

If the Town chooses to proceed with this beautification project (which will be similar to segments of the corridor within other neighboring communities), the Town would be required to enter into an interlocal agreement with the FDOT that would require the Town to assume full responsibility of all future landscape and irrigation operations and maintenance costs within this section of the US Highway 1 corridor [beginning approximately two (2) years after project completion upon expiration of the contractor's warranty period].

Proposed FDOT Landscaping Plan Options that are requested to be considered by the Town Commission:

- a) Median 1 - approximately 196 feet, focal median with the key landscaping species proposed to include Medjool Date Palm, Solitaire Palm, and ground-layer plantings (i.e., Muhly Grass, etc.)
- b) Median 2 - approximately 794 feet, primary corridor median with the key species proposed to include Live Oak and Crape Myrtle, various species of palm trees (i.e., Sabal Palm, Thatch Palm, Scheffer's Palm, Montgomery Palm, Blue Latan, Solitaire Palm, etc.), and ground-layer plantings (i.e., Parsons Juniper, Horizontal Cocoplum, Green Island Ficus, Muhly Grass, Coontie Shrubs, Firebush, Variegated Schefflera, etc.) with accents (i.e., Song of India and Queen Emma Crinum Lily)
- c) Median 3 - approximately 823 feet, secondary corridor accent with key species proposed to include Crape Myrtle, Sabal Palm, Blue Latan, Solitaire Palm, Montgomery Palm, and European Fan Palm, and ground-layering plantings and low shrubs (i.e., Muhly Grass, etc.)

The FDOT has estimated that the annual maintenance expenditures (at this time) to support the proposed landscaping plan may be \$17,060 to \$31,200 per year, depending on the direction of the Town Commission.

Note: The FDOT's estimated annual maintenance costs presented are planning-level, order-of-magnitude estimates prepared for budgeting and policy guidance purposes only. These estimates are based on the current concept layout and assumed maintenance activities, including irrigation operations and repairs, routine horticultural care, cyclical pruning, mulching and fertilization, plant replacement allowances, and inspection and documentation. Actual annual maintenance costs will be subject to final scope definition, the interlocal agreement maintenance performance requirements, site conditions, and prevailing market conditions at the time of procurement. Final costs will be established through competitive solicitation under the Town's procurement.

Damaris Williams, FDOT-Project Manager, and Aaron Wilbur, Landscape Architect, will be in attendance to provide a presentation on each of the two (2) proposed landscaping options for US Highway 1 within the Town of Lake Park.

Recommendation:

The Town Commission to consider, discuss and provide input/direction on the various Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) US Highway 1 Median Landscaping Plan (Silver Beach Road to Palmetto Drive) and commit to fully funding all required future (annual) operational and maintenance costs associated with the selected landscaping plan (estimated at approximately \$17,060 to \$31,200 per year).