

## **Orlando News 13 Features Article on Poinciana Roads Decision**

On January 8, 2019 Orlando TV13 aired a news article on the much needed Poinciana Roads improvements. Osceola County Commissioners agree that they need to spend significant amount of money to improve the roads for Poinciana.

The news clip may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/fRYgOyhEUpM> .

The Sales Tax seems to be the most fair way if they decide new taxes are required to pay for these roads. Poinciana's more than 80,000 residents are split between Polk and Osceola Counties. Many Osceola residents must use Polk County roads to get in and out of their neighborhoods. Polk County residents must use Osceola roads to get to and from work or shopping. The bulk of the stores in Poinciana are located on the Osceola side so a sales tax would be collected from the road users from both counties.

As Commissioner Choudry says in the video the question becomes whether or not new taxes are needed at all? Nobody likes new taxes. Will it be possible to pay for these new roads by reallocating existing tax money so that taxes need not be raised? Or is the county going to have to ask the voters to approve new taxes to pay for these much needed new roads?

One way or the other a decision needs to be made. The problem gets worse in Poinciana every day. The only way it can be fixed is by the addition of new road improvements. The petition referred to in the video may be accessed at <https://www.change.org/p/osceola-county-commission-more-roads-for-poinciana> . If people have not signed the petition they need to do so now. The only way the Poinciana road situation is going to be fixed will be if the voters tell the politicians to do it.