

ABOUT THE PROJECT

In October 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved the contract with Tampa Bay Engineering (TBE) to conduct preliminary evaluation, design and permitting engineering services associated with the Elgin Boulevard Widening from Mariner Boulevard to Village Van Gogh.

In February 2007, the results of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) were presented to the BCC. Based on the results of the report, the Board of County Commissioners elected to construct two new lanes on the north side of Elgin Boulevard while maintaining the existing two lanes. The estimated cost of this option, including roadway construction and right of way purchase, was \$10.01M. Utility work was not included in the PER estimate. Also at this time, the Board authorized the first phase of right of way acquisition associated with the project.

The project design was suspended in mid-2007 due to the downturn in the economy. In October 2008, the County was able to resume design of the project and additional funding was made available to continue the right of way acquisition along Elgin Boulevard. All of the right of way had been purchased by 2009, and the design was completed in 2010. The project has been bid out and construction began on March 14, 2011. The schedule of the Elgin project was largely based on funding opportunities that were made available to the County.

To date, the County has spent approximately \$7M on the project which includes, but is not limited to, right of way purchase, home removal and design. The roadway construction has been awarded to DAB Construction in the amount of \$1.92M. The roadway cost, including studies, right of way, design and construction, is estimated to be \$8.92M.

The project is being funded with grants through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), Transportation Trust Funding (TTF) and impact fees. Two 50/50 TRIP grants have been obtained by the County to facilitate this project.