

OLD DIXIE TRAIL

Project Development & Environment Study

FPID No. 435391-1-22-01

ETDM No. 14328

Polk TPO Board Meeting

April 14, 2022

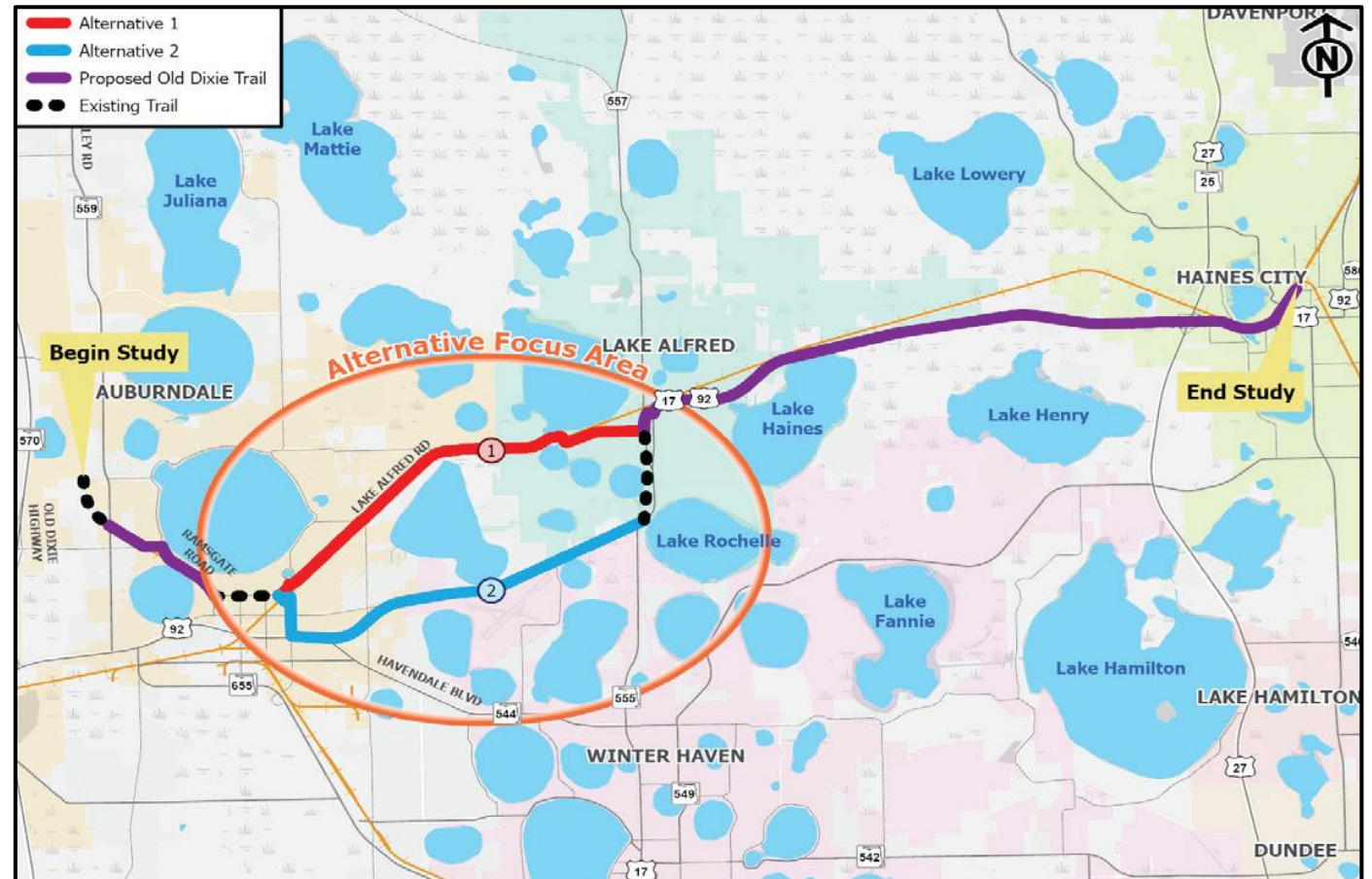


Project Information and Location



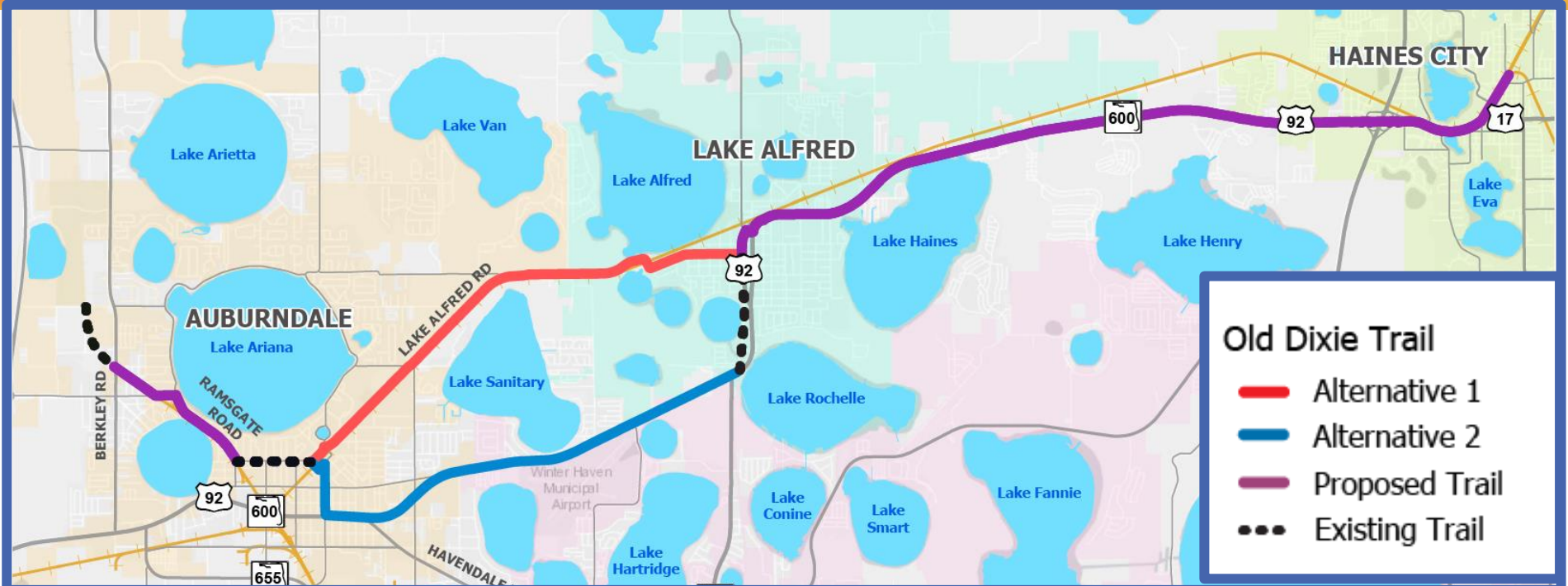
- Multi-use trail
- Up to 12 feet wide
- Approximately 12 miles long
- Connecting Auburndale-TECO trail and Haines City trail
- Providing regional connectivity and recreational and economic development benefits

Old Dixie Trail Study Area





Where Were We?

