



OLD DIXIE TRAIL



Project Development & Environment Study

Connecting the Trailheads of Auburndale-TECO Trail and Haines City Trail Polk County

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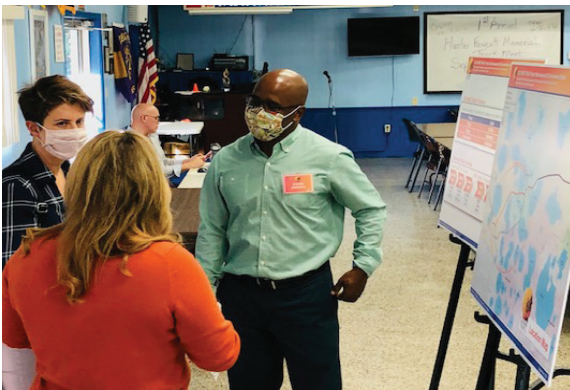
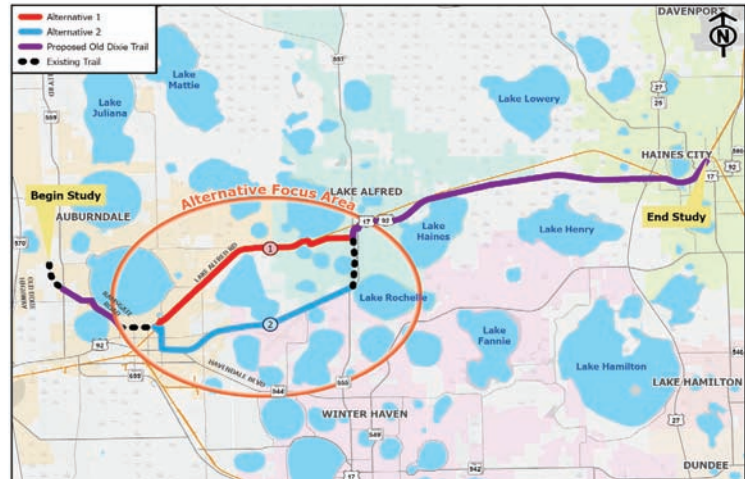
Season's Greetings

The Old Dixie Trail Team wishes you peace and joy throughout this holiday season and into the new year. As we reflect on 2021, we would like to thank those who have helped us shape the future of the Old Dixie Trail through your participation in the PD&E Study public outreach.

Thank you for being a significant part of this journey and for your time and valuable feedback. We encourage you to stay connected as we move forward through the Old Dixie Trail project development process.

September 2021 — Old Dixie Trail Alternatives Public Workshop

FDOT hosted a virtual and in-person public workshop to present the project alternatives and analysis completed to-date. In total, FDOT received 188 questions and comments on the project. Of the 188 questions/comments, 121 supported Alternative 1 (including a **Resolution** passed by the City of Auburndale) and 15 supported Alternative 2; the remaining 52 questions/comments were general in nature and did not offer support for either alternative. The **Workshop Comments and Summary Report** can be accessed through the project website. The Alternatives Public Workshop **Materials** and **Virtual Workshop Video** can also be accessed on the project website.



The importance of the Old Dixie Trail...

The proposed Old Dixie Trail will be a community asset providing numerous benefits that include a safe non-motorized travel option for active commuters and recreational trail users; supporting quality of life and providing economic benefits to the region; addressing a gap in the regional trail network; and offering connections to the Lake Alfred Trail, the Chain of Lakes Trail, as well as other future trail projects.

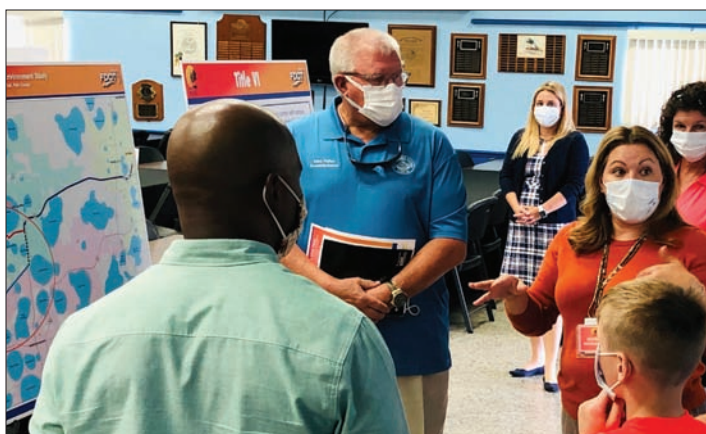
If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact: FDOT Project Manager, Steven Andrews by phone at (863) 519-2270 or email at steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us, or by mail to the Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831-1249.



Coming Soon! 2022 — Old Dixie Trail Public Hearing

Once FDOT makes an informed decision on the preferred alternative, based on feedback received from the alternatives public workshop, a formal Public Hearing will be scheduled for 2022. The Public Hearing will be another opportunity to interact with the project team. The project team will present to the public the preferred alternative and the final analysis. Invitations will be sent out prior to the public hearing to the community stakeholders and residents, so that the public has opportunity to review updated project information and give their input on the proposed improvements. After the Public Hearing, a final decision will be made on the location and conceptual design of the Old Dixie Trail. Once this happens, the PD&E Study is complete, and the project will advance to the next phases of development.

Your continued participation and feedback continue to drive this project forward. In the meantime, we encourage you to stay active, share with your friends and family, and visit the project website for more information or submit any project related questions to steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us



MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHTER USE LIGHTS AND SOUNDS!

Use lights and reflectors whether you are riding or walking on trails at night. These safety features make you more visible to motorists and other nonmotorists and help reduce collisions. Remember, whatever the season, whatever the reason, make it a safe and fun trail experience for all.

Happy Holidays, from the Old Dixie Trail Team!

Project Website: www.swflroads.com/trails/odt/home.html