

# OLD DIXIE TRAIL

Project Development & Environment Study

FPID No. 435391-1-22-01

ETDM No. 14328

Key Stakeholder Meeting

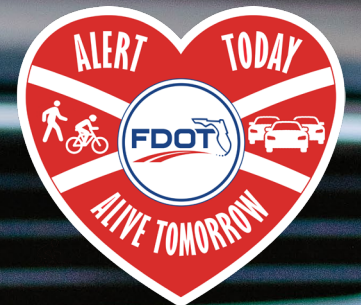
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# SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS

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



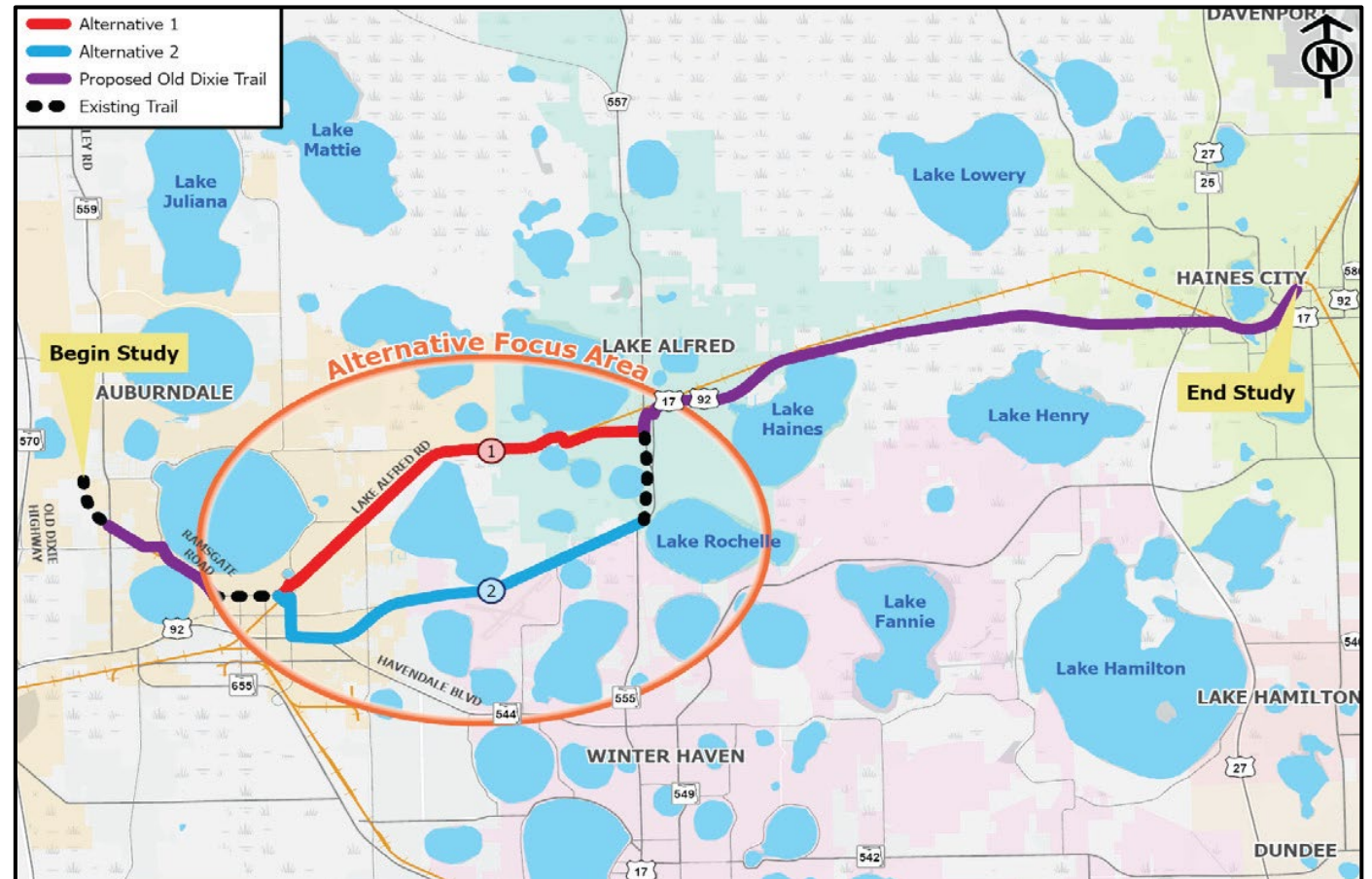


# Project Information and Location



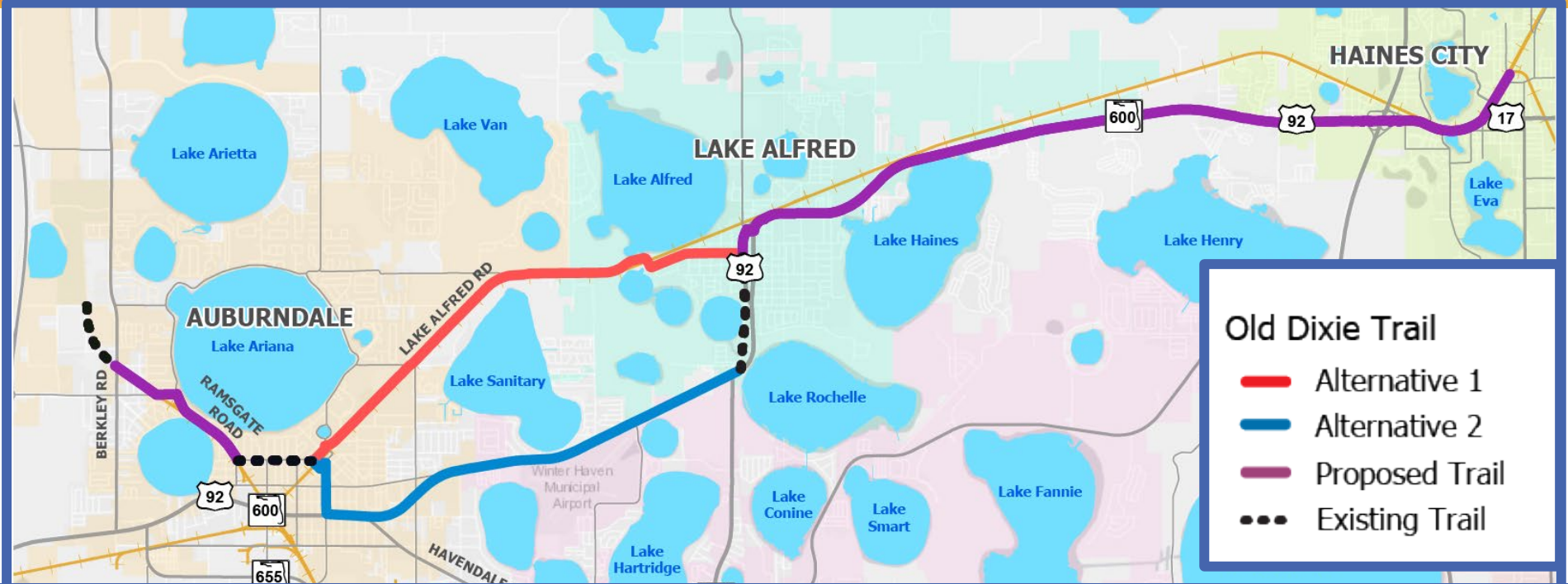
- Multi-use trail
- Up to 12 feet wide
- Approximately 12 miles long
- Connecting Auburndale-TECO Trail and Haines City Trail
- Providing regional connectivity and recreational and economic development benefits