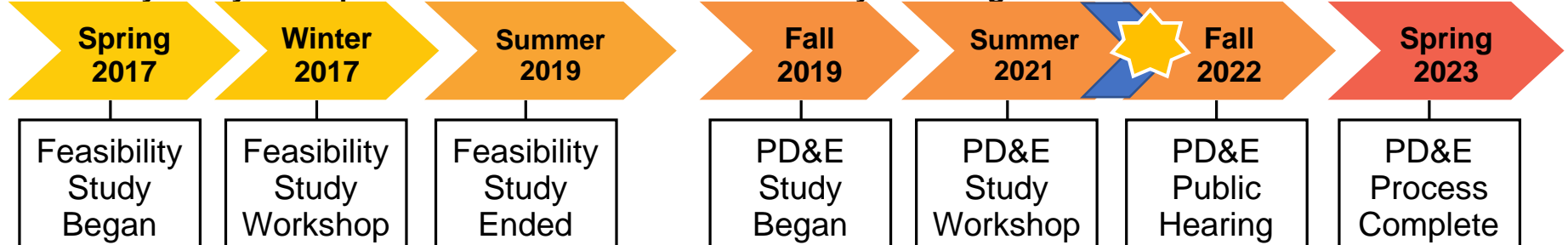


Study Schedule

Feasibility Study - Completed

PD&E Study – In Progress

We are here

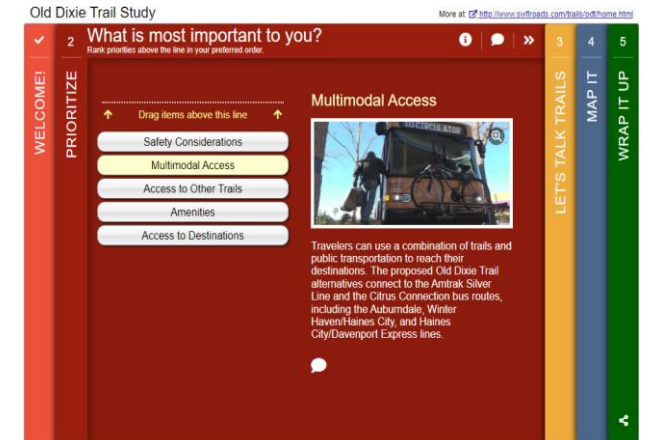




Public Outreach – Fall 2021



- Stakeholder Kickoff and Coordination
- Newsletters
- Social Media Engagement Campaign
- MetroQuest Survey
- Public Alternatives Workshop
- Post Workshop Summary





What's the Word on the Trail?



The community wants to know more about:

1. Funding
2. Project Advancement and Involvement
3. Partnership Opportunities
4. Amenities
5. Access Considerations
6. Mode Restrictions

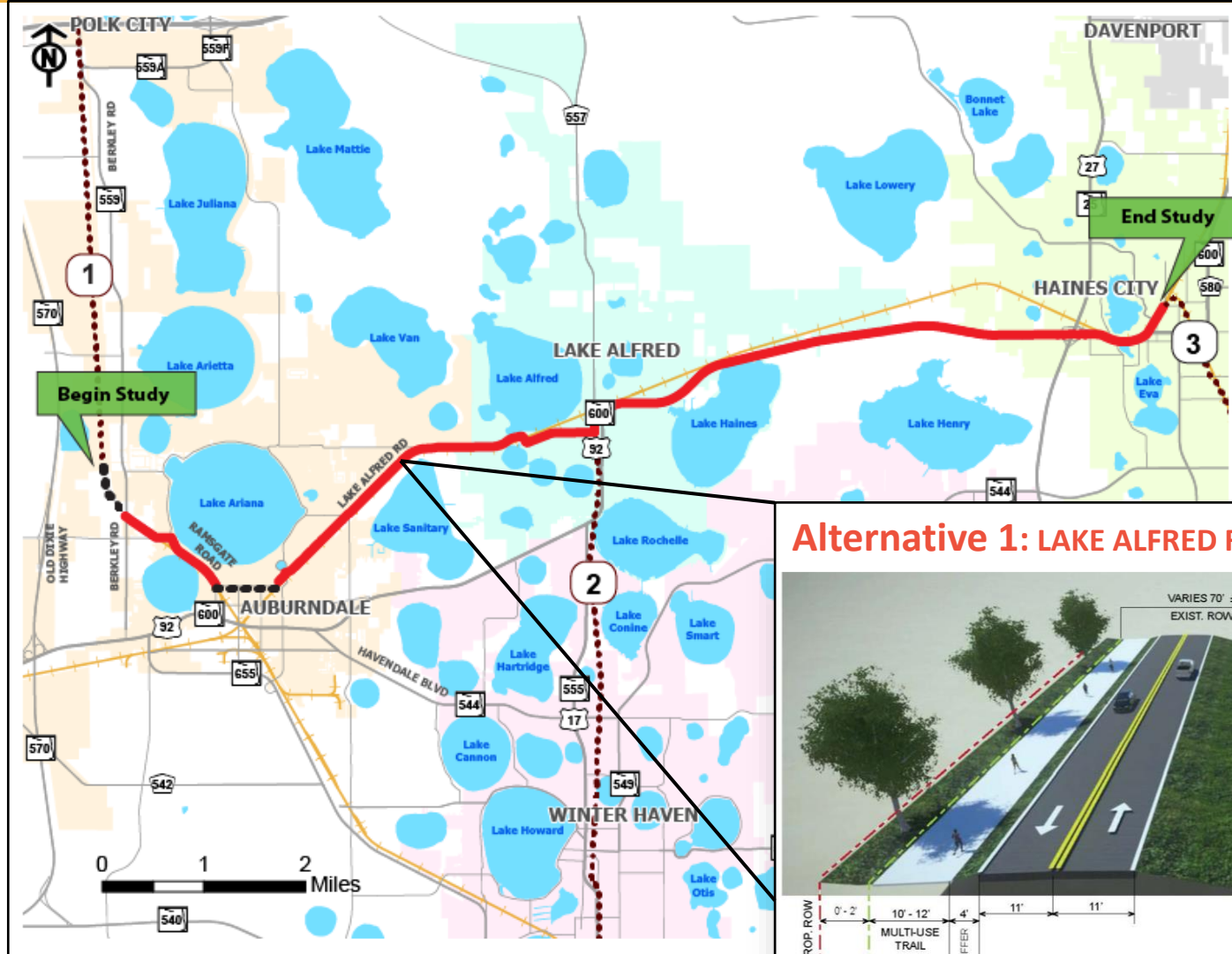
Residents prefer Alternative 1 because:

