The Board of Commissioners office released the following road related information:

COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY REPORT April 19, 2002

SANDLAKE-GALLOWAY ROAD PROJECT STATUS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) bid opening for the Sandlake-Galloway Road project was executed on March 22, 2002. Thirteen contractors submitted bids for the project.

In early April a bid protest was submitted by one of the bidders to the FHWA. The FHWA is currently reviewing the bid protest. According to federal bidding rules, the protest review could take as long as 100 days to resolve.

Because it is not confirmed how long this protest review will take, it is possible that by the time bid award is made that a major part of the 2002 Summer construction window may be gone. If that is the case, FHWA indicates that there may be a delayed contractor Notice To Proceed (i.e. start of work) until January 2003 with main construction beginning Spring/Summer 2003.

As of today, the likelihood of a scheduled Summer 2002 start of work or a delay until 2003 is undetermined.

As further information becomes available, appropriate news releases will be published.

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(the above information was only a portion of the entire Weekly Report)