



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study in April 2017 to determine the location and conceptual design of the Old Dixie Trail (ODT). This paved trail will connect the trailheads of the Auburndale-TECO Trail and the Haines City Trail, a distance of approximately 12 miles.

The Old Dixie Trail PD&E Study is intended to provide regional connectivity that will offer recreational and economic development benefits. The ODT also offers connections to the Lake Alfred Trail, the Chain of Lakes Trail, and other planned future trails.

Project activities included data collection, development of trail alignments and evaluation of potential social, physical, and natural environmental impacts in the community.

An important component of the PD&E process is public involvement. This includes coordination with stakeholders such as government agencies, organizations, and citizens.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

Para ver este boletín y otros materiales del proyecto en español, visite el sitio web del proyecto en <https://www.swflroads.com/project/435391-1> o contacte Sra. Karina Della Sera de la Oficina del Departamento de Transporte de Florida por teléfono al (863) 519-2750. También puede usar el correo electrónico: Karina.Dellasera@dot.state.fl.us.

The project, as proposed, will impact approximately 2,309 square feet (0.053 acres) of property from the City of Lake Alfred's Frank C. Gardner Park. These impacts are needed to accommodate the 10-foot shared use path and the relocation of the Citrus Connection bus stop proposed between US 17/92 and the park. Although impacts will occur to landscaped portions of the park, no impacts will occur to the Veteran's Memorial within the park. As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the FDOT is seeking comments from the public concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of this resource. FDOT intends to make a de minimis impact determination on the park.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – District One INVITES YOU TO A PUBLIC MEETING





MEETING INFORMATION



Live In-Person
DATES AND TIMES
 October 17, 2024
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



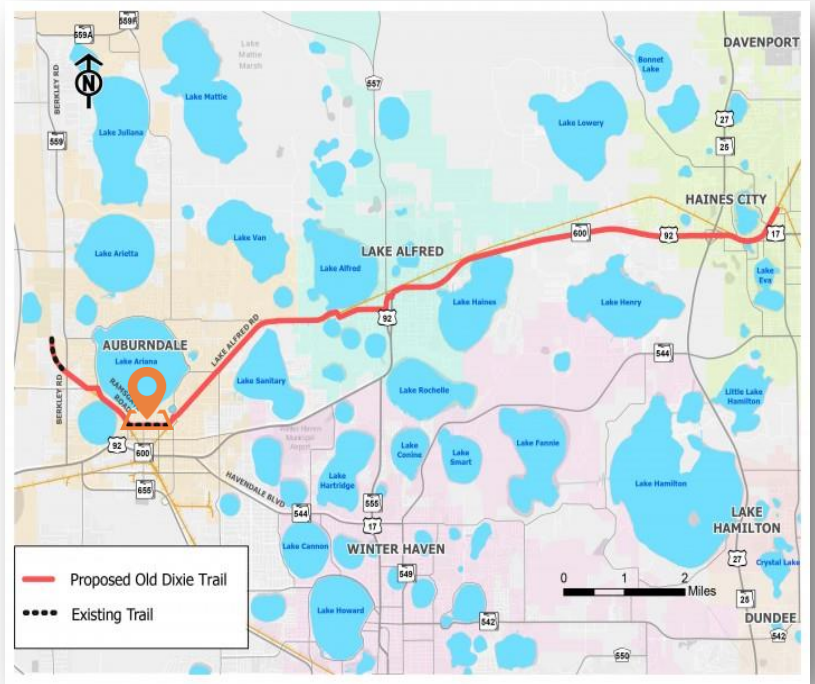
LOCATION
Auburndale Civic Center
 115 W Park St, Auburndale, FL 33823



Live Online
DATES AND TIMES
 October 24, 2024
 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



HOW TO JOIN
 Pre-registration can be found here:
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1029003687366891104>
 Please review the materials on project webpage before attending
 (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/435391-1>). Materials will be posted prior to the meeting date.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FDOT, District One, invites you to attend the Old Dixie Trail PD&E Public Meeting on **October 17, 2024**. The purpose of this meeting is to present information about the preferred alternative and all analysis completed to date. It provides the opportunity for the public to offer feedback on the preferred alternative

You can participate in the public meeting live online or in-person. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings and will be posted on the project website. The in-person meeting will be conducted in an open house format with information on display. Staff from FDOT will be available anytime between **5:30 p.m.** and **7:30 p.m.** to have one-on-one conversations about the project. There will be a brief presentation running on a continuous loop throughout the workshop. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by **November 7, 2024**, to be included in the formal meeting record.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

CONTACT INFORMATION

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the Old Dixie Trail PD&E Public Meeting. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact the FDOT Project Manager.

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