

TRAIL PD&E STUDY BEGINS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, on behalf of Manatee County, is beginning a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for a proposed trail through the City of Palmetto. The trail is one of six transportation improvements proposed in Manatee County's BUILD grant application, known collectively as the Palmetto Trails Network Plan (PTNP).

The trail will build from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail and establish important community connections. It will improve access to parks, schools, activity centers and public transit. The study will evaluate BUILD grant application connections through the communities near Lincoln Park (Segment 1 Map) and Washington Park (Segment 2 Map) as well as connections to the area's future regional trail network.



Lincoln Tunnel Restoration Envisioned by the BUILD Grant

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process developed by the FDOT to determine social, economic, natural, and physical environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process follows procedures set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and federal and state laws and regulations. It requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners, and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution for transportation needs. An important component of the process is public and agency coordination.

MANATEE COUNTY BUILD GRANT

The **B**etter **U**tilizing Investments to **L**everage **D**evelopment, or **BUILD** Transportation Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.

On May 22, 2018, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of a grant application to the USDOT for facilities intended to advance multimodal transportation options such as trails to reduce highway congestion, make significant improvements in pedestrian and automobile safety, and encourage economic development in the areas where improvements are proposed.

Manatee County articulates in their BUILD grant application the goal to ultimately provide 3.6 miles of an interconnected trail network, 65 lighting fixtures to enhance trail safety, 15 transit stop improvements, nine new or enhanced trail/pedestrian crossings, seven new connections between schools, parks, and activity centers, two additional connections between adjacent neighborhoods and Lincoln Community Park, two enhanced underpass treatments to convey the trail alignment under the heavily traveled US 41, one signature/gateway bridge, and one trail/pedestrian bridge.






Segment 1 Map



Segment 2 Map

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Comuníquese Con Nosotros

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestro representante, Alice Ramos (863) 797-7202.

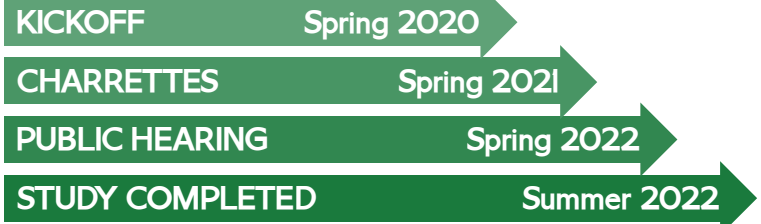


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Get Involved TODAY!

It's your community and this is going to be your trail! Your feedback and participation will play an important role in the study process. Please share your comments and suggestions with us throughout the duration of the study either by mail or online. There will be upcoming opportunities to participate in-person or online, including charrettes and a public hearing. For additional information and updates, visit us online at: www.swflroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork

Project Schedule and Updates



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