## Old Dixie Trail Study Area





# Where Were We?



## Study Schedule

Feasibility Study - Completed

Spring  
2017

Feasibility  
Study  
Began

Winter  
2017

Feasibility  
Study  
Workshop

Summer  
2019

Feasibility  
Study  
Ended

PD&E Study – In Progress

Fall  
2019

PD&E  
Study  
Began

Summer  
2021

PD&E  
Study  
Workshop

We are here

Spring  
2023

PD&E  
Public  
Hearing

Summer  
2023

PD&E  
Process  
Complete

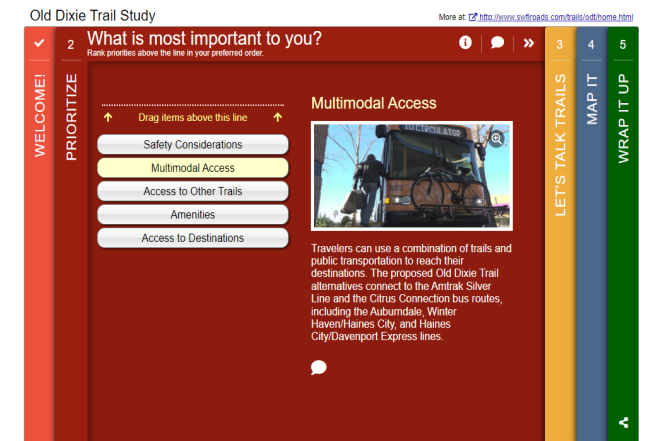
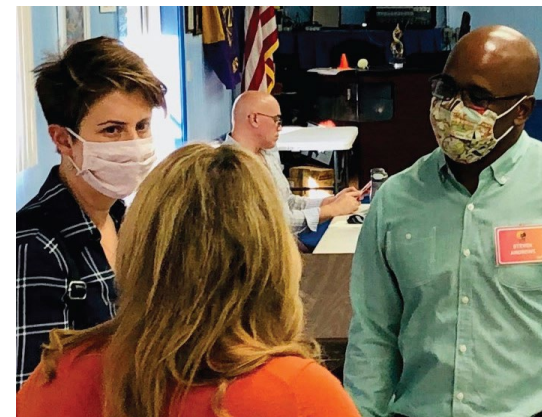




