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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Forest Lake Dr & US 27 road closure 5.12.25

Jay,

As you are probably aware, we are having to work against the time restraints of multiple communications providers, Duke and FDOT relocations in this driveway... none of which are motivated to get this scheduled for removal as soon as we would like. I don't believe that we will require the full 6 months for closure, but I requested 6 months to make sure we do not need to extend these road closure permits in the case these relocations take longer than anticipated.

Here is our current timeline for these relocations:

1 DOT pull box – we need to submit a plan to DOT as to where we are wanting to relocate the pull box. This should be submitted today or tomorrow for review and approval. Once approved, we are on standby to relocate the pull box. After DOT approval, this relocation could take 1-2 days, depending on what DOT approves. We currently have no schedule for mobilizing on this relocation.

2 SUMMIT pull boxes – One box has been relocated. The second box was not relocated because Summit believed it to belong to Winter Haven, we had Winter Haven come out and they say it belongs to Summit. We are still waiting on a schedule from Summit as to when they can come back and relocate this box. We currently have no schedule for mobilizing on this relocation.

1 power pole (Duke) – duke is aiming to have this relocated by 5/12

Light poles – we have submitted a photometric plan to DOT regarding the light poles, once that is approved, we have to have Duke come back out and deenergize them and then they will need to be relocated. We can open the road without this step, but there will be work in the ROW to have these deenergized and relocated. We currently have no schedule mobilizing on any of this work.

Paving operations – after all the relocations we will need to regrade and prepare the area for paving. This includes any concrete work, sodding and remaining striping the county might require along Forest Lake Dr. to open this road up. We are hoping to pave this remaining area on Forest Lake Dr. the first week in June, but that is all dependent on these relocations. Currently, we do not have a firm schedule to mobilize on this work.

I understand the hesitation on the length of extended closure on Forest Lake Dr due to the complaints you are receiving, but we met on site with the county and DOT to push for a temporary opening of this road and it was concluded that there is no safe option to open up this road to traffic without these

relocations and completing the paving. It is currently closed and according to the county and DOT, will remain closed until these operations are complete. Is there any way we can push for approval and get this in front of the board before June?

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any other information.

Thanks,

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Melani,

I have concerns about the length of this Road Closure requests. The County has continuously received complaints about the status of this road from development delays. Please justify the 6 month Road Closure based on the schedule to perform this work. Also, understand that this request will not be able to move forward until staff approves this request and then it will need to go to the Board of County Commissioners for their final approval. The next available Board meeting is on June 3rd, if you receive staff approval by May 21st. The deadline is passed for the May 20th Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

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