

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the Palmetto Trails Network Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Public Workshop. For your convenience, the FDOT is providing three ways to participate:

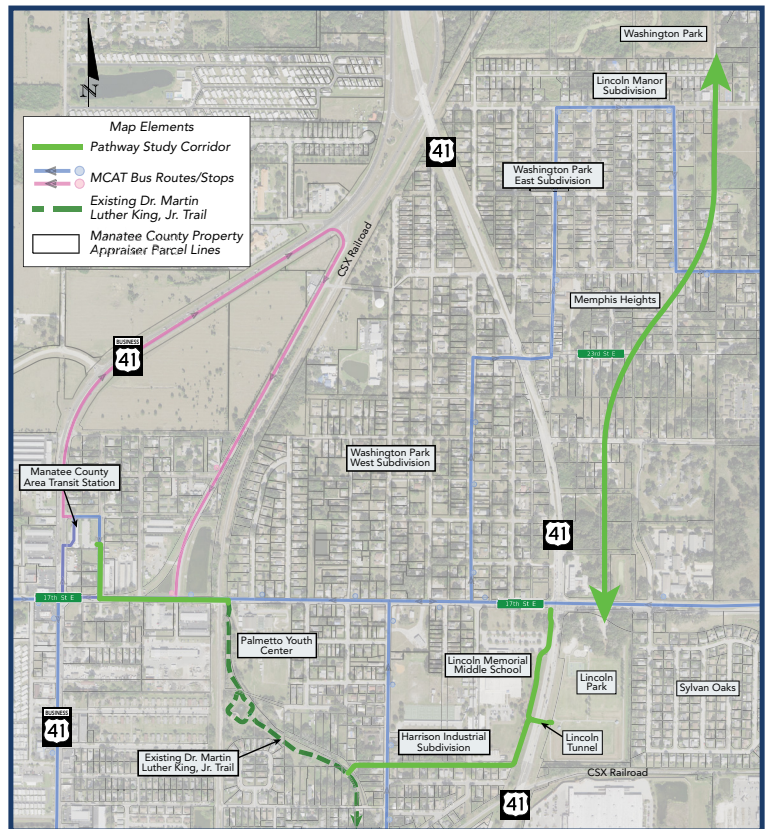
- 1. Virtual Option:** The Virtual event is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Please register to attend at bit.ly/Palmetto_Trails_Public_Workshop_Registration. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar. The event is also available in listen-only mode by phone. Call 1 (877) 309-2074 and enter access code 641-192-945. **Please review the workshop materials online through the project website prior to this event.**
- 2. In-Person Option:** The In-Person event is scheduled for **Thursday, January 27, 2022** at the **Palmetto Youth Center, 501 17th Street West, Palmetto, FL**. The In-Person event **will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.** Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person workshop.
- 3. Website:** View the materials online at swfroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork/. Comments can be provided through the project website.

All workshop materials will be available online by January 20, 2022. You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live event, through the website, or through the contact information provided on the other side of this notification.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The FDOT, District One, on behalf of Manatee County, has been conducting a PD&E Study for a proposed trail network within the City of Palmetto and Manatee County. This network will bring three key benefits to the community: 1) extend the reach of the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail; 2) provide better connections that enhance safety between and among important community resources such as the MCAT Transit Station, Palmetto Youth Center, Lincoln Park, and Washington Park (now under construction); and 3) help restore the Lincoln Tunnel to its former glory and provide safe and comfortable access to Lincoln Park and Lincoln Memorial Middle School.

The workshop is being held to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provide the opportunity for the public to offer feedback. The FDOT will accept written comments during and after the workshop.



Register to Attend Virtually

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public workshop online.



Visit the Project Website

Scan the QR Code to access a quick online questionnaire and other related information, maps, and updates on the project website.





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We encourage you to participate in the Palmetto Trails Network PD&E Study Public Workshop. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact the FDOT Project Representative, Michelle Rutishauser.



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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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and the FDOT.