

**MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
3:00 PM – 4:21 PM**

**Mac V. Horton West County Annex, Room 120
6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, Florida**

Members Present: Laura Ingrassia, Chair
Nicholas Kotzalas, Vice Chair
Samuel Besase
Leo VanOrden

Members Absent: Carol Delucca

County Staff: John Elias, Public Works Director
Joanne Vernon, County Engineer
Kelly Slaughter, Projects Manager
Karlene McDonald, Maintenance & Operations Supervisor
Pam Kirchner, Financial Manager
Candice White, Senior Financial Analyst
Lorraine Money Penny, Community Liaison

Guests: Sign-up sheet attached

Call to Order / Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Staff Introduction

Mr. Elias

Citizen Input on Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit):

Mrs. McCormick said she lives near the bridge site. Trucks travel to it all the time, then must turn around. Emergency vehicles, too, resulting in delays. The bridge is an evacuation route.

Ms. Harvey asked why bridge design takes so long, especially for the nine bridges already completed, as they are nearly identical.

Mr. Greene emphasized the safety concerns posed by delaying the bridge rebuild.

Advisory Board Discussion:

Mr. Elias summarized the history of the Rotonda Blvd. S. bridge. After little response over many months, FEMA sent six representatives to a recent meeting about the bridge; they promised to revert in two weeks. The estimated cost, including internal costs, to rebuild the bridge is now \$2.7 million. As soon as the permit is issued, the County can move forward with soliciting bids. The funding source would be the MSBU budget. If the County waits for FEMA approval before moving forward, there is a chance that FEMA will disburse four to seven thousand dollars

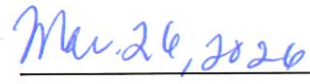
towards the project. The Board of County Commissioners will decide how to proceed, but it will want to know the MSBU advisory board's recommendation.

The Advisory Board discussed the issue at length. More information will be available at its regular meeting in March. It will make a recommendation then.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted by Lorraine Money Penny
Public Works Department


Chair Signature


Date

AGENDA

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PURPOSE: Special Meeting: Rotonda Boulevard South Bridge

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Staff Introduction
3. Citizen Input (3-minute limit)
4. Advisory Board Discussion
5. Motion to Adjourn



ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE
Municipal Service Benefit Unit

Advisory Board Meeting Attendance
 Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Location: West County Annex
 6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL

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