

## **RESOLUTION 2011-07**

Request to Polk County for construction of sidewalks

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING POLK COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS IN AND AROUND LAKE WALES TO BETTER SERVE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROVIDE SAFE ROUTES FOR PEDESTRIANS ALONG COUNTY ROADWAYS AND COMMITTING THE CITY TO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON SIDEWALK PROJECTS TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the importance of a safe and complete system of sidewalks and bikeways throughout the City and is committed to improving and expanding the system; and

**WHEREAS**, deficiencies in the sidewalk system have been identified by the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission on local, county, and state roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an active program for upgrading its local pedestrian/bikeway system through an annual sidewalk repair/construction program, has completed bikeway projects through grant programs, has requested funds from the state's Safe Routes to Schools program for sidewalks in the Polk Ave. School area, and requires developers to construct sidewalks within their projects and along their frontages, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation is including pedestrian safety improvements in several upcoming state highway projects; and


### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. A request is hereby made to Polk County to construct sidewalks in and around Lake Wales to better serve public facilities and provide safe routes for pedestrians along County Roads.
2. The City commits to assisting the County in addressing sidewalk deficiencies to the extent feasible by working with property owners on obtaining right-of-way or easements, constructing sidewalks on local roadways connecting to County sidewalks, continuing to require developers to construct sidewalks along project frontages and within developments, and providing funds if available for specific projects.


3. Roadway segments of particular concern regarding pedestrian safety are summarized below:

- a. County Road 17B (11<sup>th</sup> St. South) from Grove Ave. to SR 60 Sidewalks are needed to connect residential and commercial areas and to provide safe access to bus stop, hospital and school.
- b. W. Central Ave. west of US Hwy 27 A sidewalk is needed to provide safe pedestrian access to the County Health Department.
- c. County Road 17B (Buck Moore Rd.) A sidewalk is needed on the east side from Grant Road (Sunset Pointe subdivision) southward to connect residential areas to commercial areas on SR 60.
- d. Washington Ave. east of US Hwy 27 A sidewalk is needed to connect City and County residential areas to the sidewalk along the highway and to provide a safe route to the convenience store, cemetery, and County park on the west side of the highway.
- e. County Road 17A (Burns Ave.) Sidewalks are needed to connect residential areas to the proposed neighborhood commercial center at the southwest corner of Buck Moore Rd. and Burns Ave.
- f. County Road 17A (Chalet Suzanne Rd.) Sidewalks are needed to connect residential areas along Chalet Suzanne Rd. with commercial areas on US Hwy 27 and the Scenic Highway and provide pedestrian connections between the Eagle Ridge Mall and other commercial plazas surrounding the intersection of US Hwy 17 with CR 17B.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Lake Wales City Commission, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

  
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Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk  
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## LIST OF SIDEWALK NEEDS – COUNTY ROADS

March 2011 – for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Department of Planning and Development

Updated May 2011

1. **11<sup>th</sup> Street South** (south of SR 60) – no existing sidewalks north of Grove Ave.  
*Purpose:* Connect residential with SR 60. Bus stop, shopping, hospital, art center.  
*Proposed:*  
West side - from Grove Ave. to SR 60 – approximately 1400 ft.  
East side – from Grove Ave. to Orange Grove Plaza – approximately 500 ft.  
*Issues:*  
Some right-of-way needed between Grove Ave. and Grove Manor  
*Potential City participation:*
  - Complete the existing sidewalk along Grove Ave. to connect with proposed sidewalk at 11<sup>th</sup>. (Existing sidewalk along Grove stops 4 houses from intersection with 11<sup>th</sup> - approximately 260 feet.) The sidewalk will also allow children to walk to Hillcrest Elementary via Grove Ave. and Marietta.
  - Assist with obtaining ROW or easements from 2 properties on 11<sup>th</sup> St.
2. **W. Central Ave.** (west of US Hwy 27) – no existing sidewalk west of US 27.  
NOTE – Central Ave. is a City road.  
*Purpose:* Provide safe route to Polk County Health Dept.  
*Proposed:*  
North side – from US 27 to entrance to Health Dept. (and Shopping Plaza) – app. 1700 ft.  
*Issues:* Right-of-way appears to be available (verification needed) except for small area at the corner of US 27 at Beef O’Brady’s restaurant.  
*Potential City participation:*  
Request donation of small piece of right-of-way or easement at NW corner of US 27.
3. **Buck Moore Rd.** (north of SR 60) – east side from SR 60 to Grant Rd. (Sunset Pt.)  
*Purpose:* Connect Sunset Pointe and residents along Grant Rd. with commercial area along SR 60. The sidewalk will serve future development along Buck Moore Rd., including a single-family development proposed north of Sunset Drive and an assisted living facility proposed south of Bel Ombre subdivision.  
*Proposed:*  
East side – from SR 60 to Grant Rd. to connect with sidewalk at Sunset Pointe subdivision – approximately 1300 ft.  
*Issues:*  
Right-of-way appears inadequate from the southern portion of Dr. Reddick’s property to SR 60. Approximately 700 ft. needed. There appears to be space for a sidewalk if ROW can be obtained. Two church properties on the east side of Buck Moore north of Sunset are in the County jurisdiction and do not have sidewalks along their frontages.  
*Potential City participation:*  
Contact property owners to provide right-of-way or sidewalk easements.  
Require new developments to construct sidewalks along Buck Moore.

- 4. Washington Ave.** (east of US Hwy 27) – north side from US 27 to H Street  
*Purpose:* Connect residential areas to US 27 sidewalk and convenience store on west side of US 27. All of the proposed sidewalk is in County jurisdiction. Sidewalk will serve County and City residents.  
*Proposed:*  
North side – from US 27 to H St. (city limits) to connect with existing sidewalks.  
Approximately 1,000 ft.  
*Issues:* Inadequate right-of-way, particularly eastern portion.  
*Potential City participation:* Construction of sidewalks within City limits to connect residential streets if gaps exist.
- 5. Burns Ave.** (west of Buck Moore Rd.) – south side, 2 segments  
*Purpose:*  
Segment 1 – Brentwood to Blackwood – connect residential to existing sidewalk  
Segment 2 – Blackwood to Buck Moore – continue sidewalk to proposed shopping  
*Proposed:*  
Segment 1 – Brentwood to Blackwood – approximately 700 ft.  
Segment 2 – Blackwood to Buck Moore – approximately 1645 ft.  
*Potential City participation:* Lake Bonnie neighborhood commercial is required to build 386 ft. of sidewalk from Buck Moore Rd. westward along Burns Ave.
- 6. Chalet Suzanne Rd.** (US Highway 27 to Scenic Highway)  
*Purpose:*  
Provide connections between residential and commercial areas (Mall, Willowbrook, Shoppes on the Ridge and convenience store on Scenic Highway)  
*Proposed:*  
Ultimately, sidewalks on both sides of Chalet Suzanne Rd.  
*Issues:*  
This is a developing area with no sidewalks except along the Dinner Lake Shores subdivision on the north side of Chalet Suzanne. Developers will be required to construct sidewalks, but construction will be piece meal. Wetlands at the Preserve Apartments on the north side and east of the Mall on the south side present obstacles. East end of roadway is in the County's jurisdiction. A new road into the Bice property on the north side and a traffic light are proposed at the western entrance to the Mall on Chalet Suzanne.  
*Potential City participation:* \$10,000 is set aside for construction of a sidewalk along Chalet Suzanne Rd. at Carlsberg subdivision. Developers will be required to construct sidewalks along frontages or pay into a sidewalk fund.