- safer
- cheaper
- less environmental impacts
- downtown auburndale
- avoids traffic
- minimal land acquisition
- relaxing nature
- more connections
- nature
- connect parks
- less contamination sites
- relaxing
- more connected
- lions park
- more enjoyable
- nature



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Where Are We Now: Preferred Alternative 1



Old Dixie Trail

- Preferred Alternative
- Existing Trail

Regional Trail Network

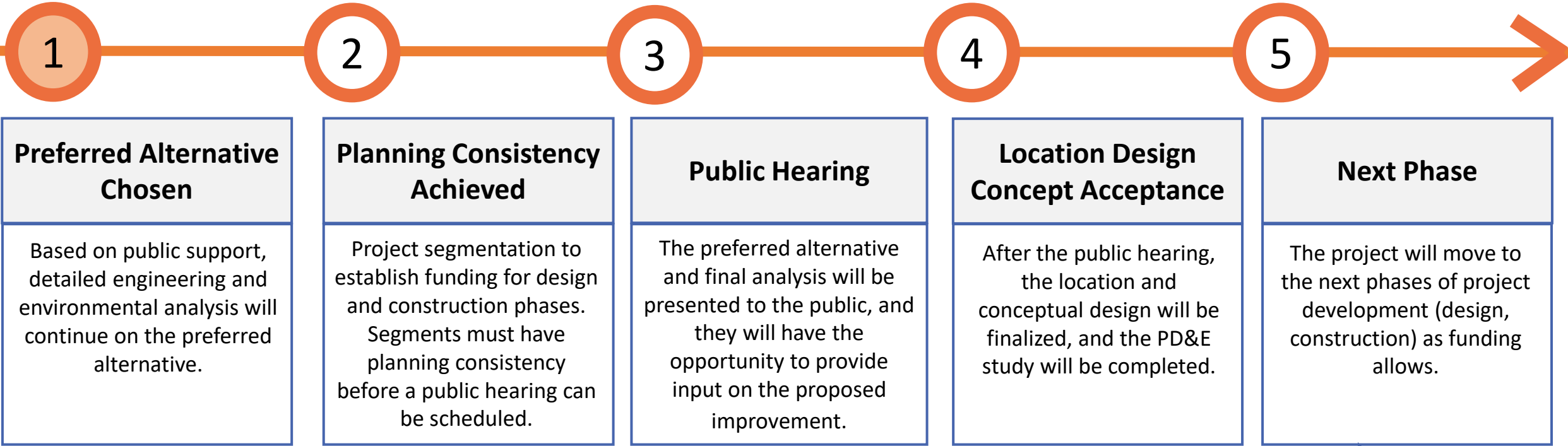
- Existing Trail
- ① Auburndale TECO Trail
- ② Chain of Lakes Trail
- ③ Haines City Trail

