



## Project Administration Department

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### Memorandum

**Date:** August 9, 2022  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
**Through:** Mark LeCouris, City Manager  
**From:** Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director *BRB*  
**Subject:** MLK Dr. and South Spring Blvd. Intersection – Roadway Configuration Options

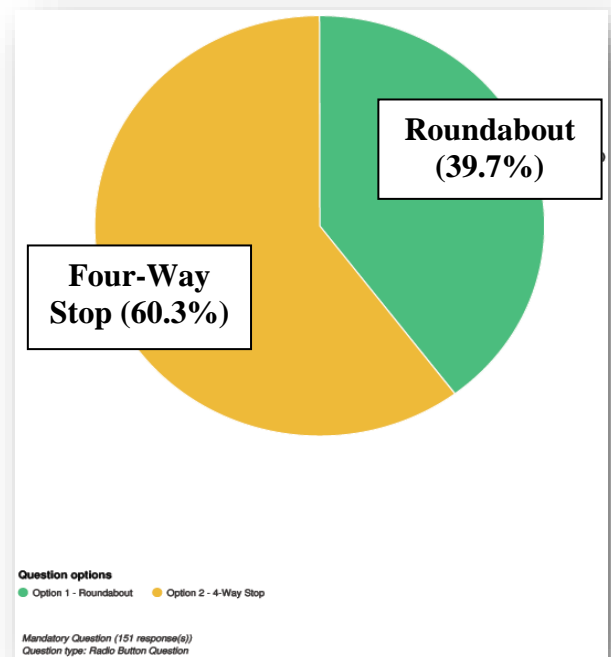
#### Purpose

Direction from the Board of Commissioners is requested to proceed with one of two roadway configuration options (roundabout vs. four-way stop) to improve the intersection of West MLK Drive and South Spring Boulevard.

#### Background

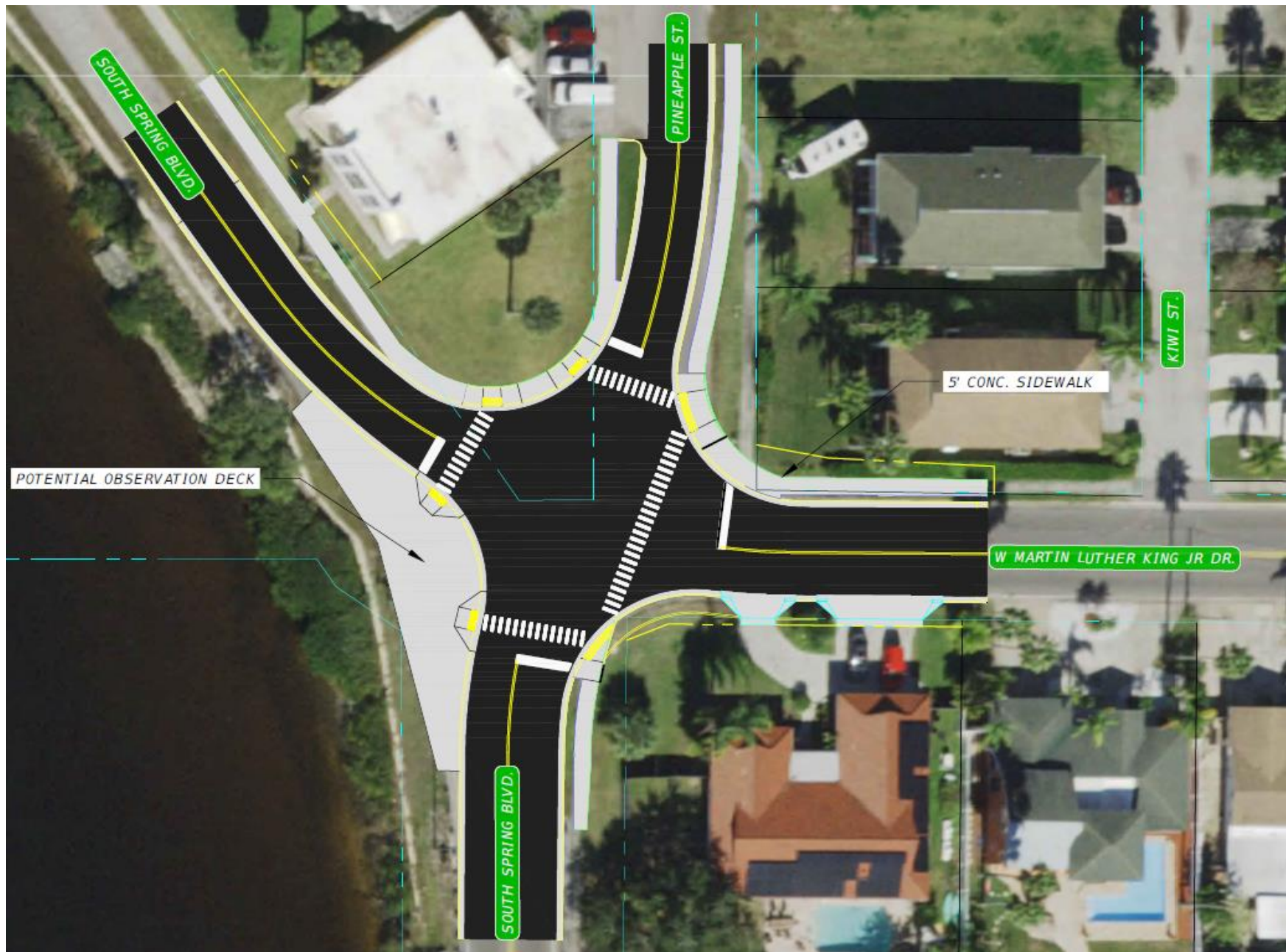
The BOC has approved a project to improve the intersection of West Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and South Spring Blvd (and Pineapple Street). The project includes raising the elevation of the intersection, providing improved pedestrian safety, and providing appropriate drainage improvements (including a stormwater tidal check valve). The design of the project is currently 60-percent complete and is awaiting BOC approval of the final intersection configuration. Construction funding will be supported by a \$673,619 State grant.

