

## **Siesta Promenade Litigation Mission Statement**

The purpose of this legal action is to free Sarasota County from a troubling and very risky decision. The Board's decision regarding Siesta Promenade would negatively impact an already intensely utilized, accident prone intersection of Stickney Point Rd/US 41. This intersection is the primary access route to/from the barrier island of Siesta Key. It simply cannot be treated just like any other corner on US 41 – which is exactly what the Board has allowed.

If the project proceeds, it will further severely limit access to the Key and all of its assets. Further limiting public access to the Key will have severe negative impacts on its property values, emergency vehicle performance, not to mention negatively impacting Sarasota's other residents, its tourist potential and, therefore, its financial viability.

Properly utilized, this unique corner has enormous potential to improve safety on the Key as well as enhance the overall quality of life in its neighborhoods and for thousands of people, on a daily basis, who travel to the barrier island for work, recreation, or as tourists.

The Sarasota community, often by necessity, uses US 41, traveling between home, work, school and medical appointments. County Future Land Use goals, approved by County Commissioners, state that future development should prioritize health, safety, quality of life and avoid undue hardship for existing community neighborhoods. In this decision, many relevant Sarasota neighborhoods were given little or no consideration.

Luckily, this unique corner property has enormous potential to be used in a fashion that will greatly improve access to the Key for years to come, with little or no negative impact on US 41 traffic. The goal of our legal action is to facilitate this end use outcome.