41st Blvd before it achieves final completion of the new road segment. The Alachua County Public Works Department concurs in North Florida's request because it will improve the construction and condition of the new road segment and tie-in to SW 41st Blvd by allowing the final layer of pavement to be placed all at once, as opposed to it being placed in segments days or weeks apart. The road realignment is currently under construction and is nearing completion of construction. The Alachua County Public Works Department and North Florida are requesting that the Contract be amended to extend the time for North Florida to complete construction, increase the amount of time that SW 41st Blvd may be temporarily closed from 2 hours to 30 days to allow North Florida additional time to complete construction of the new road segment and connect it to SW 41st Blvd, revise lane closure language, clarify the intent of the parties, and modify the Certificate of Completion provision. North Florida will still be required to cure the one remaining title objection before the County Engineer may authorize the temporary closure of SW 41st Blvd.