

Sherri Myers - Pensacola City Council District 2

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Mr. Hayes Griffin, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation
FDOT Project Manager

November 18, 2017

Dear Mr. Hayes,

On October 24, 2017 I held a town hall meeting in my district to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss the FDOT replacement of the 9th Ave., bridge in Pensacola, Florida. As I have pointed out to you in prior meetings, Carpenter's Creek restoration is a major priority for the City of Pensacola's neighborhoods through which the creek flows. The Escambia County Board of Director's selected Carpenter's Creek for RESTORE funding for restoration. The following is a summation of the public comments on October 24th.

1. **Bridge Design to Improve Creek Restoration-** Make the bridge higher and wider to expand the floodplain with a beveled design on each side to allow for better hydrological flow.
2. **Recreational opportunities:** The bridge should be high enough to allow kayaking and canoeing under the bridge.
3. **Signage:** "Please do not throw litter in creek". Large signage with the words Carpenter's Creek.
4. **Protection of Trees-** Provide a landscape design that includes the correct size, type and native varieties acclimated to our local environment to stabilize the banks.
5. **No hardening of creek with riprap-** Utilize deep-rooted plant varieties that can withstand the hydrological and environmental conditions with the use of coconut fiber mats or head wall to secure areas intended for riprap.
6. **Walkability of sidewalks-** Build wide sidewalks for walking/bicycling traffic or design a separate pedestrian lane. A nice access from the bridge to the creek for future greenway connection is highly encouraged.
7. **Traffic Calming at Royce and 9th Avenue-** Place a streetlight at Royce Street. Build a slightly raised pedestrian crosswalk. Slow traffic on Springhill during construction by installing temporary speed bumps there due to it becoming a traffic bypass location.

8. **Aesthetic Features of the Bridge-** Design an arched bridge that blends in with the historic community, (similar in design to 12th Ave and Scenic Hwy) and by installing pavers, a pedestrian overlook.
9. **Ornamental Lights on the Bridge-** Use a consistent design as the 12th Avenue, Cervantes Street and Scenic Hwy lighting. Use green materials, LED lighting.
10. **Other-** Build a turn lane for Springhill if possible. Build a landscape design that features a specific type of native tree species, such as the bald cypress near and around the bridge as a trademark for that community. Add more trees and vegetation to the landscape design as well.
11. Fund a USGS gauge station. Include a bathymetric sedimentation survey and daily turbidity measurements.

Thank you for considering the desires of the citizens in any future plans for the 9th Ave., bridge replacement. I would like for all of the comment sheets to be sent to you, or someone at FDOT for the record. Also, I am sending to you by e-mail the comments of Laurie Murphy, with the Emerald Coast Keepers.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and discussing the final plans for the bridge.

Sincerely,

Sherri Myers

Cc: County Commissioner, Grover Robinson, District 4
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