

11th Avenue Widening at Ocean Drive Elementary School



In previous Facilities Committee meetings, preliminary information was submitted (attached for reference) from the City of North Myrtle Beach for the proposed widening project on 11th Avenue at Ocean Drive Elementary School. Since the original presentation, refined construction plans have been submitted, also attached.

The city has requested HCS' participation in the construction of a dedicated right turn lane into the school. Parent traffic has increased across the district and is particularly heavy here as well. The addition of the turn lane would add stacking space for the school.

The requested contribution by HCS is estimated at \$200,000.00 per the attached letter. The city has designed the lane into their current plans, but if the district does not participate, they will delete the turn lane from the design.

HCS has also submitted paperwork for a FEMA grant for \$250,000.00 to improve on-site drainage at ODES. We have received preliminary approval and are working on the final paperwork for final approval. If successful, this grant would require a 25% participation from HCS, or \$62,500.00. Improving the on-site drainage would require an outfall location along 11th Avenue. The city does not have this as part of the current design due to the unknown nature of our receiving the grant. If the on-site drainage improvements were to move forward, the city would have to design the piping along 11th Avenue and add the additional piping to the cost of the construction. We currently have no estimates for the work without knowing the extent of the work.

If funds are available, we believe both of these projects will be a great advantage to the school circulation and the site drainage for the area.