# Public Outreach – Fall 2021



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



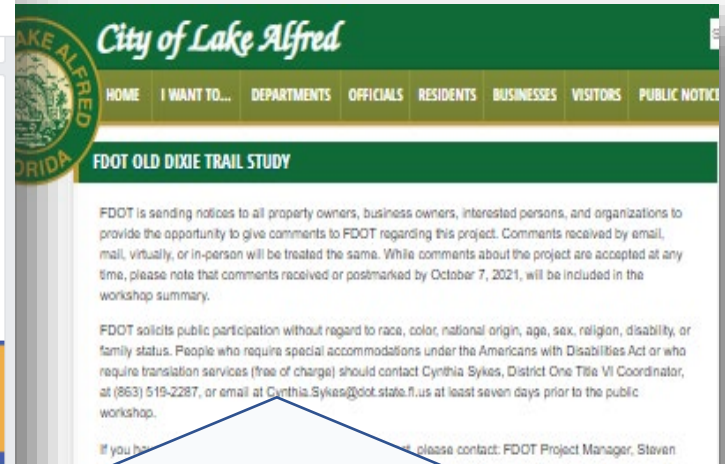


# What's the Word on the Trail?



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:

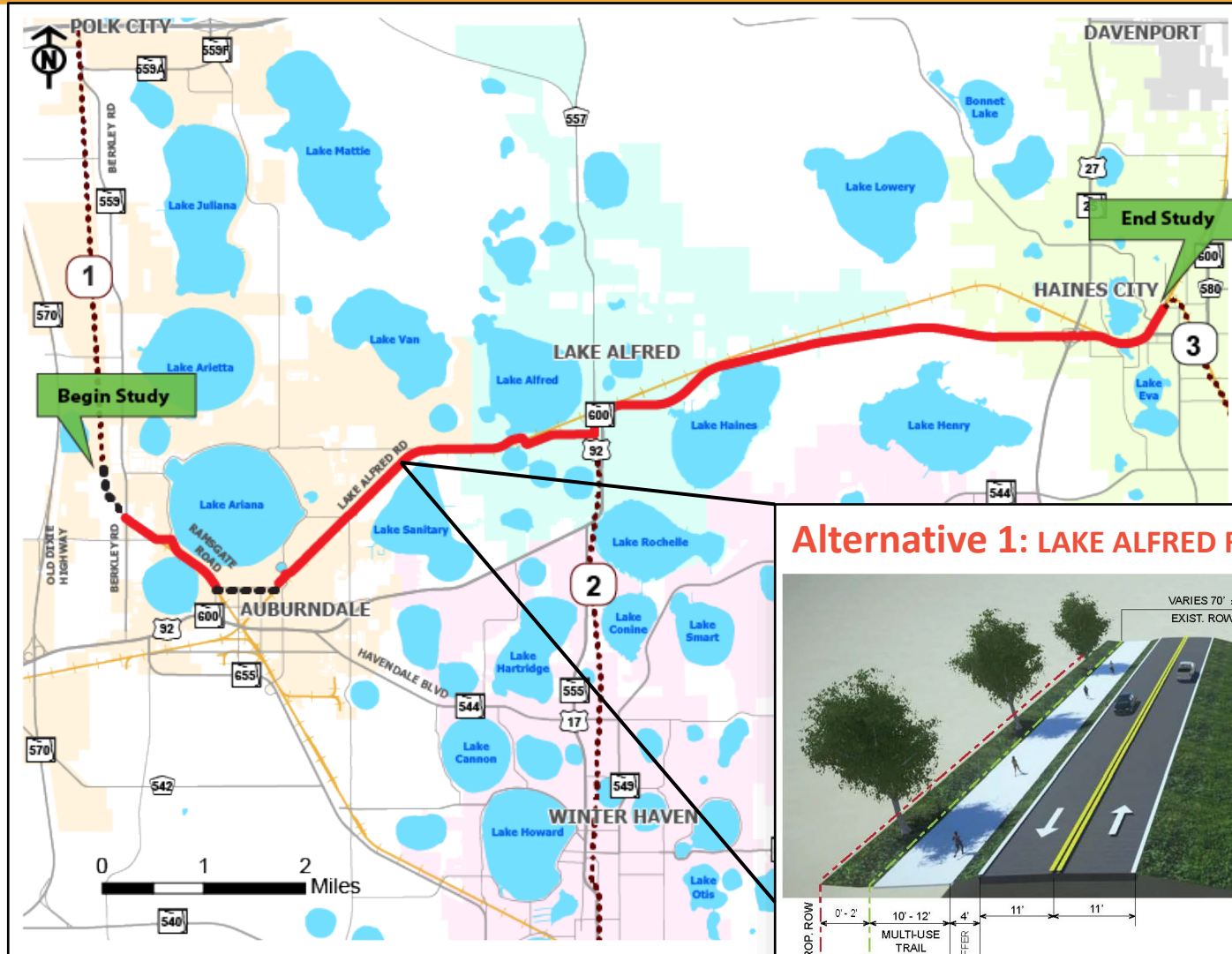
Word cloud containing the following terms: safer, cheaper, connect parks, less contamination sites, less environmental impacts, downtown auburndale, nature, avoids traffic, relaxing nature, more connections, more enjoyable, minimal land acquisition, relaxing, more connected, lions park.