Alternative 1: LAKE ALFRED ROAD TYPICAL SECTION





Where Are We Headed

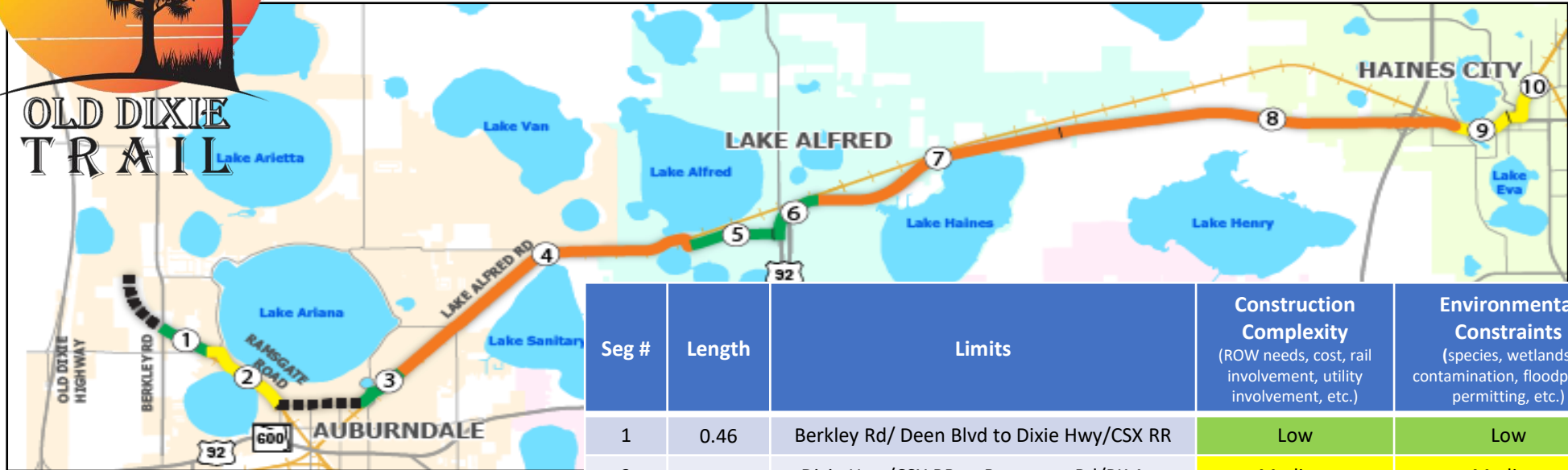


Public and Stakeholder Engagement Ongoing



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How Do We Get There - Segmentation



Old Dixie Trail

- Low Risk
- Medium Risk
- High Risk
- Existing Trail

Seg #	Length	Limits	Construction Complexity <small>(ROW needs, cost, rail involvement, utility involvement, etc.)</small>	Environmental Constraints <small>(species, wetlands, contamination, floodplains, permitting, etc.)</small>	Design & Construction Cost	Risk Ranking
1	0.46	Berkley Rd/ Deen Blvd to Dixie Hwy/CSX RR	Low	Low	\$434,264.34	Low
2	0.96	Dixie Hwy/CSX RR to Ramsgate Rd/PK Ave	Medium	Medium	\$906,290.80	Medium
3	0.62	PK Ave/W. Park St to Auburndale HS	Low	Low	\$585,312.81	Low
4	2.94	Auburndale HS to W. Pierce St/CSX RR	High	High	\$2,775,515.59	High
5	0.8	W. Pierce St/CSX RR to W Pierce St/Shinn Blvd	Low	Low	\$755,242.34	Low
6	0.4	Shinn Blvd/W Haines Blvd to US 17/92/N Rochell Ave	Low	Low	\$377,621.17	Low
7	2.31	US 17/92/N Rochell Ave to US 17/92/Century Dr	High	High	\$2,180,762.25	High
8	3.44	US 17/92/Century Dr to US 17/92/McKay Dr	High	High	\$3,247,542.05	High
9	0.64	US 17/92/McKay Dr to Hinson Ave/N. 6 th St	Medium	Medium	\$604,193.87	Medium
10	0.35	Hinson Ave/N. 6 th St to Haines City Trail	Medium	Medium	\$330,418.52	Medium



How Do We Get There – Funding



Estimated Project Schedule

There is currently no funding for the design and construction phases of this project.

