

St. James Cathedral School

Project Description:

This application is being filed on behalf of St. James Cathedral School (“SJCS”), which is located at 505 E. Ridgewood Street, Orlando, Florida 32803. SJCS is seeking the abandonment of those certain bicycle and pedestrian easements that were retained by the City of Orlando as part of an ordinance that was adopted on March 11, 1996 that vacated a portion of right-of-way along Ridgewood Street located between Hillman Avenue and Cathcart Avenue (Document No. 29209). SJCS is not seeking the abandonment of the utility easements that were retained in the same ordinance.

Justification for Abandonment:

In the ordinance referenced above, the City determined that the right-of-way was no longer useful or needed. Since 1996 there has been a significant increase in incidents of school violence. The bicycle and pedestrian easements that have been retained create an inability for SJCS to secure its campus. SJCS feels that the health, safety and general welfare of the children that attend the school is of greater import than retaining the bicycle and pedestrian easements.

Statement of Impact:

There are bicycle and pedestrian easements in close proximity located on Livingston Street and Robinson Street. As such, there is not a material impact regarding connectivity in vacating the bicycle and pedestrian easements.