The two intersection configurations under consideration are a mini-roundabout or a four-way stop (see **Figures 1 and 2**). These two options were presented to the public at a public meeting held at the Craig Park Recreation Center in April and online using the Connect Tarpon Springs web portal, receiving 151 total responses. Respondents favored a four-way stop over a roundabout by a vote tally of 60.3% to 39.7% (see **Chart 1**)



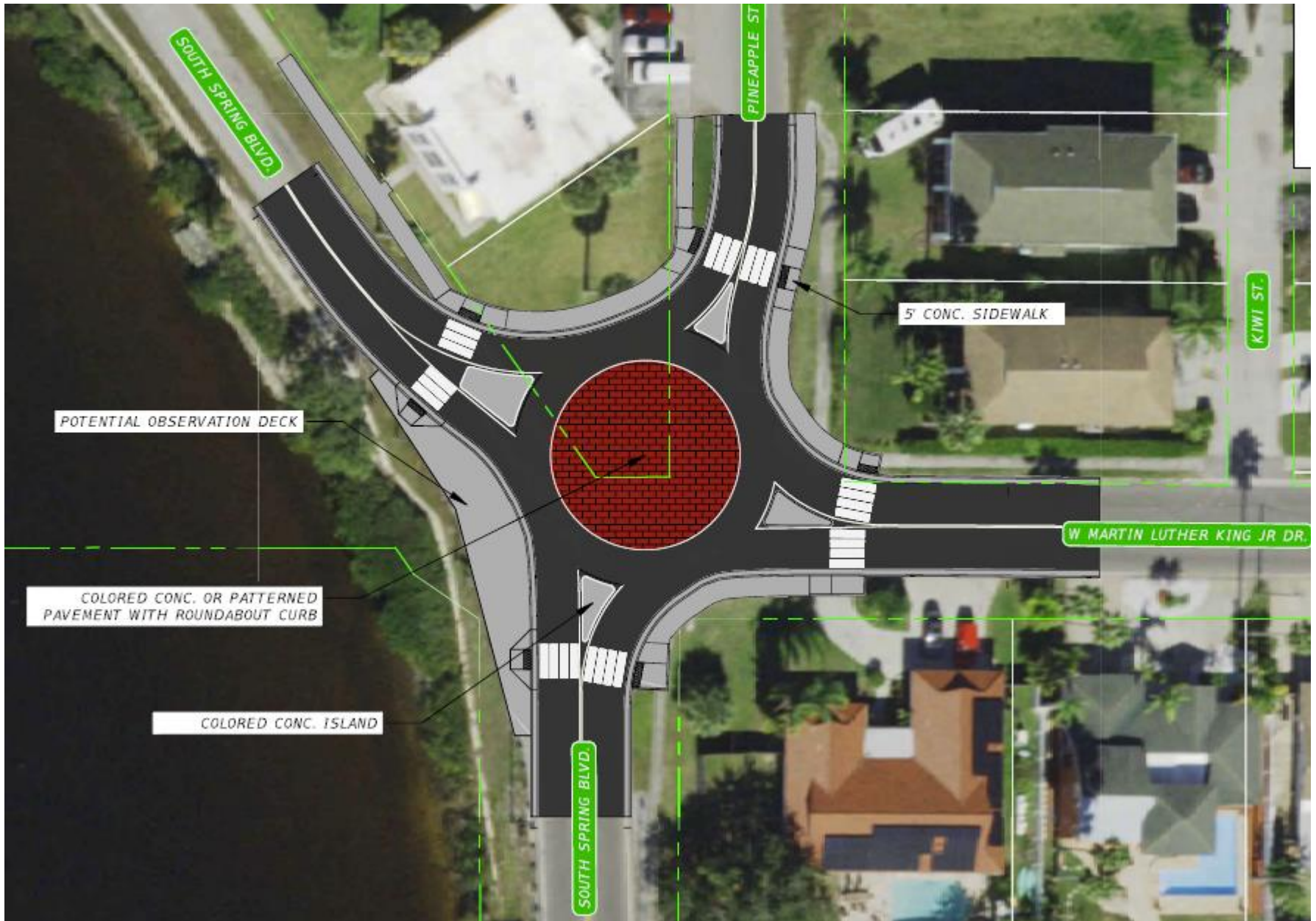
*Chart 1 - Survey Results*

Staff is prepared to move forward quickly to completion of final design with the Engineer of Record in accordance with the Board's preferred direction/option.



*Figure 1 – Four-Way Stop Intersection Configuration Concept*





*Figure 2 – Mini-Roundabout Intersection Configuration Concept*