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TRAIL

# Where Are We Now: Preferred Alternative 1



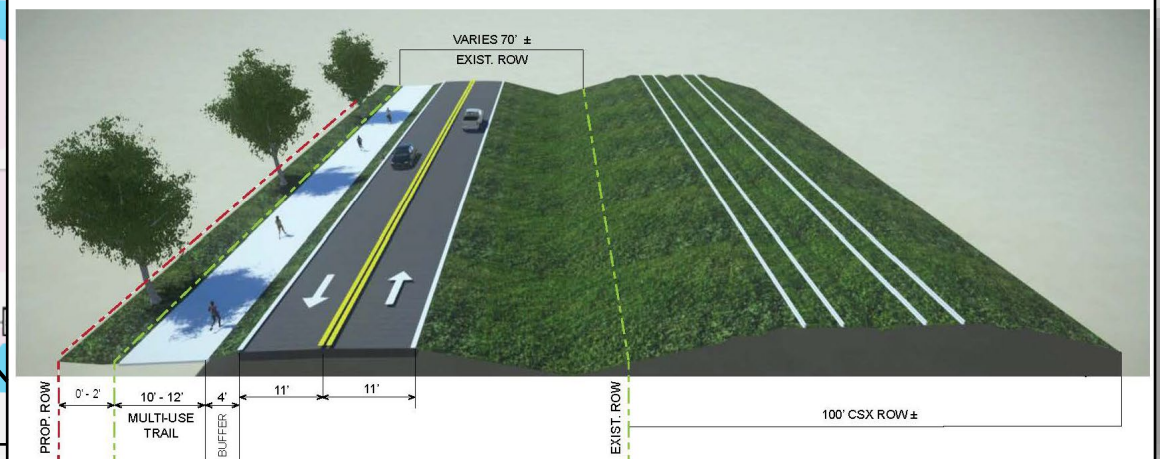
**Old Dixie Trail**

- Preferred Alternative
- Existing Trail

**Regional Trail Network**

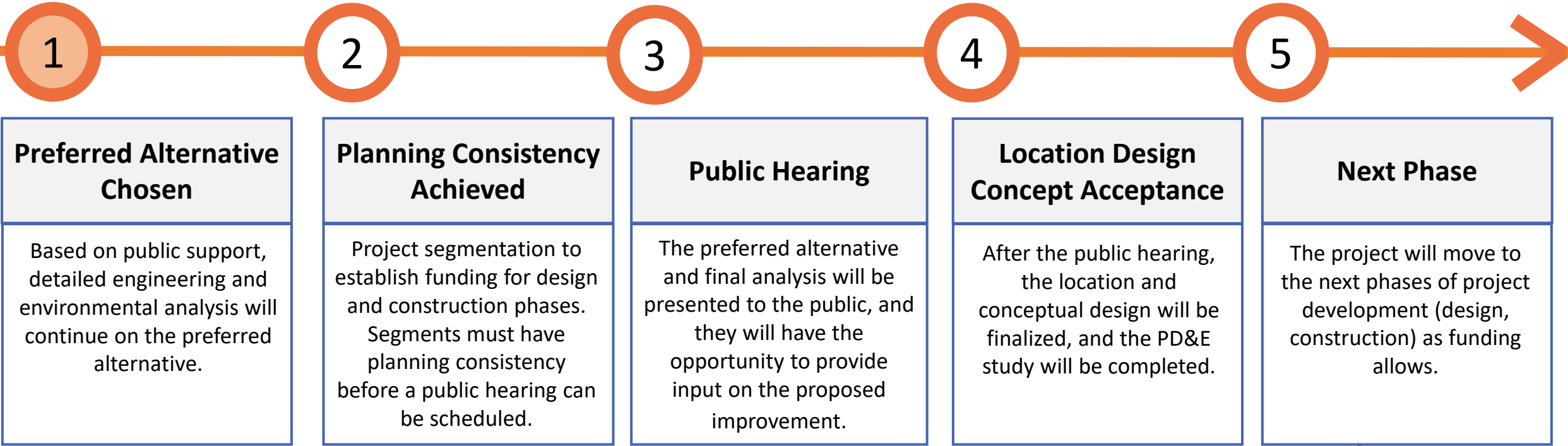
- Existing Trail
- ① Auburndale TECO Trail
- ② Chain of Lakes Trail
- ③ Haines City Trail

## Alternative 1: LAKE ALFRED ROAD TYPICAL SECTION





# Where Are We Headed



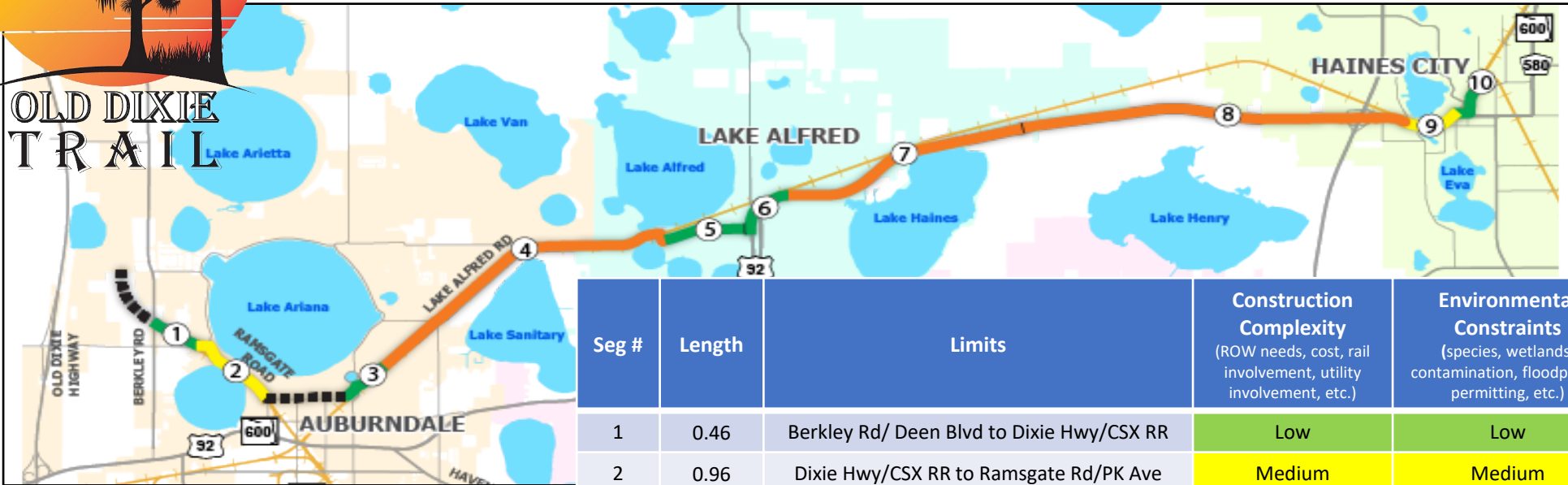
**Public and Stakeholder Engagement Ongoing**





