

Project Overview

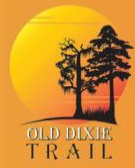
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study in April 2017 to determine the location and conceptual design of the Old Dixie Trail. This paved trail will connect the trailheads of the Auburndale-TECO Trail and the Haines City Trail, a distance of approximately 13 miles. Preferred Alternative typical sections are below.

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

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 Veterans 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.

Preferred Alternative





Evaluation Matrix

This matrix shows a detailed comparison of the Preferred Alternative and the no-build alternative, including potential effects on the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments. It also identifies preliminary costs.

EVALUATION CRITERIA	NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE	PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
PROJECT GOALS		
Addresses regional bicycle and pedestrian connectivity	No	Yes
Provides safe multi-modal access to destinations	No	Yes
Enhances quality of life and fosters economic development	No	Yes
CONNECTIVITY		
Improves access to parks	No	Yes (4)
Connection to other trails	No	Yes (3)
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS		
Business relocations	0	0
Residential relocations	0	0
Right-of-way impacts (acres)	0	7.95
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS		
Historic/Archaeological	N/A	Low
Recreational Facilities Present /# Impacted:	N/A	7/3
Wetland (acres)	N/A	3.35
Floodplain (acres)	N/A	0
Listed/protected species	N/A	Moderate
Prime Farmland Soils Acreage Present / Acreage Impacted	N/A	36.12/19.95
Contamination	N/A	2-Medium Ranked Sites (Sites 1-2)
COST ESTIMATE		
Design	\$0	\$2,002,800
Construction Engineering & Inspection (10% of Construction Cost)	\$0	\$1,177,400
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$12,510,000
Construction	\$0	\$11,773,700
Mitigation	\$0	\$1,475,900
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$0	\$28,939,800

Subject to change



Study Website:

Review study materials and leave a comment at the study website.

<https://www.swflroads.com/project/435391-1>

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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FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830, call (863) 519-2287 or via email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.