

TMA Community Affairs Committee Update

1. FDOT repaving of I-75
2. Invasive plant removal
3. Opposition to the Tara-Honore bridge

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I-75 Repaving

- FDOT had told Tara in February 2009 that “our” section would be first to get repaved
- FDOT priorities changed for repaving project based on road inspections
 - Repaving project is from Venice to Ellenton
- Exits 213 to 217 did not get repaved in spring/summer 2009 as promised
 - FDOT \$ ran out for paving
 - Repaving scheduled
 - 4th Quarter 2009 or 1st Quarter 2010 at the latest.

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Invasive Plants

- ▶ Exotic/invasive plants removed from I-75 by FDEP
 - State-wide program that cannot be opposed or prevented
- ▶ Consequences
 - Visibility of Tara from I-75
 - More noise transmission especially in Tara Preserve

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Tara Bridge: County Resolutions passed in June 2009

- ▶ Eminent Domain: Tara Boulevard Extension –
 - R-09-026 determining public purpose and necessity, and
 - R-09-027 authorizing use of eminent domain “quick take” proceedings, for the acquisition of certain parcels of privately-owned realty as related to the construction of the Tara Boulevard Extension and Bridge over the Braden River to Honore Avenue

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Eminent Domain Proceedings

- ▶ County suit filed 8/13/09: Case #2009-CA-8329
 - County vs. Northern Capital
 - Taking of 3.86 acres
 - Price offered by county \$451,000
 - Jury trial requested
- ▶ “Order of the taking” scheduled
 - October 29 @ 2:30 PM w/ Judge Nicholas
 - Northern capital will probably agree to taking
 - Price to be determined

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Eminent Domain Overview

- ▶ After “taking”, the County owns the land for the purpose of the bridge and the commissioners cannot change that public purpose
- ▶ After taking---high probability bridge will be built–
 - Sometime, depending on funding and permits

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