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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 (ROW needs, cost, rail involvement, utility involvement, etc.)	Environmental Constraints (species, wetlands, contamination, floodplains, permitting, etc.)	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 <sup>th</sup> St	Medium	Medium	\$604,193.87	Medium
10	0.35	Hinson Ave/N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St to Haines City Trail	Low	Low	\$330,418.52	Low



# 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



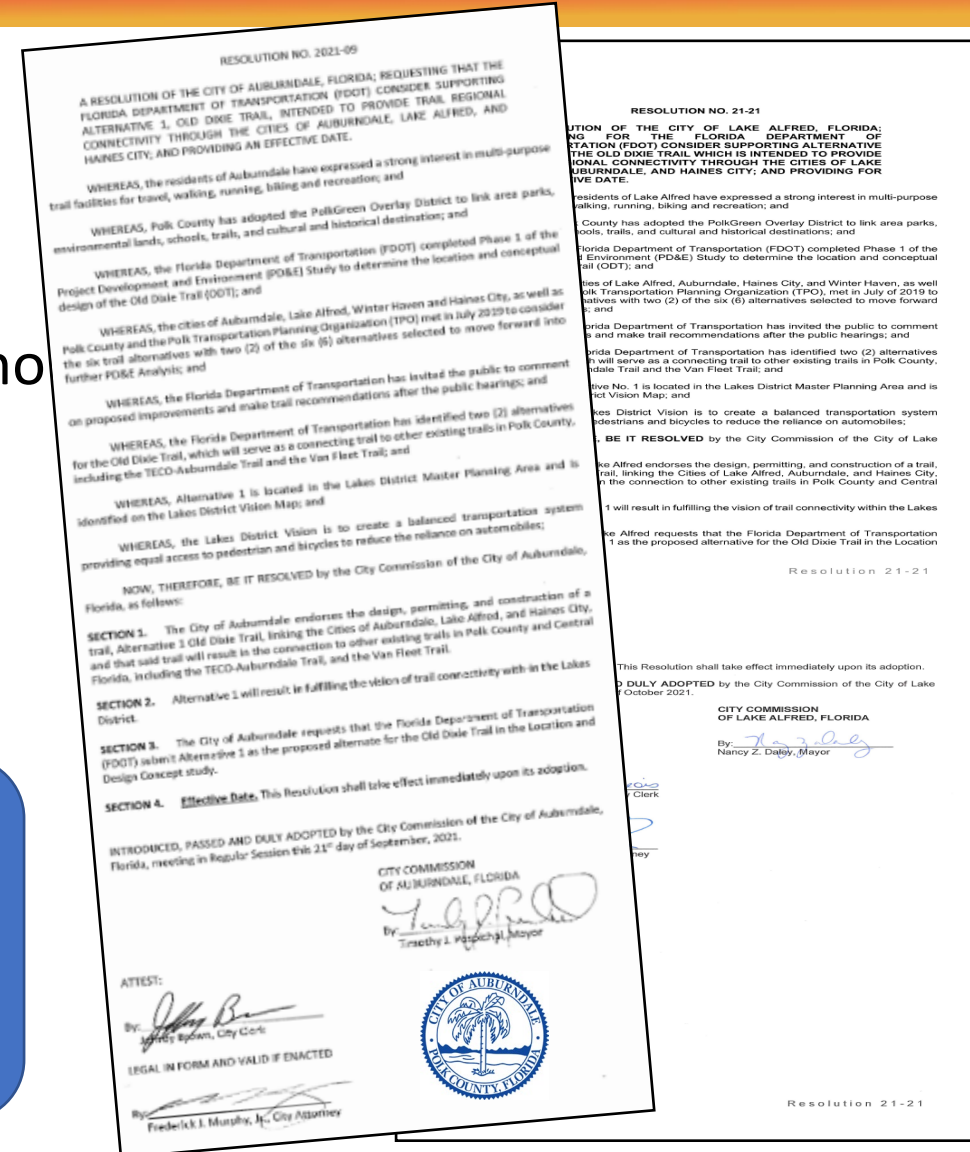


# We Need Your Support!



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 passed a resolution in support of Alternative 1, **Resolution NO. 2021-09**, in September 2021 and the City of Lake Alfred passed a resolution in support of Alternative 1, **Resolution NO. 21-21**, in October 2021.





# Stay Involved!



## Questions and Comments

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## Upcoming Community Events

Old Dixie Trail PD&E Study Public Hearing – Spring 2023



# 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:



Polk Transportation  
Planning Organization



**WINTER HAVEN**  
*The Chain of Lakes City*