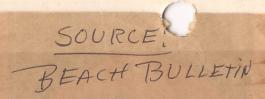
\$50,000 'Safty Sidewalk' installation Source! BEACH BULLETIN begins on Main Street this week





Main Street Bikepath is underway and area residents are pleased to see their Safety Sidewalk taking shape. In the background is Paul Smith chatting with

residents. He is the Bike Path coordinator for Lee

The first concrete began to flow March 23rd marking the initial work on the long awaited "Safety Sidewalk" along the north side of East Main Street on San Carlos Island. The

eight-foot sidewalk will extend 3200 feet between the San Carlos Mobile Home Park and San Carlos Boulevard providing a safe thoroughfare which will be n efit approximately

1.000 residents in the area including school children, walkers, bikers, joggers and motorists. The total cost of the completed project has been set at \$50,000.

In March, 1977, a petition bearing 800 signitures from the Main Street area and requesting the safety sidewalk was presented to District 3's representative, Commissioner Roland Q.

Roberts.

On March 4, 1980, the Lee County Commission approved plans to constuct the % mile long walkway. Since that date, a committee of citizens has been actively working to raise the necessary funds which represent the resident's committment to the project. Most of the present funds have been accumulated through the gathering and sale of materials for recycling. The committee has also worked together with Lee County Planners and enginers in completing the plan for the sidewalk. The group received the offer of a donation of concrete from a local business and the citizens' committee made arrangements to incorporate, thus legalizing into an association with permission to solicit funds.

Lee County's Department of Transportation Director Mike Carroll and Paul M. Smith. Bicycle Facilities Coordinator. have advised the group that the county will provide approxiamtely \$33,000 of the total funds to cover the cost of labor, water drainage, and fill. It is expected that work will be completed during the first

two weeks in April. The cost of materials and construction are being provided by the Coitizens Committee.

The support of all residents, service clubs, and businesses is most important to the successful completion of the worthwhile project which will alleviate many of the afety hazards which presently exist in the Main Street-San Carlos Boulevard area.

The officers and committee chairman for the Citizens' group are: Earle J. Lindley, chairman; Kermit Huyck, vice chairman; Madge K r ouskop, secretary; Eunice Bunting, assistant secretary; Robert Ott, treasurer; and assistant treasurer, Peggy Martin.

Cv Robertson is in charge of publicity, August Thomas and Cy Robertson serve the construction committee, and Edward Sutherland.

William Dressel, and John Ingleude serve on the finance committee.

Please address donations and pledges to The East Main Street Sidewalk, Inc., PO Box 6081, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931, if you desire to aid in this undertaking.



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