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# WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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## Wilton Drive Lane Elimination Project

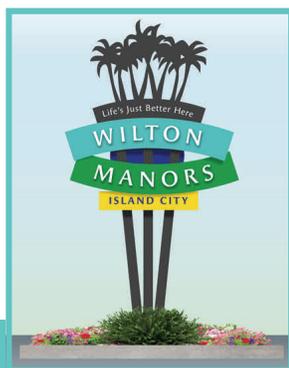
Progress is coming to Wilton Drive!

The Wilton Drive, State Road 811 roadway plans are complete, and FDOT has finalized the construction contract. Currently, construction is scheduled to begin September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Improvement District Board has continually provided input, ideas and thoughts on the roadway design, and we hope that our contributions will have a positive impact on your property and the future of Wilton Drive and our City.



The first phases will take place south of the Middle River in Fort Lauderdale. The construction will be done in sections and the District Board as well as City staff are doing everything possible to minimize the impacts of construction to our Wilton Drive businesses – more information on that campaign should be available in the next couple months. FDOT is responsible for the roadway construction, but the City, along with the Improvement District will be responsible for the design and construction costs related to all other aspects of the narrowing, including sidewalks, street furniture, public art, landscaping, shade trees and other structures. The City hired a design consultant to create this essential component of the future of our Main Street, and former WDID Vice Chair, Daniel Keester, participated in the Selection Process. A workshop was held in June to get input on all aspects of the design.

**The next step --- the reveal of the 30% design-- will take place at the Wilton Drive Improvement District workshop on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Hagen Park. I hope you can join us for this important meeting – we will continue to seek public input, especially from key stakeholders like you, on what the future Wilton Drive looks like. Street furniture, public art and wayfinding elements will be included.**



## Wayfinding System

The City's efforts to add an artistic element to our roadways and make navigation for visitors easier has made great progress in the last year. The gateway design choice was made through a public opinion poll of residents and businesses. The design depicted here was the overwhelming choice, although some tweaks in color may still occur. These signs will be placed at key entrances to the City, and similar signs to be placed at key intersections with arrows indicating parks, places of special interest, landmarks and additional parking.



# WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## Wilton Drive Cleanup

The Improvement District's mission is to: "Make Wilton Drive cleaner, safer, more attractive and economically viable". We take that mission seriously and for the past year, the District has hired a contractor to walk the Drive twice a week to pick up trash and recently, we funded a third weekly pickup. But **we need your help** to keep the Drive clean. Encourage your patrons, customers and neighboring businesses to be environmentally friendly and responsible. Call out litterers when you see them! It's not cool to litter or toss chewing gum carelessly on our sidewalks! Awareness is powerful and a friendly reminder can go a long way.

Your input and involvement are encouraged and welcome. This is your investment and together we can take Wilton Manors and Wilton Drive into the future as a more viable, beautiful and safer place to live, work and play. The WDID Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday, at 6:30pm, usually in the Commission Chamber. We hope to see you there.

Thank you, and feel free to contact me or Pamela Landi at [plandi@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:plandi@wiltonmanors.com) with any questions or concerns.

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**Interested in the WDID? The Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Commission Chambers at 6:30 p.m.**

**The remaining 2018 Meeting Dates are:**

July 11, 2018 • August 8, 2018

September 12, 2018 • October 10, 2018

November 14, 2018 • December 12, 2018

Learn more about the WDID at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>