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## **North Sarasota neighborhood enhancements approved**

The Sarasota County Commission Tuesday awarded a nearly \$2.2 million contract for the construction of neighborhood enhancements, including sidewalks, road widening and roundabouts, in the north Sarasota area.

The project includes:

- Construction of 2.5 miles of 5-foot-wide sidewalks on various streets in the area, which is bordered by 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, Martin Luther King Jr. Way to the north, Mango Street to the west and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to the east
- Widening of Euclid Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- Widening of Mango Avenue from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- Construction of two roundabouts on Euclid Avenue at the intersections of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street
- Addition of stormwater ponds and drainage facilities
- Relocation of private utilities, including Aqua Utilities of Florida.

Roundabouts, which are being built in several locations in the county, are an alternative to signalized intersections.

Jason Bennett Contracting Inc. of Bradenton was awarded the \$2,196,439.10 contract. Construction is expected to begin in early 2011, with completion in a year.

The project will be funded by a transportation bond to be repaid by telecommunications taxes, a Surtax III revenue bond to be repaid by infrastructure surtax (penny sales tax) funds and a contribution from Aqua Utilities of Florida.

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