Phase	Cost	Fiscal Year
PD&E	\$1.2M	On going
Design	Unfunded	TBD
Construction	Unfunded	TBD



We Need Your Support!



1. Get involved and share project information throughout the community
2. Advocate for the Old Dixie Trail at local meetings
3. Motivate local leaders and representatives
4. Identify potential funding sources

The City of Auburndale has passed a resolution in support of Alternative 1
Resolution NO. 2021-09

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA; REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) CONSIDER SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE 1, OLD DIXIE TRAIL, INTENDED TO PROVIDE TRAIL REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE CITIES OF AUBURNDALE, LAKE ALFRED, AND HAINES CITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the residents of Auburndale have expressed a strong interest in multi-purpose trail facilities for travel, walking, running, biking and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has adopted the PolkGreen Overlay District to link area parks, environmental lands, schools, trails, and cultural and historical destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed Phase 1 of the Project Development and Environment (PO&E) Study to determine the location and conceptual design of the Old Dixie Trail (ODT); and

WHEREAS, the cities of Auburndale, Lake Alfred, Winter Haven and Haines City, as well as Polk County and the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) met in July 2019 to consider the six trail alternatives with two (2) of the six (6) alternatives selected to move forward into further PO&E Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has invited the public to comment on proposed improvements and make trail recommendations after the public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has identified two (2) alternatives for the Old Dixie Trail, which will serve as a connecting trail to other existing trails in Polk County, including the TECO-Auburndale Trail and the Van Fleet Trail; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 1 is located in the Lakes District Master Planning Area and is identified on the Lakes District Vision Map; and

WHEREAS, the Lakes District Vision is to create a balanced transportation system providing equal access to pedestrian and bicycles to reduce the reliance on automobiles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Auburndale, Florida, as follows:

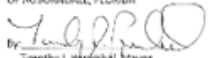
SECTION 1. The City of Auburndale enforces the design, permitting, and construction of a trail, Alternative 1 Old Dixie Trail, linking the Cities of Auburndale, Lake Alfred, and Haines City, and that said trail will result in the connection to other existing trails in Polk County and Central Florida, including the TECO-Auburndale Trail, and the Van Fleet Trail.


SECTION 2. Alternative 1 will result in fulfilling the vision of trail connectivity within in the Lakes District.


SECTION 3. The City of Auburndale requests that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) admit Alternative 1 as the proposed alternate for the Old Dixie Trail in the Location and Design Concept study.


SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Auburndale, Florida, meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September, 2021.

CITY COMMISSION
OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA
By: 
Timothy J. Pappas, Mayor

ATTEST:
By: 
James Brown, City Clerk

LEGAL IN FORM AND VALID IF ENACTED
By: 
Frederick J. Murphy, Jr., City Attorney





Stay Involved!



Questions and Comments

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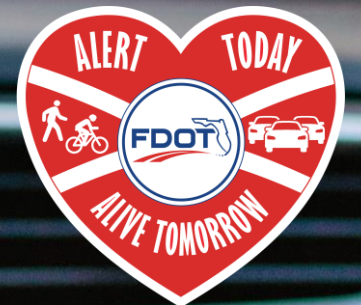
Upcoming Community Events

Old Dixie Trail PD&E Study Public Hearing – Fall 2022

SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Distracted driving was directly responsible for 23,000 deaths and well over a million injuries in the U.S. between 2012 and 2018*. You have a choice every time you get behind the wheel. Plan adequate time to get to your destination. Never use your smartphone or other electronic devices while driving. The choice is yours. Make the safe one.

Always Travel Safely.



*Sourced from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



Did You Know...



Every \$1 million spent on trails yields 9.6 jobs.

Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails, 2018.

Trails add value to new homes and are consistently among the top 4 community amenities sought by prospective homeowners of all ages.

(National Association of Homebuilders, 2016).



Special Thanks to Our Stakeholders:

