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July 15, 2019

TO: Technical Advisory Committee Working Group  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement and Agenda

On July 22, 2019, the Technical Advisory Committee Working Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Charles F. Justice Conference Room, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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|                  | <b>I. Introductions (if needed)*</b>   |  |
| <b>Page #1</b>   | <b>II. Approval of Meeting Agenda</b>  | <b>APPROVE AGENDA</b>                                |
| <b>Page #3</b>   | <b>III. Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update Referral</b>   | <b>DEVELOP SCOPING RECOMMENDATIONS</b>               |
|                  | <u>The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred the development of scoping and funding mechanism recommendations for updating the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan to its advisory committees.</u> |  |
| <b>Page #75</b>  | <b>IV. U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Design Workshop</b>   | <b>DEVELOP DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS</b>                |
|                  | <u>A Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization member suggested a workshop concerning a redesign of SW 13th Street and a referral to its advisory committees for recommendations.</u>                              |  |
| <b>Page #159</b> | <b>V. Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Existing Plus Committed Network</b>  | <b>APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>                  |
|                  | <u>The Working Group needs to approve the Existing Plus Committed capacity projects that impact the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study transportation model.</u>  |  |
| <b>Page #165</b> | <b>VI. Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Model Revisions</b>   | <b>DETERMINE REVISIONS TO TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ZONES</b> |
|                  | <u>The Working Group needs to request revisions to the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model, including traffic analysis zones, due to network changes.</u>  |  |

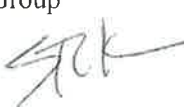




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FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update Referral

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Develop scoping and funding mechanisms to update Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.**

BACKGROUND

At its April 22, 2019 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization received a request from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to consider updating the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan (Exhibit 1). During its discussion, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved a motion:

*to refer scoping and funding mechanisms to update the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan to its advisory committees.*

Exhibit 2 is an Alachua County staff report on the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan that includes a recommendation to update the plan. Exhibit 3 is an Alachua County staff report concerning the implementation of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

At its June 24, 2019 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved the List of Priority Projects. The List of Priority Projects includes an update of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan as priority number 4 (Exhibit 4).

The Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan was completed in 2001. The Transporting Ecologies addendum was completed in 2004. This document aggregated various corridors into "braids." The Archer Braid document was completed in 2008. Below are links to these documents:

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP\\_Update/GainesvilleBicycleMasterPlan.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP_Update/GainesvilleBicycleMasterPlan.pdf)

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP/Report\\_Addendum\\_Final.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP/Report_Addendum_Final.pdf)

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/Archer\\_Braid/Archer\\_Braid\\_Final\\_Report\\_Web.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/Archer_Braid/Archer_Braid_Final_Report_Web.pdf)

Additional attachments include:

- Exhibit 5 - the scope of the 2001 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan;
- Exhibit 6 - the scope of the Jacksonville Bridge Connections Study for the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Bicycle and pedestrian Plan; and
- Exhibit 7 - suggestions for scoping the update by the authors of the 2001 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

Attachments

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# **Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan**

**Final Report  
June, 2001**

**Prepared by:**

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## Executive Summary

The *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan* provides a blueprint for the expanded development of a countywide system of on-road and off-road bicycle facilities and programs that will serve the transportation and recreational needs of residents and visitors to Alachua County well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan* is the result of a project completed in June 2001 for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO). This study was conducted as part of the MTPO's *2020 Long Range Transportation Plan*. The focus of the *Plan* is fourfold:

- Expand the **on-road network** of bicycle facilities,
- Expand the **off-road network** of trails,
- **Improve safety** conditions for bicyclists through various safety education programs and by improving existing bicycling conditions, and
- Effect a **mode shift** to bicycling through the implementation of innovative policies and the provision of bicycle facilities and amenities

Central to the achievement of each of these four Goals is the development of a countywide bicycle network. Alachua County and the City of Gainesville have a long history of accommodating bicyclists in their transportation networks. The *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan* builds upon that history with a call to action that includes: innovative retrofitting of roadways with bicycle facilities; the continued inclusion of bicycle facilities with all new construction and reconstruction of roadways; the continuation and expansion of safety and mode shift incentive initiatives; and the institution of several new and innovative



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policies for local, regional, and state government and agencies. This recommended course of action will help create a balanced transportation system that will improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Alachua County and continue to make it a desirable place to live.

## **Why is Bicycling Important to Alachua County?**

Why should we accommodate bicycling? Beyond the fact that bicycles are legally considered to be vehicles with the right to use the roadway system, there are some other very good reasons:

### **Bicycling preserves the character and quality of life for the residents of and visitors to Alachua County.**

- Bicycling is an important activity for Alachua County residents, many of whom already enjoy riding for both recreation and transportation.
- Bicycling contributes to Alachua County's image as a friendly, welcoming community.
- Bicycling, along with walking and transit, provides residents and visitors with multiple transportation choices that increase their mobility and reduces traffic congestion.

### **Bicycling is a necessary part of Alachua County's transportation system.**

- Bicycle facilities are needed to form important connections



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among the City of Gainesville, the University of Florida, and adjacent jurisdictions.



*Bicycling preserves the character and quality of life in Alachua County.*

- Bicycling is an affordable option when compared to the expense of owning and operating an automobile (\$120/year for bicycles compared to over \$5,000/year for autos). This is an important factor in Alachua County where there are over 50,000 community college and university students.
- Many trips made each day in Alachua County, and in particular the City of Gainesville, are short enough to be made by bicycle.
- Residents of Alachua County will be more likely to use the bicycle for transportation if there are safe places to ride: a 1990 Harris Poll found that 40% of U.S. adults say they would commute by bike if bike lanes and pathways were available.

**Alachua County is home to the University of Florida, which generates a high volume of concentrated bicycle usage.**

- The University of Florida, with over 40,000 students, is a major economic engine in Alachua County. A 1993 Board of Regents study revealed that about 12% of UF students, faculty, and staff bicycle to campus each day (a number that is substantially higher than all other Universities in the State University System combined). This amounts to several thousand commuters a day riding to campus.



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- Providing adequate and safe bicycle connections from the surrounding community to the University can increase the number of bicyclists that ride to the campus and safely accommodate the thousands of bicyclists riding to campus today. In turn this can help relieve traffic congestion on the major corridors into campus and support the University's parking policies.
- The areas surrounding the campus feature high residential densities and a mixture of land uses that makes travel by bicycling a viable transportation mode.

## How this Master Plan was Developed

This project was conducted by consultant Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. (SCI) under the direction of the Gainesville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and a Project Steering Committee comprised of planners, engineers, and representatives of various stakeholder groups and implementing agencies. In addition to the individuals on the Steering Committee (listed on page 3), numerous other individuals and organizations actively participated in Steering Committee meetings and work groups including representatives of the following:

- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
- The City of Gainesville
- Alachua County



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- Florida Department of Transportation
- The University of Florida
- The Regional Transit System
- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board
- The Citizens Advisory Committee
- The Technical Advisory Committee
- Paynes Prairie State Park
- San Felasco State Park
- Suwannee River Water Management District
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Gainesville Regional Utilities
- Gainesville Police Department
- City of High Springs
- FDOT District Two Rail Office
- Sustainable Alachua County

Draft plan materials and Steering Committee meeting notifications were also submitted to mayors of each incorporated town in Alachua County.

Two of the *Plan's* primary goals are to expand both the on-road bicycle network and the off-road (trail) network. In order to achieve this within a context of limited financial resources, the study network segments have been prioritized for bicycle facility construction. The ranking process is a five-step process (see Figure 1). The first step is to define and establish the **ranking criteria**. The second step is to determine the **evaluation methodology** that is used for each of the study segments according to the established criteria. The third step is to **define the data needs** for the evaluations. The fourth step, **data collection**, was undertaken to support the other steps of the process. Finally, the fifth step involves **evaluation of the study**



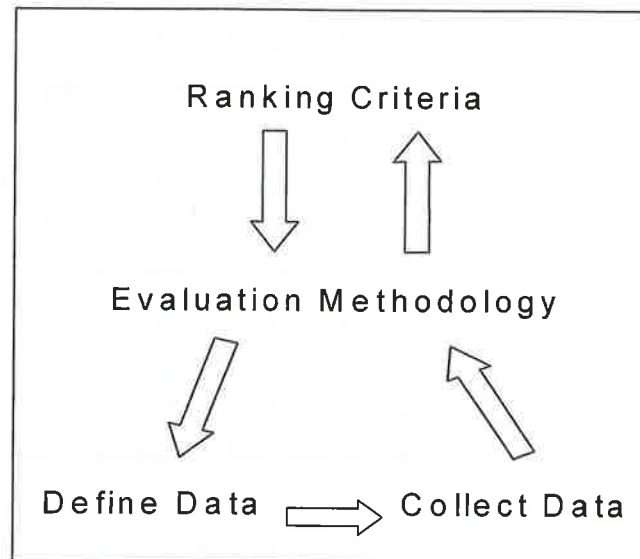
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**segments** for bicycle facility retrofit funding **prioritization**.

**Figure 1 Ranking Process**



The study network for which the ranking was performed includes all of the arterial and collector roads in the County, including several local roads within the University of Florida Campus, and numerous potential off-road trail corridors. There is a total of 1,185 miles of roadways and trails in the study network, of which the on-road network comprises 823 miles. Approximately 229 miles of the on-road network have paved shoulders or bike lanes. The 362 miles of trails in the study network includes 58 miles of existing trails. Thus, 287 miles (or 24%) of the entire study network presently have bicycle facilities (bike lane, trail, or paved shoulder).

While Gainesville and Alachua County may lead Florida and perhaps the Nation in providing good bicycle accommodations, the majority



(58%) of the study network mileage does not currently provide good bicycling conditions. Based on a scientific grading scale that reports bicycling conditions on an "A" through "F" academic styled scale (with "A" being the best and "F" the worst), the current bicycling conditions for the study network are a "C". Furthermore, according to the recently adopted *Gainesville Metropolitan Area 2020 Transportation Plan*, the network's bicycling conditions for the study network will fall to a "D" unless action is taken beyond what is currently being done. Thus, there is a pressing need for Alachua County and its jurisdictions to improve those roadways that do not presently accommodate bicy-

clists. This must be done to build upon and enhance the existing bicycle network and to ensure that bicycling remains a viable, safe, and popular mode of transportation.



The provision of roads with good bicycling conditions plays an important role in the Master Plan's prioritization process.

The primary ranking criteria used to prioritize the study network segments include: an evaluation of **bicycling conditions**, an analysis of the potential **bicycle travel demand**, quantification of **public desire** for facility location, recommended **facility** and facility (unit) **construction cost**. The evaluation methodologies associated with each of these criteria are briefly described below.

## Bicycle Quality of Service (QOS)

The bicycling conditions ranking criteria was evaluated using the *Bicycle Level of Service (LOS) Model*. The *Model* is the statistically reliable method of evaluating the bicycling conditions of a shared



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roadway environment. It uses the same measurable traffic and roadway factors that transportation planners and engineer's use for other travel modes. With statistical precision, the *Model* clearly reflects the effect on bicycling suitability or "compatibility" due to factors such as roadway width, bike lane widths and striping combinations, traffic volume, pavement surface conditions, motor vehicles' speed and type, and on-street parking.

The *Bicycle Level of Service Model* is based on the proven research documented in *Transportation Research Record 1578*<sup>3</sup>, published by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. It has been applied to over 100,000 miles of evaluated urban, suburban, and rural roads and streets across North America. It is established by the Florida Department of Transportation as the recommended standard methodology for determining existing and anticipated bicycling conditions throughout Florida.

## Latent Demand Method

The bicycle travel demand analysis was performed using the *Latent Demand Method*. This analysis is an essential component of the prioritization process. The *Latent Demand Method* determines *potential* bicycle trip activity within a corridor quantifying the potential trip interchange between trip origins and destinations. This method is used in lieu of bicycle counts as a determinant of bicycle demand. The reason bicycle counts were not used is that they only indicate *revealed* demand. Revealed demand fails to account for the bicycle trips that do not occur due to impediments in the bicycle transportation network. Thus a surrogate measure of demand must be used to account for these *latent* bicycle trips.

<sup>3</sup> Landis, Bruce W. "Real-Time Human Perceptions: Toward a Bicycle Level of Service" *Transportation Research Record 1578*, Transportation Research Board, Washington DC 1997



The *Latent Demand Method* quantifies the potential latent bicycle trips for each study segment corridor by assuming that the impediments to bicycle travel are eliminated throughout the study network. It is a probabilistic gravity model that uses readily available demographic data and employs simplified GIS geocoding and data input for spreadsheet-based gravity model computations. The *Latent Demand Method* estimates the relative probability of bicycle travel on an individual corridor segment; it is based upon the proximity, frequency, and magnitude of adjacent trip generators and/or attractors. It quantifies latent bicycle travel demand by excluding the effect of all travel impedances except that of distance. The datasets of the adopted *Gainesville Metropolitan Area 2020 Transportation Plan Preferred Alternative* were used in the *Latent Demand Method* analysis.

## Public Input

Public input is an important criterion in the formation of this *Plan*, specifically in the identification of the potential off-road trail network and in helping to further prioritize the analytically ranked network segments for bicycle facility retrofit funding. Public input in the development of the *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan* was achieved through two rounds of public workshops.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round of public workshops was held principally to identify the locations of potential trail corridors throughout Alachua County. In addition to identifying potential trail corridors, workshop participants also ranked the draft Goals for the *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan*. Each attendee was given a questionnaire that allowed them to rank, in order of importance, the four Goal categories that had been established by the *Plan's* Steering Committee. The participants ranked the continued development of an on-road bicycle network as



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the top goal, with the development of an off-road network of trails ranking a close second. The goals and objectives are further discussed in Section 1 of this *Plan*.

The establishment of a minimum Bicycle Quality of Service (QOS) standard (or standards) is an essential component of this *Plan*. The attendees were provided with a questionnaire that asked them to vote for a minimum standard. The questionnaire described the existing average countywide bicycle quality of service ("C"). They were also provided with a general time frame and cost of achieving the different target standards. The Steering Committee used the public input from the 1st workshop to establish a target Bicycle QOS of "B" for non-state roads and "C" for state roads.

The purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of public workshops was to present the draft prioritization results and latent demand results. A significant feature of this round of workshops was the ability of participants to review draft work products and recommendations, and to vote for where they wanted bicycle facilities built, for either on-road facilities or trails. A detailed account of public input and participation is provided in Section 3.3 of this *Plan*. Appendix "A" contains copies of the questionnaires used in the workshops as well as completed attendance sheets.

## Facility Recommendation and Cost

Selecting the appropriate bicycle facility to construct is an important function of the prioritization process. The selection process for the general type of improvement needed for individual roadway segments, along with the associated estimated per mile construction cost, is illustrated in Figure 7, the *Bicycle Facility Selection & Cost Decision Tree*, in Section 4.3.



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Since cost is always a determining factor in infrastructure investment decisions, per mile construction costs based on each segment's construction level of difficulty have been integrated into the prioritization process. These general costs are associated with typical roadway cross-sectional conditions and the resultant necessary general improvements. The per mile cost of right-of-way acquisition is also used in determining the (total) facilities construction cost.

### Benefit-Cost Ratio

Each of the primary ranking criteria is combined into a benefit-cost ratio (or specifically an Index) to prioritize roadways and trails for construction. Benefit-Cost ratios are tools classically used in infrastructure investment planning and programming. They provide an indication of the relative value of improving a transportation facility with respect to other (candidate) transportation facilities. The individual terms of the Benefit-Cost factor are the ranking criteria evaluation methods. Those in the numerator ( $\Delta$ Bicycle QOS, Demand, and Public Input) are the "benefits"; the denominator is the "cost (per mile)". The " $\Delta$ Bicycle QOS" term is the numeric difference between the existing bicycle level of service and the target bicycle level of service recommended in this *Plan*.

The results of the benefit-cost ratio are used to develop a prioritization list (needs ranking) for roadway and trail segments. The resulting prioritization list (needs ranking) is included in Appendix A & B. This prioritization list represents the final *needs* ranking, but not necessarily the construction order/schedule that bicycle facilities or trails will be programmed for construction. This final needs ranking provides an objective basis for County, MTPO, and local jurisdiction staff to select and schedule roadway and trail segment projects for bicycle retrofit improvements. Other deciding factors in construction orders/



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schedule include opportunities to implement these bicycle projects in conjunction with roadway construction or special funding opportunities such as grants or partnerships.

## Summary of Recommendations

The focus of the *Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan* is the development of a countywide bicycle transportation network of on-road and off-road bicycle facilities as well as the expansion of programs to support bicyclist safety and effect a mode shift. These facilities and programs will serve both the transportation and recreational needs of the community. A crucial element of this *Bicycle Master Plan's* Action Plan is the establishment of target Bicycle quality of service standards for roadways. Based on input from the first public workshop, the Steering Committee's recommendation is that all new and retrofit construction on County and City roads and streets should achieve a Bicycle Quality of Service standard of "B", whereas state roads should achieve a "C" (on a scale of "A" through "F", with "A" being the highest quality bicycling environment, and "F" being the worst).

Using these Bicycle QOS standards, the percentage of the (on-road) network with bike lanes and paved shoulders would increase from 28 percent to 71 percent (an additional 353 miles of bikeways) if all of the recommended facilities were constructed. As the remainder of the report demonstrates, much of this expansion of the on-road bicycle network will be achieved through minimal cost approaches using techniques such as re-striping during repaving projects or constructing paved bike shoulders on roads with buildable shoulders.

The existing bicycle network is identified on Maps 4A & 4B at the end of this *Plan*. The maps also depict the identified and prioritized study segments that currently fall below the County's target Bicycle Quality



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of Service standards. The aforementioned evaluation criteria (***Bicycle Quality of Service, Latent Demand, Public Input***, and per mile construction **costs**), provide a rational and objective basis for the prioritization and retrofit construction of roadway and trail corridor improvements recommended in this *Plan*.



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# Map 1A Alachua Countywide Bicycle Facility Inventory & Quality of Service Evaluation



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles

See Map Inset

- LEGEND**
- Existing Bicycle Network
  - Existing Bike Lane/Trail/Paved Shoulder
  - Programmed Improvements
  - Bicycle QOS A/B/C
  - Final study network
  - Limited access road
  - Schools
  - University
  - Parks
    - Major
    - Staffed
    - Minor
  - Background Street Network
  - Water bodies
  - Conservation
  - Municipalities
  - MTPD Boundary

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# Map 1B Alachua Countywide Bicycle Facility Inventory & Quality of Service Evaluation



**LEGEND**

- Existing Bicycle Network
- Existing Bike Lane/Trail/Paved Shoulder
- Programmed Improvements
- Bicycle QOS A/B/C
- Final study network
- Limited access road
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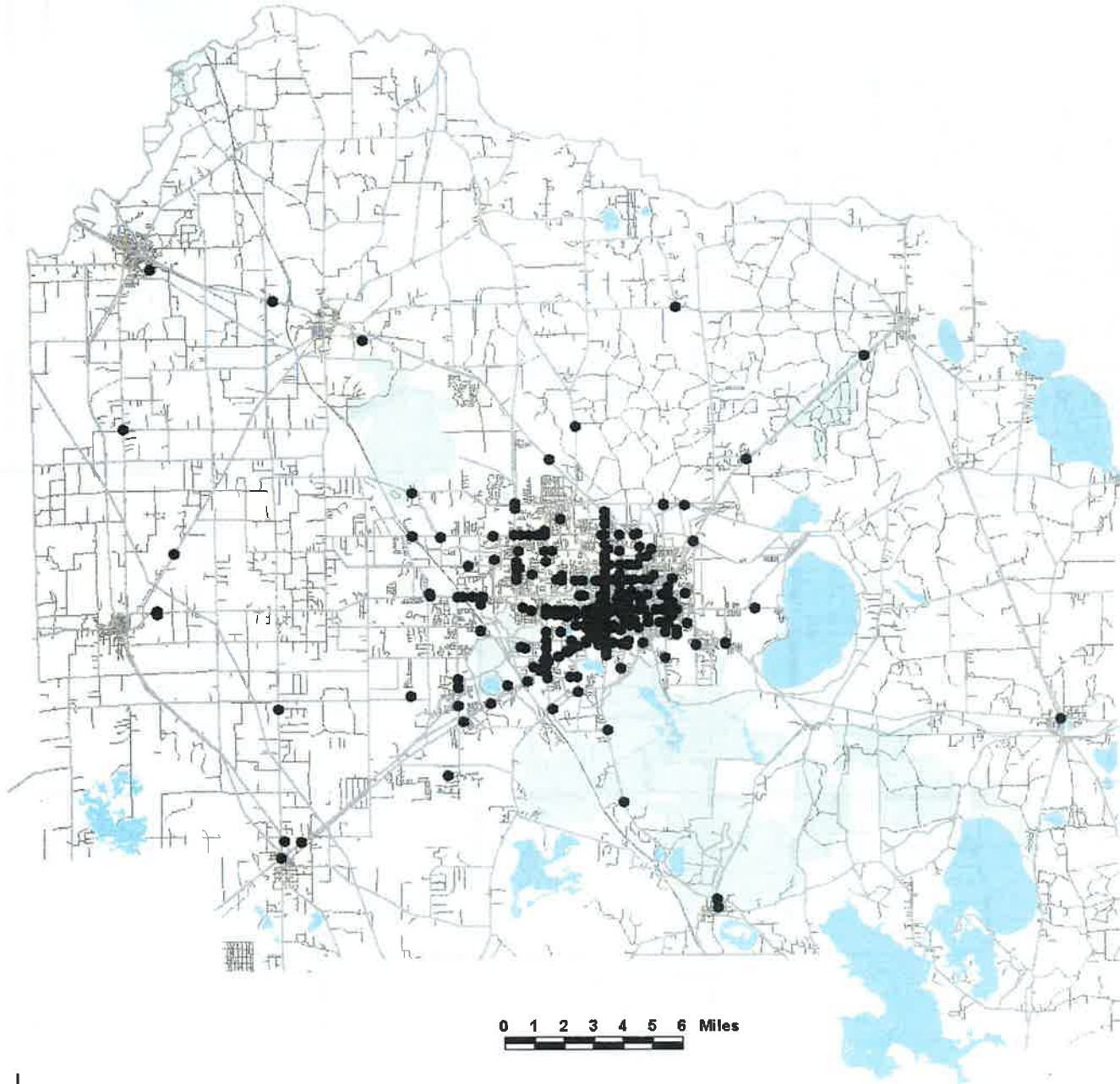


# Map 2A Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Bicycle Crash Locations



## LEGEND

- Bicycle Crashes
- Study Network
- Limited access road
- Background Street Network
- Water bodies
- Conservation
- Municipalities
- MTPO Boundary

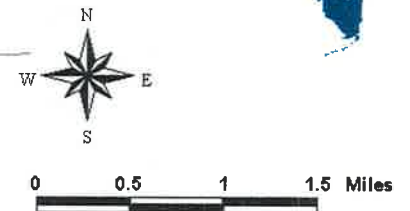


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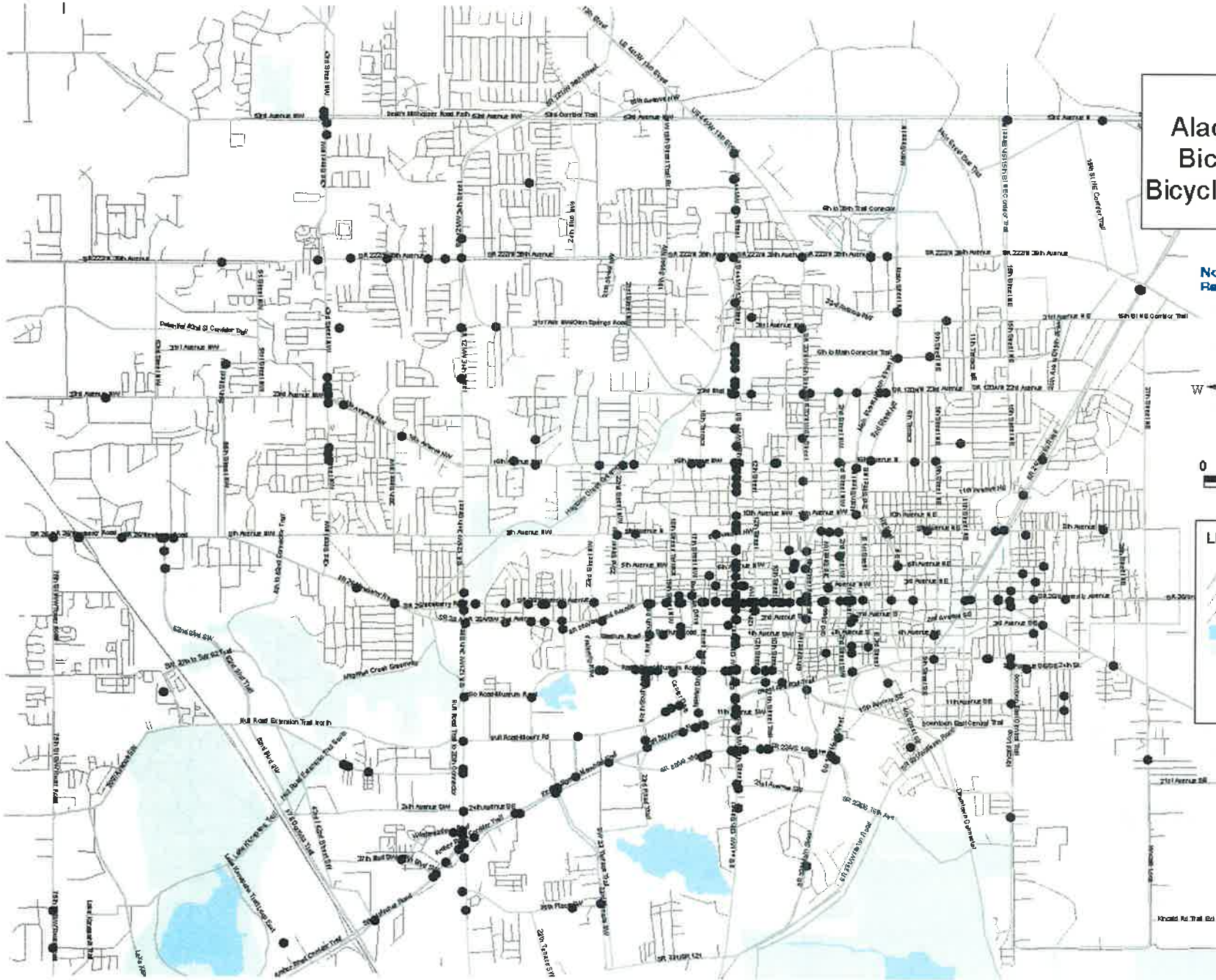
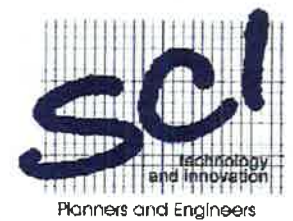
# Map 2B Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Bicycle Crash Locations



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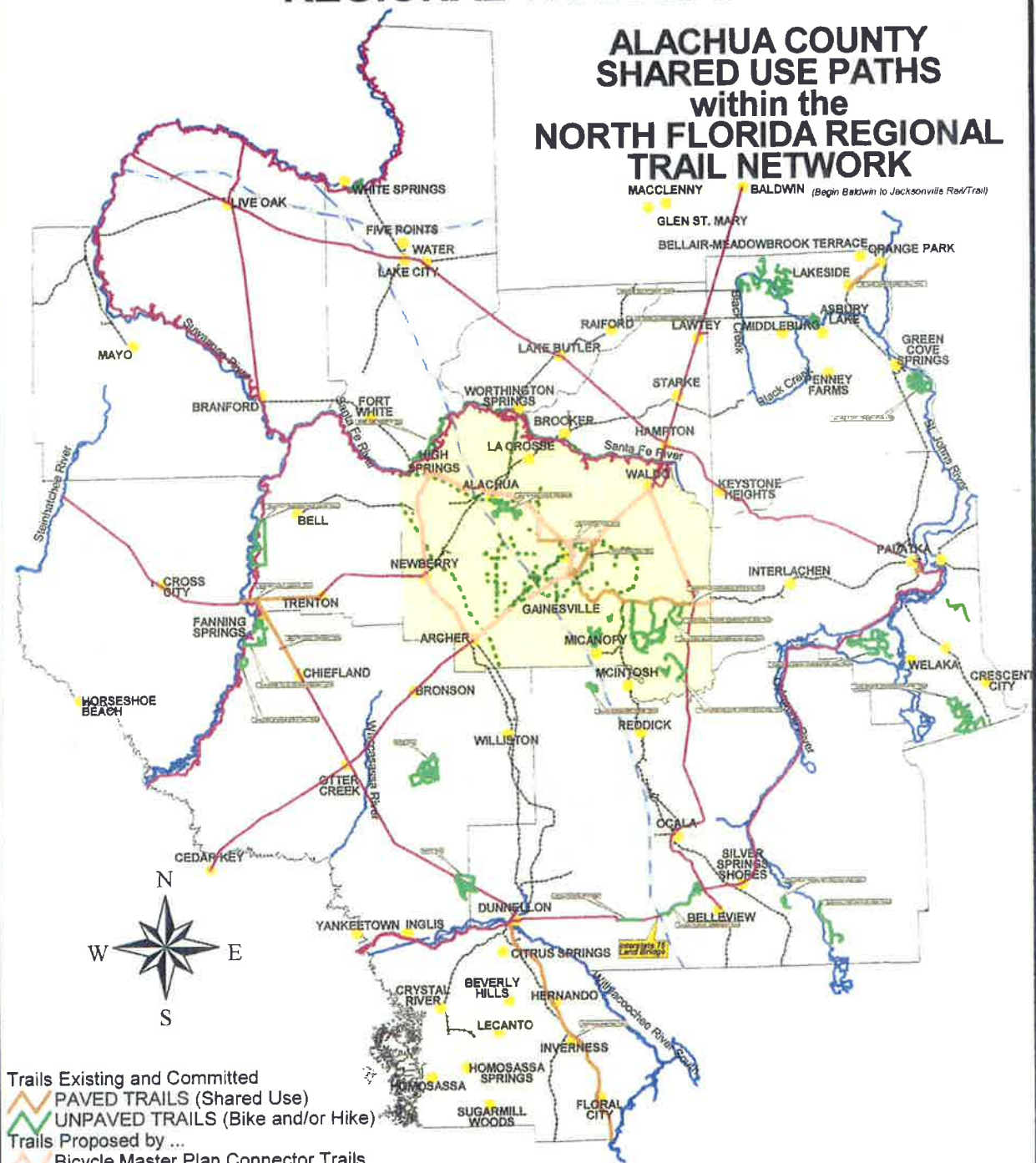
- Bicycle Crashes
- Study Network
- Limited access road
- Background Street Network
- Water bodies
- Conservation
- Municipalities
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# MAP 3 REGIONAL TRAIL MAP

## ALACHUA COUNTY SHARED USE PATHS within the NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK



- Trails Existing and Committed
  - PAVED TRAILS (Shared Use)
  - UNPAVED TRAILS (Bike and/or Hike)
- Trails Proposed by ...
  - Bicycle Master Plan Connector Trails
  - Regional & Other Agencies
- Bicycle Master Plan Identified
  - Potential Trails
  - Cities.shp
- Major Rivers [North Central Florida]
- Rail Lines/Rail Lines
- FDOT major road layer
- Interstate 75
- U.S. Road, State Road, County Road, Local Road
- Alachua County
- North Central Florida Region

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0 10 20 30 40 50 Miles





# Map 4A Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Prioritization



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles

See Map Inset

## LEGEND

- Study Network
  - Existing Bike Lane/Trail/Paved Shoulders
  - Programmed Improvements
  - Bicycle DOS ABC
  - Priority I Roads
  - Priority II Roads
  - Priority III Roads
  - Priority I Trails
  - Priority II Trails
  - Priority III Trails
  - UF Campus Roads
  - Detailed Corridor Study Needed
  - No Data
  - Unimproved Access Road
  - Schools
  - University
- Parks
  - Major
  - Staffed
  - Minor
  - Background Street Network
- Water Bodies
  - Conservation
  - Municipalities
  - MTPD Boundary

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## EXHIBIT 2

### Mike Escalante

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**From:** Jeffrey L. Hays [jhays@alachuacounty.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** Scott Koons  
**Cc:** Mike Escalante; Deborah Leistner (leistnerd@cityofgainesville.org); McCreedy, Malisa A; Chris Dawson  
**Subject:** County Commission Referrals to MTPO

Scott,

The County Commission wishes to refer two items to a future MTPO meeting:

- 1) Request the MTPO consider an update to the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.
- 2) Request a FDOT presentation on how they systematically approach safety and capacity investments for I-75 and US 441 in Alachua County.

Give me a call if you want to discuss. You can also speak with MTPO Board Chair Cornell as he was involved in both discussions.

Thanks. -Jeff

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# Braid Implementation Update

Alachua County Board of County  
Commissioners

Chris Dawson, AICP

## 9/25/18 Board Direction

1. Approve the proposed project list from staff moving #2 to #6 (return with site specific information requested by Commissioner Pinkoson for that project).
2. Change the name for the #3 project to "Kincaid Loop" project and evaluate if a wider, one-side of the road facility, is more beneficial, in discussion with user/stakeholder groups.
3. Staff to propose a plan of action for our community building the next high priority braid project as defined by the master plan and the study (determine highest priority project and what we would do if we did it ourselves, not relying on a grant.)

## Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan

- Prepared by the MTPO in 2001
- Included over 900 segments and identified potential bicycle facilities for each one
- Also prioritized the individual segments




## Transporting Ecologies


- Published in 2004 by the MTPO
- Presented as an Addendum to the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan
- Provided the original Braid ideas, as well as the concepts of Loops and Nets



## Nets – Neighborhood Connectivity

- Characterize the street grid system and networks of neighborhood streets
  - Strategies promote short-cut bicycle/pedestrian-only routes
  - Analysis Factors:
    - Opportunities for neighborhood connectivity
    - Safe routes to school — Alachua County “neighborhood schools”
    - Travel distance reductions within destination logics
    - Potential for local bicycle travel “off” arterial connectors (1 to 3 miles)
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## Braids – Local Connectivity

- The arterial linkages that included existing streets, roads and paths (green spaces and recovered utility corridors) linking residential areas with commercial and employment destinations.
  - Promote routinized cycle commuting as the most direct routes and need to be continuous between key destinations in Gainesville
  - Recommendation strategies utilize existing right-of-way or easements from roads, rail, or utility corridors to achieve a highly connected network optimizing high use destinations such as the University of Florida
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## Braids – Local Connectivity

- Analysis Factors:
  - Streets, lanes, paths & green way path types (braided threads)
  - Destination analysis & prioritization (centripetal linkages)
  - Segment cost benefit ratio analysis (2001 data)
  - Cycling barriers analysis (Identify difficult topographic & geographic obstacles)
  - Quality of Service (QOS) analysis (existing inventory & QOS visualization)
  - Hydrology matrix (watersheds & riparian corridors)



## Loops – Rural Connectivity

- Rural cycle routes that provide connectivity to the natural areas, parks and adjacent communities typically used as competition and recreational circuits
- Preferred existing and potential new routes to focus resources toward enhanced infrastructure and potential expansion





## Loops – Rural Connectivity

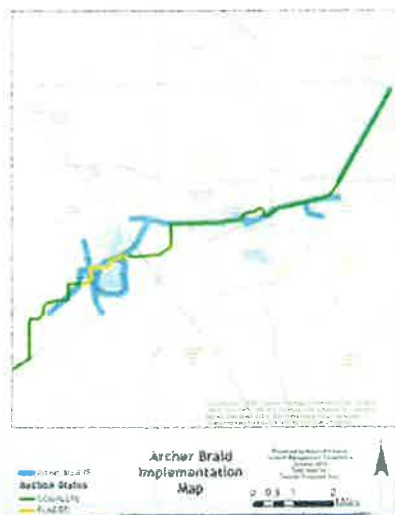
- Analysis Factors:
  - Identification and map existing use (formalized rides & routes)
  - Evaluate new Loop potentials
  - Identify potential for extended regional connectivity
  - Identify natural capital potentials
  - Loop multiplicity (support varied user levels)

## Transporting Ecologies Braid Priorities

Priority (highest to lowest)	Braid Designation	Public (low score highest priority)	Cost Benefit (100 best)	Latent Demand (100 best)	Funds
1	Archer (Hull Rd ext)	1	98	70	partial
2	Alachua	2	100	81	initial
3	University	3	91	78	no
4	Hawthorne (6 <sup>th</sup> St. rail-trail)	4	98	92	partial
5	Bivens	6	92	68	no
6	Westside	8	100	80	no
7	Millhopper	5	87	79	no
8	Glen Springs	7	75	82	no



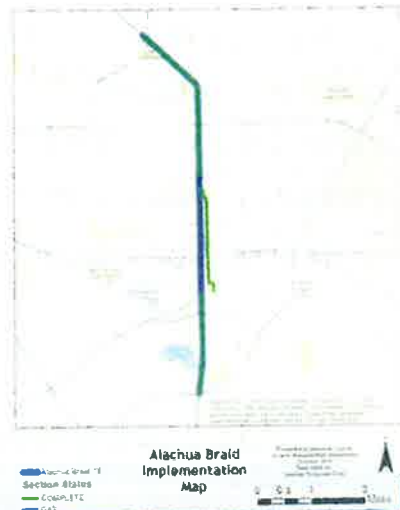
## Archer Braid



- Largely Completed except
  - Veteran's Park to Celebration Pointe - \$3,000,000
  - SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street grade-separated crossing @ Hull Road - \$2,000,000
- Extended to go all the way to Archer

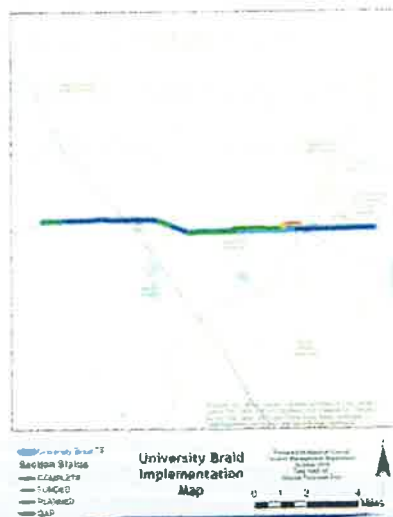


## Alachua Braid



- Largely Completed except
  - Bicycle Lane gap from SW Archer Rd. to NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – partially implemented by Bicycle Boulevard

## University Braid



- Required significant Corridor Studies to implement
- Constrained roadways
- State can/will implement bike lanes east of Waldo with resurfacing

## Hawthorne Braid



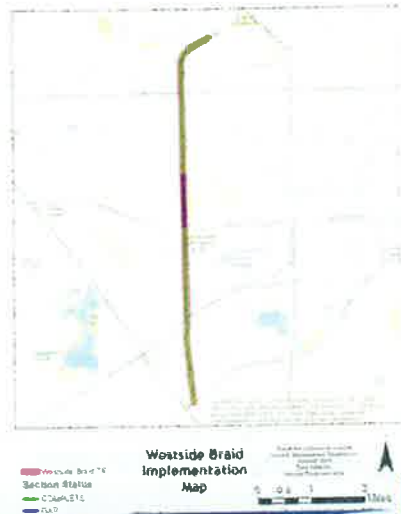
- Completion of last segments requires railroad abandonment and environmental remediation  
– next section happening now

## Bivens Braid



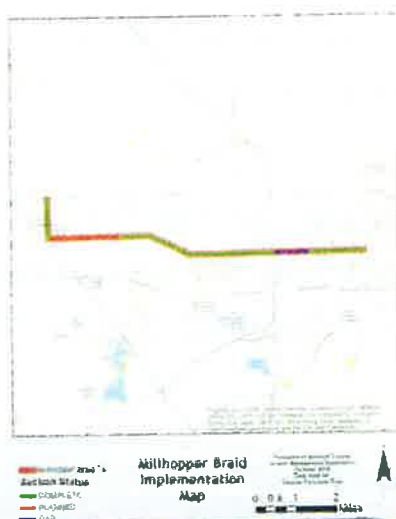
- County could implement large portion of remaining section in Serenola Forest

## Westside Braid



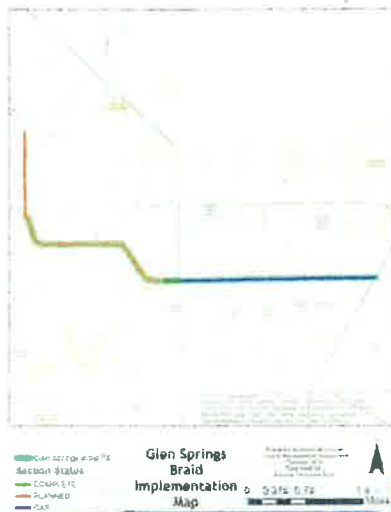
- Remaining Section from Newberry Road to NW 16<sup>th</sup> Boulevard
  - \$3,000,000 implementation cost

## Millhopper Braid



- Section from NW 51<sup>st</sup> Street to NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street to be completed with NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue improvement
- Section from NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street to North Main
  - Approximately \$3,000,000

## Glen Springs Braid



- NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is a State-maintained facility that is constrained and curb-and-gutter
- NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Boulevard implementation could occur in-road or sidepath

## Recommendations

- Complete Braids as resurfacing/reconstruction allows, and identify bicycle boulevards as appropriate alternative routes
- Refer to the MTPO a request to update the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan with specific focus on facilities within the municipalities and an implementation plan for inter-city routes

# REVIEW OF BRAIDS IDENTIFIED IN TRANSPORTING ECOLOGIES

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## BACKGROUND

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The Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan was adopted in 2001. The document, produced by Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPo), reviewed bicycle facilities for nearly all roadways within Alachua County and provided a Benefit-Cost Analysis for needed improvements and a prioritization of each segment. The study provided a ranking of more than 900 segments of facilities in the County. The study recommended one of several types of facilities that would be proposed for a given segment. The types of facilities included both in-road (bike lane or paved shoulder) or off-road (sidepath, off-road trail). For some facilities where no specific improvement could be identified, segments were identified as requiring a corridor study.

One issue with the Bicycle Master Plan was that the large amount of segmentation made implementation difficult. As a follow up, an Addendum was produced. Titled "Transporting Ecologies" and produced in 2004 by the School of Architecture at the University of Florida, the study attempted to combine tiers of longer facilities from the segments included in the original Bicycle Master Plan. Based upon the characteristics of the segments identified, the study consolidated and named eight "Braids" intended to serve as main routes for bicycle transportation. Each of the Braids included several segments and, taken together, form the spine for bicycle mobility within the Gainesville urbanized area. These Braids did not extend past the edge of the County's Urban Cluster.

This review was originally presented to the Board of County Commissioners in 2014. The Review has been updated per Board direction given on September 25, 2018. The following is a review of each of the identified Braids and their current status.

## ARCHER

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The Archer Braid was identified as the highest priority of the Braids. Running generally from Southwest 91<sup>st</sup> Street in the west to the intersection of Northeast 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Waldo Road in the east, the Archer Braid could be considered as the main Braid linking each of the other Braids together. Although a specific alignment was identified in Transporting Ecologies, during attempts to implement the Braid a different alignment was determined. Through a combination of funding sources, this Braid has been nearly completed. The County has completed portions of the Braid from Southwest 91<sup>st</sup> Street and Archer road north to Southwest 46<sup>th</sup> Boulevard, east along Southwest 46<sup>th</sup> Boulevard to Tower Road, north along Tower Road to Southwest 41<sup>st</sup> Place, and east along Southwest 41<sup>st</sup> Place to Southwest 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace. The next section of the Braid, which will bring it across Lake Kanapaha and I-75 is being funded as part of the Developer's Agreement with Celebration Pointe Transit Oriented Development. Celebration Pointe has already constructed the portion within their development area and across the I-75 overpass. The County continues to work with Celebration Pointe on funding the portion across Kanapaha Prairie.

Butler Plaza, as part of development of Butler Plaza North, has constructed the segment running from I-75 through its development and up to Southwest 24th Avenue. The Braid continues north along Southwest 38<sup>th</sup> Terrace to Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Braid was constructed as a requirement of the Village Point development, to Southwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street. A grade-separated crossing of Southwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street is identified in the MTPO's list of priority projects. However, challenges exist with cost and ownership issues as it traverses multiple properties.

The Braid continues across the University of Florida campus on the Cross Campus Greenway, which was constructed by the University of Florida. The Cross Campus Greenway connects to the intersection of Newell Drive and Archer Road, providing access to the existing multi-use path on the south side of Archer Road. From here, the Braid continues on the old rail bridge across Southwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street and onto the Depot Road Rail-Trail. The Depot Avenue Trail has been improved through a recently completed construction project by the City of Gainesville. This connects to the Downtown Connector and then to the existing Waldo Road Greenway to Northeast 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the end of the Braid. Effectively, with the exception of the grade-separated crossings of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Kanapha Prairie, the entire Braid as identified in Transporting Ecologies has been constructed. Staff can identify no additional projects for this Braid.

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## ALACHUA

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The second priority Braid in Transporting Ecologies is the Alachua Braid. This Braid encompasses the West 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor from Williston Road on the south end to Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Street on the north end. Transporting Ecologies identifies in-street bike lanes as an appropriate solution for moving cyclists on this Braid. Some portions of the Braid are complete. The segment from Williston Road to Archer Road includes bike lanes that are buffered north of Southwest 25<sup>th</sup> Place. From just north of Archer Road to Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue there is no dedicated bicycle facility in the 5-lane urban section. This also includes the bridge over Northwest 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Beginning just north of Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, bike lanes continue to the intersection with Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street. As part of a repaving project, the Florida Department of Transportation will be striping the existing paved shoulder as a bike lane to and past the end of the Braid at Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, where the new Wal-Mart has been constructed.

That portion of the Braid where no facility exists is right-of-way constrained which limits opportunities for either in-street or off-street facility improvements. However, the City of Gainesville has taken an alternate approach in constructing a "bike boulevard" parallel to the corridor. Utilizing Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street, the bike boulevard includes enhanced signage and striping to facilitate efficient bicycle flow on an alternative route extending from Depot Avenue to the intersection of Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Northwest 19<sup>th</sup> Place. This is a cost-effective solution which provides a convenient alternative to the West 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.

## UNIVERSITY

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The University Braid is the major east-west cycle route envisioned by Transporting Ecologies. The Braid follows State Road 26 from West 122<sup>nd</sup> Street in the west to the point where SR 26 bends north, just east of Newnan's Lake. University Braid links numerous residential, commercial and educational areas, but also has areas of constrained right-of-way that limit the implementation of bicycle supporting infrastructure.

Bike lanes are present from West 122<sup>nd</sup> Street to West 109<sup>th</sup> Drive. However, from this point until east of Northwest 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection there are no bicycle facilities. There are sidewalks on both sides, but there are also numerous side streets. This area, which includes I-75 and the Oaks Mall, is right-of-way constrained. Staff recommends that a dedicated Corridor Study be utilized to identify an appropriate bicycle network implementation in this area. However, as this facility is on the Strategic Intermodal System, it is unclear what alternatives the Florida Department of Transportation will allow to be implemented within the right-of-way. Staff recommends that, if the Board wishes to proceed with projects, a consultant be hired to work with the various agencies to identify solutions.

Bicycle lanes continue to the east to Gale Lemerand Drive, except between West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, where on-street parking is located. At this point, the bike lanes again drop. However, on the south side of the road is a wide sidewalk that can be used for cycling. However, there is also significant pedestrian traffic in the area limiting quick progress by bikes. On-street parking on alternating sides of the road in the area also limits the ability of bicyclists to safely travel in vehicle lanes. Although on-street parking drops east of West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, there are no bicycle lanes east through to the end of the Braid.

The City of Gainesville is currently working to implement a "bike boulevard" parallel to University Avenue. The boulevard runs along Northwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Northwest 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street. At Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street the bike boulevard transitions to North 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Northeast Boulevard and finally to Northeast 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Waldo Road. This project is funded and will commence after completion of the West 12<sup>th</sup> Street bike boulevard. In addition to the northern bike boulevard, the City is enhancing bike lanes on Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Southwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street to enhance visibility of bicyclists in a high usage corridor.

A multi-modal corridor study was completed in 2016 for the Gale Lemerand to Hawthorne Road segment. Several improvements were identified in the study. However, to date, none of the projects have been funded. Most of the projects related specifically to pedestrian safety enhancements.

## HAWTHORNE (6<sup>TH</sup> ST. RAIL-TRAIL)

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The Hawthorne Braid was ranked in Transporting Ecologies as the #4 Immediate Priority. This Braid includes those segments identified as the Downtown Connector and the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail-Trail. It runs, generally, from Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue south and east to the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail at Boulware Springs. The Braid is made up almost exclusively of former rail corridors and is envisioned as an off-road facility.

The Hawthorne Braid is largely completed. The northernmost section, from Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is currently unfunded, but is listed on the City's needed bicycle facilities list. CSX continues to maintain ownership although the tracks have been removed. The segment from Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Northwest 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been finished for some time. The portion between Northwest 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was finished in 2015. From Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Depot Avenue is fully constructed. The Downtown Connector, which runs in the old railroad right-of-way is constructed from Depot Avenue to Boulware Springs, the end point of the Braid. Although not required for the implementation of the Braid, Staff from the City and County have identified a potential improvement that utilizes a grade-separated crossing at Williston Road.

## BIVENS

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The Bivens Braid was envisioned to run from the north-central University of Florida campus south to Rocky Point Road. The Braid would have included both off-road and in-road facilities. The Braid is largely finished.

That portion of the Braid that is within the University of Florida campus runs along Gale Lemerand Drive and is composed of bike lanes. At its intersection with Archer Road, the Braid was conceptually envisioned to include a segment that ran generally south to Bivens Arm. This conceptual segment was called the 23<sup>rd</sup> Road Trail in the original 2001 Bicycle Master Plan. However, the alignment shown on the map included with the study has this segment running through what are today buildings, into Bivens Arm and finally to the SW 23 Terrace Trail. However, as an alternative, this segment of the Braid can now run west on Archer Road on a multi-use path (with a short gap where SW 16<sup>th</sup> Ave and Archer Split, where there is a sidewalk) then south on the SW 23 Terrace Trail.

The SW 23 Terrace Trail continues south to Williston Road (SR 331). The Transporting Ecologies study also proposed for Bivens Braid to continue south from Williston Road along a Duke Energy power line easement slightly west of the intersection of Southwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace and Williston Road. This easement on private property runs approximately halfway to Southwest 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Rocky Point Road). This property is currently in the process of being acquired for the Alachua County Forever program. However, the easement for the power lines will continue to be controlled by Duke Energy.



The property south of the power line easement is also in private control and is within the Idylwild/Serenola Special Area Study with a maximum density of 2 dwelling units per acre. Additionally, Rocky Point Road does not currently have bicycle facilities. This southern segment of the Braid, therefore, may be best addressed as future development occurs in the area. Especially given the potential future low density development of this area and the existing agricultural uses in the area, Staff would not recommend active pursuit of corridor for an off-road trail at this time.

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## WESTSIDE

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The Westside Braid would follow West 34<sup>th</sup> Street from Williston Road to Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. According to Transporting Ecologies, the appropriate facility for this Braid is an in-street bike lane. Currently, bike lanes exist from Williston Road to just north of University Avenue. Between University Avenue and Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Blvd there is no cycling facility (there are sidewalks on both sides of the road, but they are not of sufficient width to be designated cycling facilities). North of Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Blvd. bike lanes pick up again. These bike lanes continue to Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

The section that is missing is a constrained facility. This is a three lane section with curb and gutter with residential driveways located on both sides of the roadway. Each lane is 12' wide. Providing bike lanes on this section of road will likely require moving the curb line and, potentially, reducing lane widths. Based upon FDOT cost estimates, adding bike lanes to this section will cost approximately \$5,000,000.

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## MILLHOPPER

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The Millhopper Braid runs, generally, from Santa Fe College in the west to Waldo Road along Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Boulevard and North 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Although Transporting Ecologies does not provide much detail about facility selection, several parts of the Braid have been implemented. A multi-use path on Northwest 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from Santa Fe College to Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is constructed. When the Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project is funded by Alachua County, both bike lanes and a multi-use path are planned. The section of this Braid from Northwest 55<sup>th</sup> Street to Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street is completed and includes in-street bicycle lanes, as identified in the Bicycle Master Plan. Beginning at Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue becomes a three lane facility. From Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street there is no dedicated bicycle facility but sidewalks are located on both sides of the road. At Main Street the road becomes two lanes and there are bike lanes to Waldo Road. As part of the upcoming resurfacing project, these bicycle lanes will be upgraded.

The section missing a bicycle facility, from Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street to North Main Street, has curb and gutter with three 12-foot lanes. Within the existing curb there is not room to add a bike lane. It may be possible to widen the sidewalk on the south side of the road to

become a multi-use path. Adding bike lanes to this segment would cost approximately \$5,000,000.

## GLEN SPRINGS

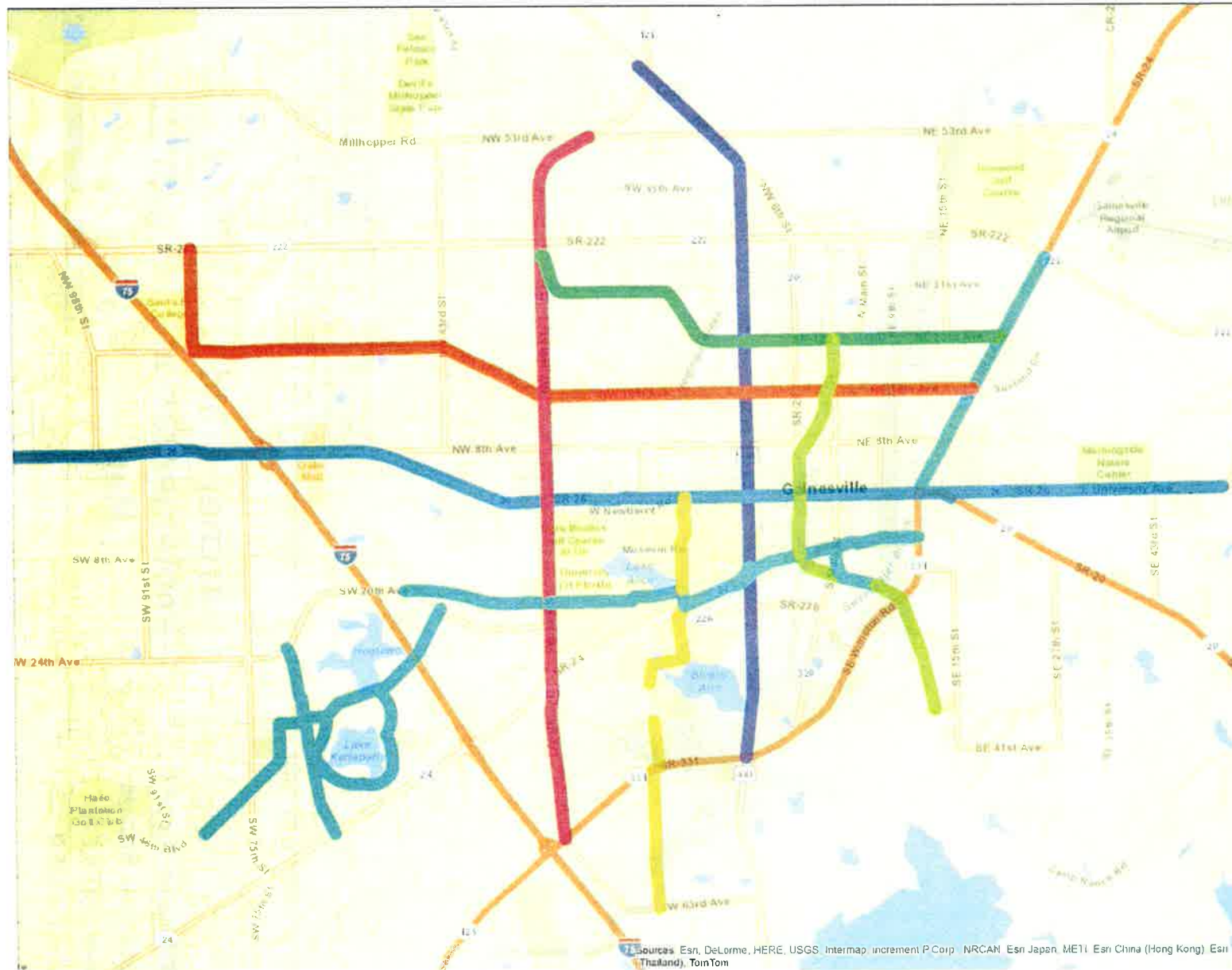
The Glen Springs Braid was ranked last in Transporting Ecologies and has had the least amount of work done for completion. The Braid runs from Northwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street east along Glen Springs Road to Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street. From there, it follows North 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Waldo Road. In addition, the City of Gainesville has proposed extending this Braid to Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue along Northwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

Although there is an existing sidewalk along the Glen Springs Road, it is need of repair and is not a dedicated bicycle facility. The roadway here does not have a shoulder or bike lane. The City of Gainesville has identified this section for a multi-use path that ties into the bike boulevard system at Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace. From Northwest 13<sup>th</sup> Street east is a State maintained four lane urban facility. Providing bicycle lanes would require moving the curb and narrowing lanes. The estimated cost for installing bicycle lanes for this entire section would be approximately \$12,000,000.

## IDENTIFIED PROJECTS

Braid	Project	Estimated Cost
Archer	Kanapaha Prairie Crossing	\$3,000,000
Archer	Grade Separated Crossing at SW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$2,000,000
Hawthorne	Grade Separated Crossing at Williston Road	\$2,000,000
Bivens	Multi-use Path south of Williston Road	\$600,000
Westside	In-street bicycle lanes on NW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street from University Avenue to NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Blvd	\$5,000,000
Millhopper	In-street bicycle lanes on NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave from NW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street	\$4,500,000
Glen Springs	In-street bicycle lanes on NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue from NW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street to Waldo Road	\$12,000,000





## Bicycle Master Plan Addendum Braid Map

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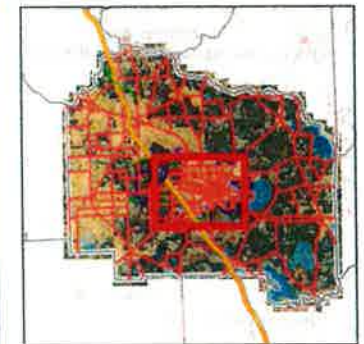
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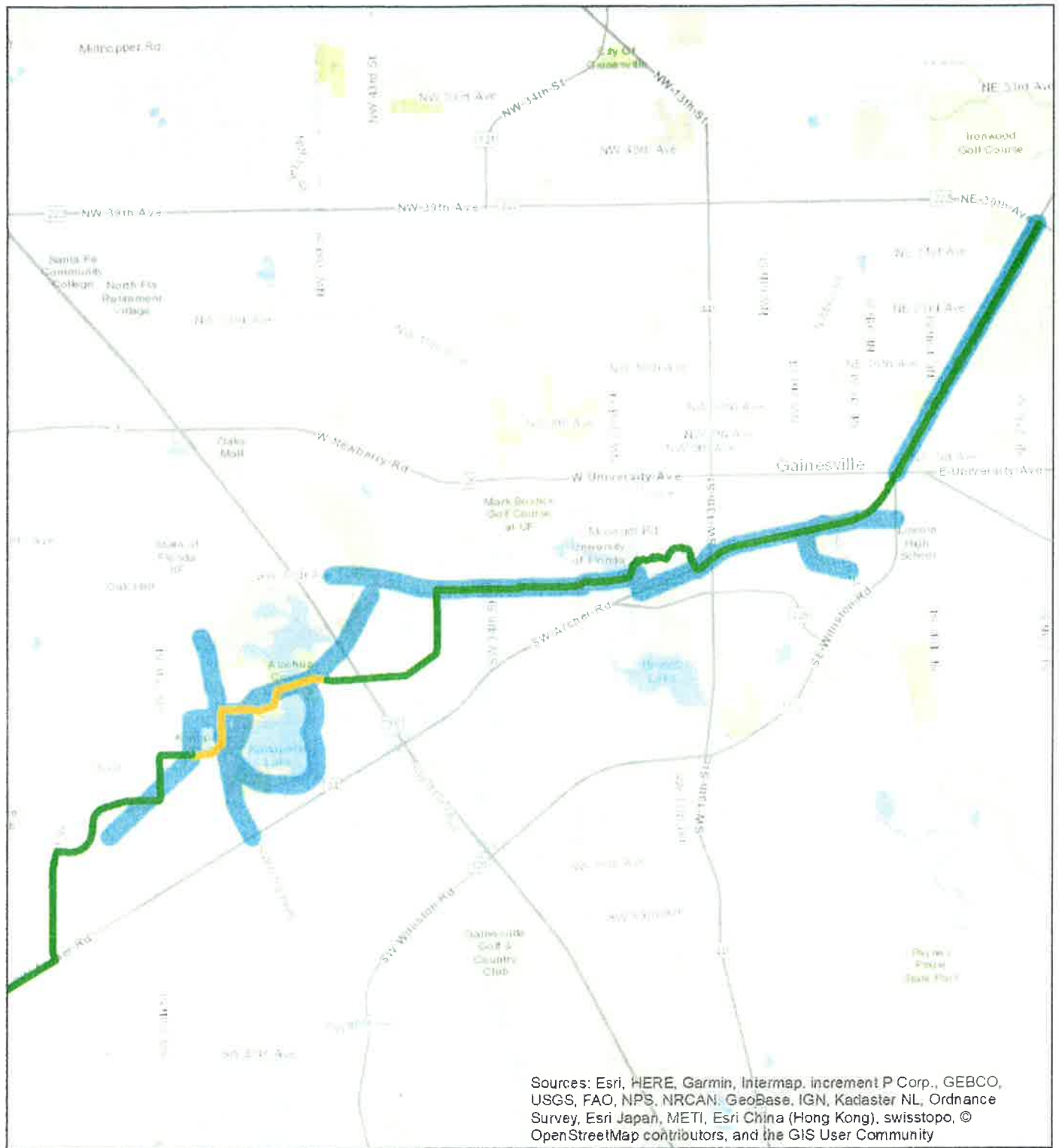


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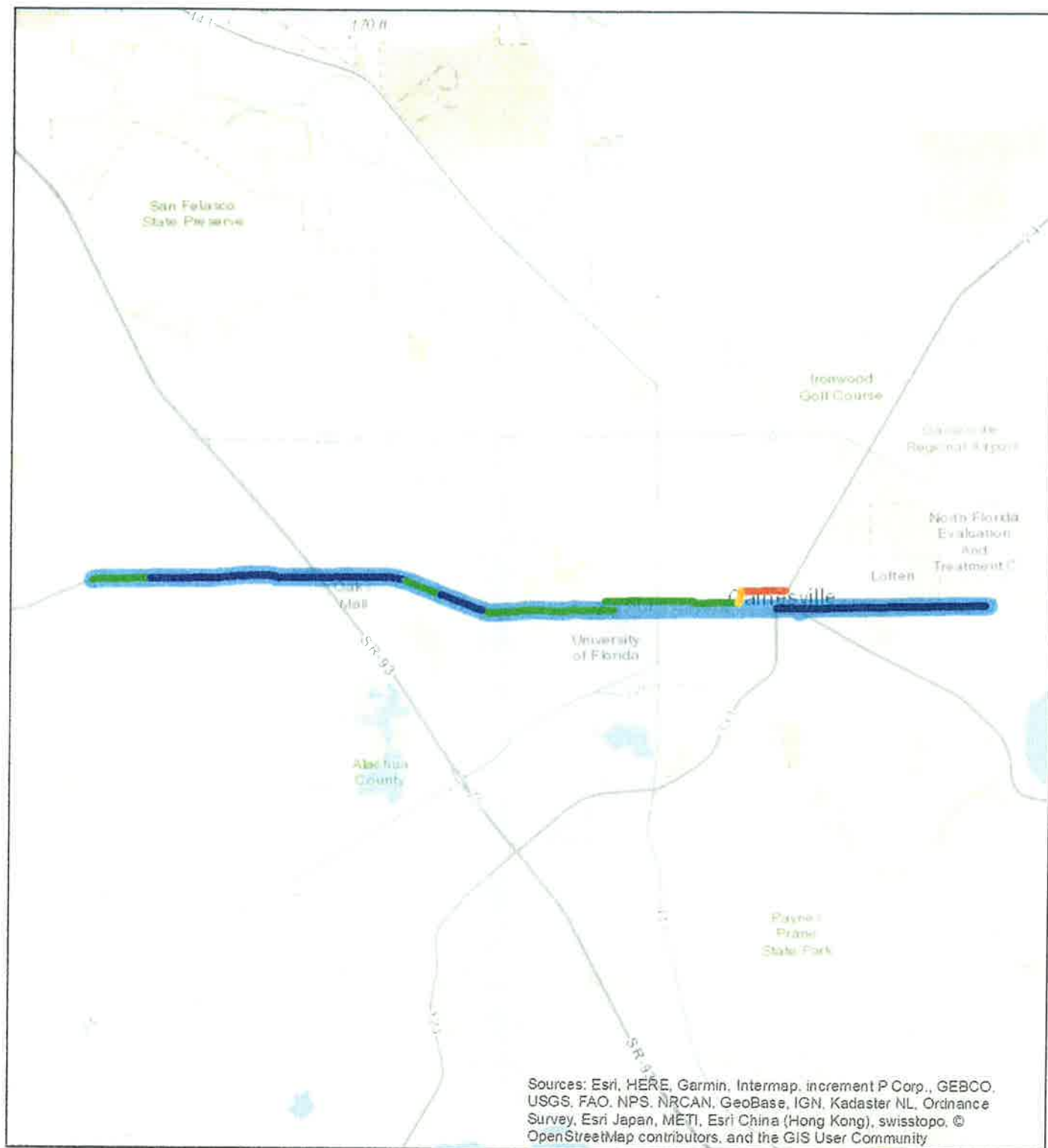
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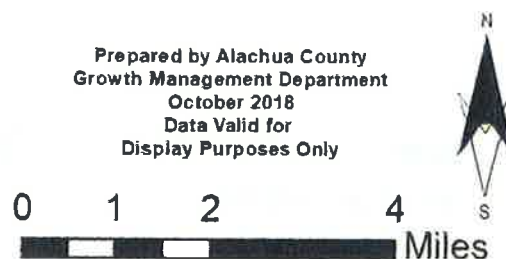




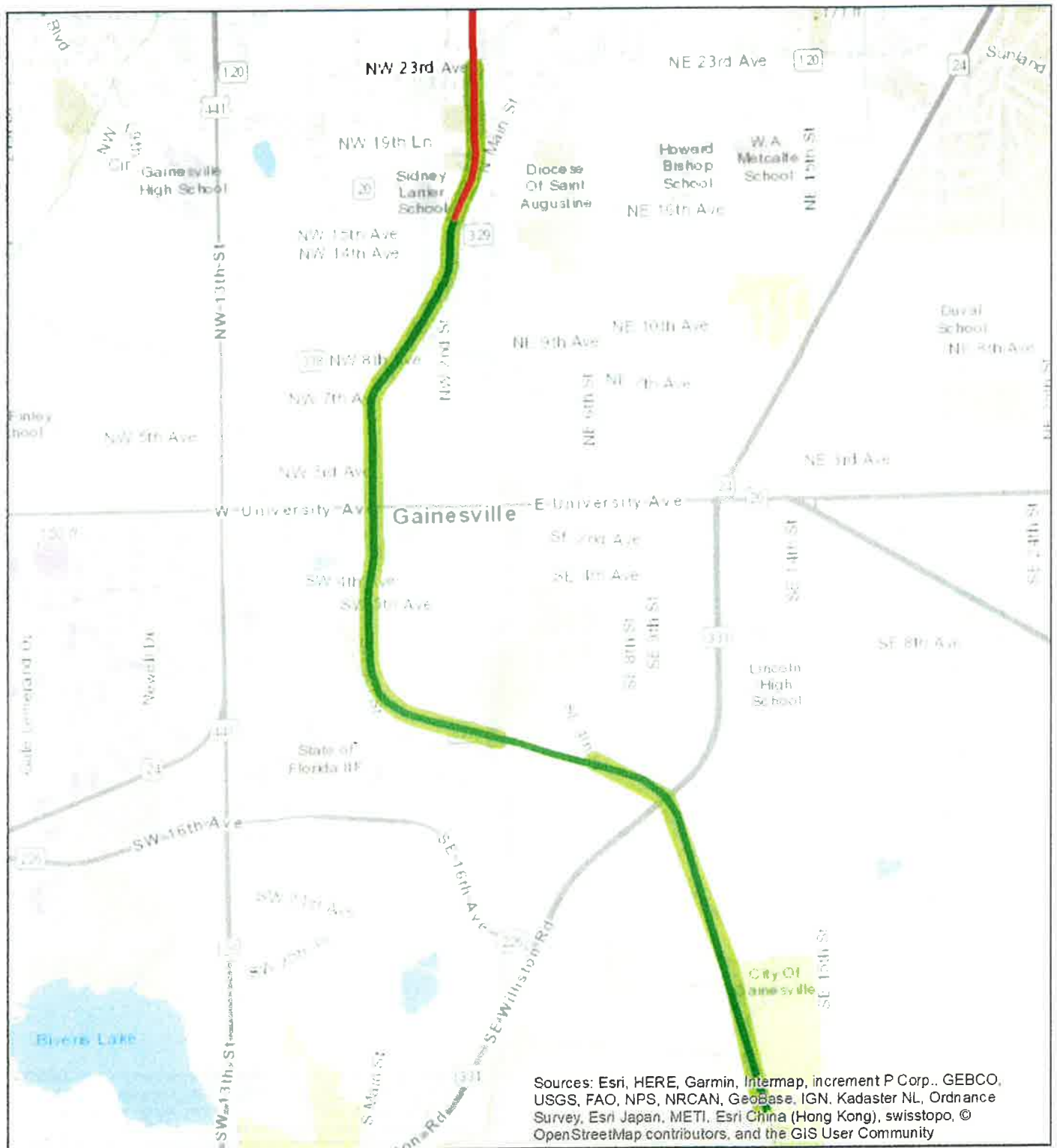
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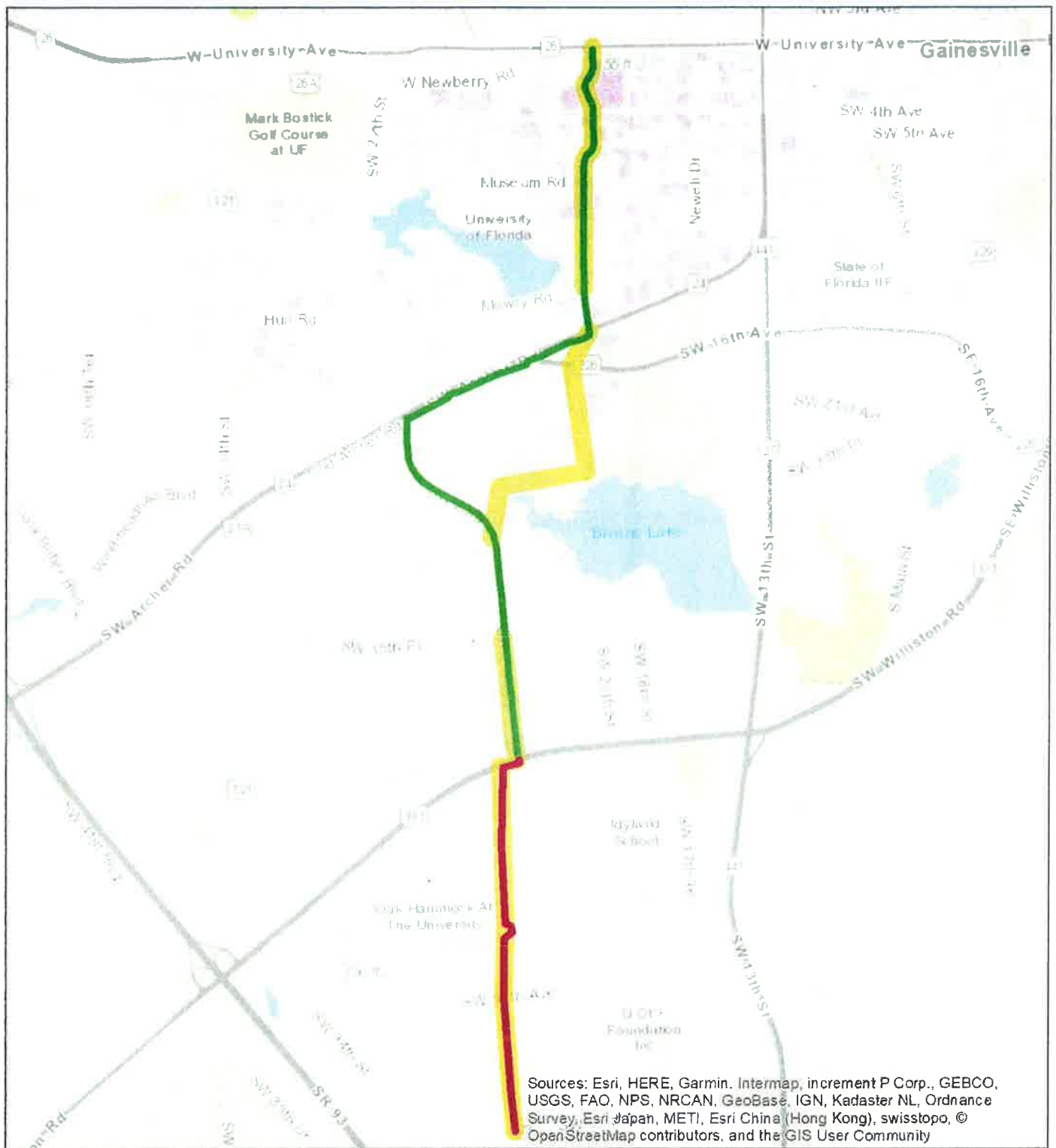
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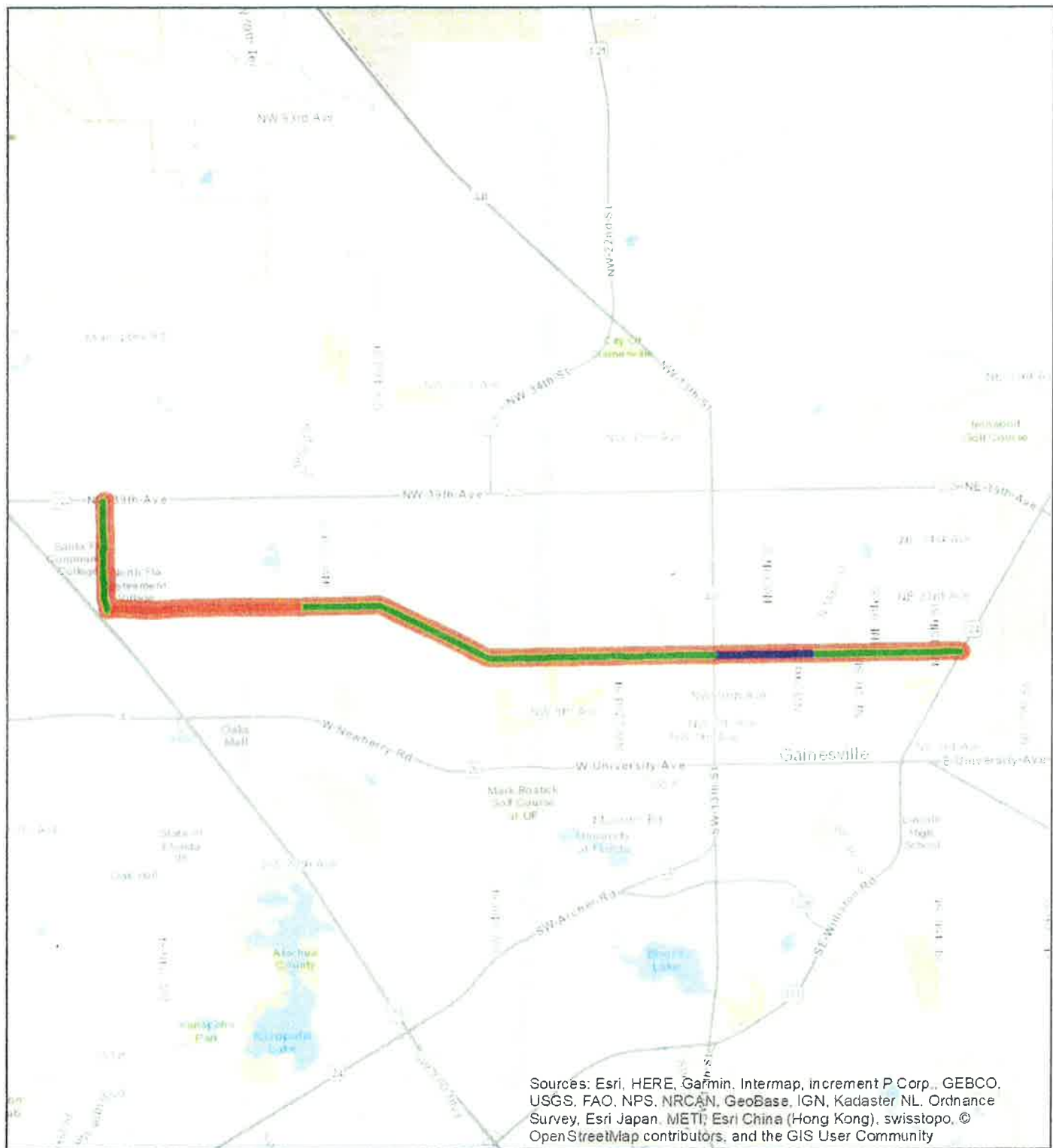
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## A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities

Table 1 identifies bicycle/pedestrian project priorities - state Safe Routes to School funds and SUNTrail funds and federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 Transportation Improvement Program.

**Table 1**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25**

Number	Project	Location	Description
1	Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications	AT: Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide	Modifications to Deficient Sidewalks, Ramps and Transit Stops
2	Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 34 Street [SR 121] TO: SW 16 Avenue [SR 226]	Add Midblock Pedestrian-Actuated Crossings
3	Williston Road [SR 331] @ Downtown Connector Rail-Trail	FM: SE 4 Street TO: SE 12 Avenue	1. Conduct a speed zone study on from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing; 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing; 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve; 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users; and 5. Analyze options for traffic calming at the crossing. [22,500 AADT]
4	Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan	AT: Countywide	Update Bicycle Master Plan
5	Glen Springs Braid	FM: Gainesville High School TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
6	Gainesville Regional Utilities Right-Of-Way	FM: Depot Park TO: Williston Road [SR 331]	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
7	NE 27 Avenue	FM: State Road 222 TO: State Road 26	Construct 8-Foot Multiuse Path on North Side of Roadway
8	Williston Road [SR 331]	FM: Sweetwater Wetlands Park TO: Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail/Trail Connector	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
9	SE 8 Avenue	FM: Williston Road [SR 331] TO: Hawthorne Road [SR 20]	Construct Sidewalk
10	NW 143 Street	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Complete Sidewalk Network
11	NW 6 Street Rail/Trail Extension	FM: NW 16 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Extend the Rail/Trail North to NW 39 Avenue

**Table 1 (Continued)**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25**

Number	Project	Location	Description
<b>12</b>	NW 42 Avenue	FM: NW 13 Street TO: NW 6 Street	Construct Sidewalk
<b>13</b>	SE 43 Street	FM: Hawthorne Road TO: University Avenue	Pedestrian Modifications
<b>14</b>	SW 24 Avenue	FM: SW 87 Way TO: SW 77 Street	Construct Multi-use Path
<b>15</b>	NW 45 Avenue	FM: NW 34 Street TO: NW 24 Boulevard	Construct Multi-use Path
<b>16</b>	Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail	FM: La Chua Trail Entrance TO: Depot Park	Resurface Trail
<b>17</b>	Downtown Connector Rail-Trail Crossing	AT: Williston Road [SR 331]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
<b>18</b>	Hull Road	AT: SW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
<b>19</b>	SW 43 Street	FM: SW 24 Avenue TO: SW 20 Avenue	Construct sidewalks to fill sidewalk gaps
<b>20</b>	NW 23 Avenue	FM: NW 88 Street TO: Interstate 75 Bridge	Construct sidewalk to fill sidewalk gap on south side

Notes: Projects in shaded text are partially funded, as shown in the Transportation Improvement Program. Project components in *italics* have been completed.

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic; E = East; FM = From; HWY = Highway; NW = Northwest; RTS = Regional Transit System; SR = State Road; SW = Southwest; UF = University of Florida; U.S. = United States; W = West

Initial Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities were developed by a Technical Advisory Committee and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.



## EXHIBIT 5

Gainesville-Alachua County  
**County-wide Bicycle Master Plan**  
Final Scope of Services

The Gainesville Urban Area MTPO is making major strides in planning for a fully integrated transportation system. Known throughout Florida and the United States for their progressive planning, they are explicitly evaluating bicycling and walking conditions for both the current and future traffic scenarios as part of their long range transportation plan. Within the context of the *Long Range Transportation Plan Update* and the federal *Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program Grant*, extensive data is being collected and compiled for in-depth evaluation of how well the transportation network accommodates the modes. Innovative transportation modeling is being used to analyze the latent demand for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Furthermore, the Florida DOT's central planning office has selected the Gainesville urbanized area as a test site to develop their areawide multi-modal level of service planning method tools.

A unique opportunity exists to build upon these current planning initiatives. The *Bicycle Level of Service* and *Latent Demand* study activities of the Long Range Plan Update and the TCSP Program Grant will provide a foundation for developing a *comprehensive* bicycle transportation master plan for the Gainesville-Alachua region. Additional planning activities that are needed include: specific community visioning for an integrated bicycle urban trail & transit transportation system; identification and corridor evaluation for a regional off-road trail system; bicycle and pedestrian crash analysis; roadway bike & pedestrian facilities prioritization; and a funding and implementation action plan. These activities will culminate in the *County-wide Bicycle Plan*, which, when accomplished in tandem with the bicycle planning work of the long range transportation plan, will ensure that the Gainesville-Alachua County area will have a fully-integrated transportation system with connectivity to adjoining counties.

Outlined below is a general description of the anticipated tasks. Outlined in the accompanying *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* are the subtask details, costs, and needed participation by the MTPO (staff) and/or its assigns.

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### Task 1: Identify Community Transportation Needs & Values

This important first task will include: Forming a multi-agency steering committee and hold a project kick-off meeting; Developing a corridors evaluation and prioritization methodology; Holding community workshops with the specific purpose of obtaining input for ~~on-road~~ bicycle facility location needs (for both utilitarian and recreational travel), urban trail corridor location ideas, transit linkage focus areas, and etc.; Identifying adjoining counties' existing and programmed bicycle and trail facilities; Determining, through a community workshop questionnaire, the community's performance expectations for bicycle accommodation within public rights-of-way; and preparing documentation of the community's transportation needs and values. (See attached *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* for subtask details and cost).

### Task 2: Evaluate Existing Conditions and Profile Trends

This task primarily consists of integrating several of the evaluations and analyses from the *2020 Transportation Plan* with a bicycle and pedestrian crash analysis and an area-wide transit system linkage assessment. The evaluations and analyses from the *2020 Plan* will be expanded (particularly the *Latent Demand Score Analysis*) to include the preliminarily-identified off-road trail network from Task 1 to estimate the trail corridors' potential to serve utilitarian travel and travel to recreational destinations (parks and trails). Evaluation of the linkage potential between public transit, off-road trails, and on-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be accomplished in a similar manner. Documentation will summarize the results of these studies and profile the current transportation system. (See attached *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* for subtask details and cost).

### Task 3: Establish the Framework for the Bicycle Transportation System Needs Plan

The framework for the bicycle transportation network will be developed using the technical results of Task 2, input from a second round of community workshops, and recommendations from the advisory committees. The framework is anticipated to

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include an on-road bicycle network and a viable off-road trail system integrated with the existing and committed (E+C) pedestrian and public transit system. Existing programs and policies will be evaluated for effectiveness and funding adequacy. (See attached *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* for subtask details and cost).

#### Task 4: Develop Action Plan

Implementation of the County-wide Bicycle Master Plan will be developed during this task. The physical bicycle network will be prioritized using criteria developed with the advisory committees during Tasks 1 and 3. Funding sources will be identified and recommendations will be made for enhanced revenue streams. Essential policies & programs will be outlined to ensure that the transportation network will be effectively built and utilized. Policy recommendations will be made including roadway cross-sectional design performance standards (as opposed to rigid cross-sectional standards) for bicycling conditions. Included will be an outline of essential programs with objective targets and schedules: mode shift incentive programs such as bicycle parking, transit linkage, and land development credits; safety enhancement programs such as educational initiatives and law enforcement; and local government Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations modifications with an emphasis on developer incentives. (See attached *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* for subtask details and cost).

#### Task 5: Compile Final Document & Maps

The format for the *Gainesville-Alachua County-wide Bicycle Master Plan* will be an easy-to-read, single bound document with attendant GIS-based map inserts and a separately bound *Technical Appendix*. An electronic version of the document, maps and appendix will be provided for easy reproduction, distribution, and updating. It is anticipated that the MTPO and Alachua County will be the adopting agencies. Up to four meetings are anticipated within the budget for this task. (See attached *Lump Sum Cost Estimate* for subtask details and cost).





**Background**

A pedestrian and bicycle bridge is proposed to cross the St. Johns River between the Riverside and San Marco neighborhoods. The primary goal of this project is to identify potential non-motorized connections and potential improvements to the transportation network in the neighborhoods surrounding the landside connections of the new bridge. This project is intended to help maximize non-motorized access to the new bridge and thus maximize its usefulness to the public.

**Scope of Services****Task 1 Establish Goals and Objectives**

Task 1.1 Kickoff meeting. A kickoff conference call/web meeting will be held with the NORTH FLORIDA TPO Project Manager and individuals she identifies for the Project Management Team (PMT). The purpose of this meeting will be to review the plans for the new bridge with respect to the surrounding neighborhoods. The PMT will preliminarily identify key origins and destinations for users of the bridge. This will form the basis of the route review and improvement recommendations to be conducted through the subsequent tasks. Another objective of this meeting will be to determine if it is advisable to create an Advisory Committee for this project and if so, develop a list of potential members.

1.2 Initial site review. The consultants (with members of the PMT if they choose to participate) will conduct an initial review of the study areas, roads, and potential connections to the identified origins and destinations.

Task 1.2 Establish the Advisory Group and meeting 1. This meeting will be to discuss the and potentially expand upon the origins and destinations identified by the PMT. Additionally, potential routes to the origins and destinations may be recommended by members of the Advisory Group.

**Task 2. Initial Identification of Connection**

Task 2.1 Prepare preliminary area map and routes. Based upon input received during Task 1, the consultant will develop a preliminary map of the study area and potential routes to be evaluated and send it to the PMT for approval. Based upon the PMT's comments this map will be revised.



Task 2.2 Public input opportunities. Two events will be held or attended to stimulate public input. It is anticipated these events will be community events not specific to this project. However, project specific meetings could be held. These events will provide opportunities for immediate input into potential routes and destinations as well as information about web based input opportunities.

The same input materials provided at the public outreach events will also be provided to the NFTPO for posting on the internet. We anticipate allowing two weeks for input prior to finalizing the preliminary study corridors.

2.3 Compile and summarize public feedback. Information obtained at the public meeting will be summarized and plotted on thematic displays. These summaries will be submitted to the Project Management Team and then to the Advisory Group for review and comment then revised as appropriate

2.4 Submit study route maps for review and approval. Finalized study route maps will be submitted to the NFTPO PMT for review and approval. A web conference will be held to review the maps.

### **Task 3 Field Data Collection**

Task 3.1 Preliminary field reviews. The Consultant will conduct a windshield survey of proposed study routes. This review will be to determine if any fatal flaws which would disqualify specific roadways on the routes from development into access routes for the bridge. If such fatal flaws are identified, potential alternatives will be evaluated.

3.2 PMT meeting. A PMT meeting will be held to discuss the findings of the preliminary field reviews to discuss any remaining concerns prior to detailed corridor reviews.

3.3 Corridor reviews. This review will include detailed audits of the routes identified during the previous tasks. This review will include identification of specific operational and geometric improvements that may be desirable to promote the connectivity of origins and destinations to the bridge termini and potential signing to inform pedestrians and bicyclists of preferred routes to the bridge termini. Additionally, the Consultant will look at potential alternative routes where appropriate. Observational notes on the behaviors of pedestrians and bicyclists will also be made during this field review.

Task 3.4 Compiling additional data as needed and reduction of field data. Additional data to evaluate the feasibility of proposed improvements will be researched by the consultant. The



resulting recommendations from the field review informed by the additional data obtained will be reduced and compiled into a preliminary report and submitted to the PMT for review and comment. The task report will be revised as appropriate.

Task 3.5 PMT and AG meetings. The preliminary report will be presented to the PMT, and recommended revisions noted. The preliminary report noting recommended revisions will be presented to the AG.

3.6 Public meeting. The results of this project will be presented at public meeting. This presentation may occur at a meeting not specifically held for this project.

3.7 Additional Meetings. It is anticipated that the results of this project will be presented and the NFTPO Bike Ped Advisory Group Meeting, and to the NFTPO Board. Additionally, two additional meetings are anticipated.







**From:** Theo Petritsch [tap@landisevans.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Mike Escalante  
**Subject:** RE: Bicycle Master Plan Scope Query  
**Attachments:** Gainesville scope 2000.pdf; Jax Bridge Connections Study.docx

Mike - Our original scope is attached, but I think an update of the previous plans would be a mistake.

I would update stats on the quality of the network, miles of facilities, crash data, volume data and such. This makes sense because it allows you to chart where you have come from and provides some insight into where you may wish to go. But doing a full systemwide facility plan may not be the best approach for Gainesville. You've got a network, you should focus your efforts to maximize that network.

I think a plan that leads directly to implementable solutions is the way to go. We've done a few of these and the idea is that you make improvements to nodes of activity or high potential activity, then you connect the nodes.

Example scope items could be as follows:

1. Do your trends analysis as described above, it provides continuity to previous efforts.
2. Identify nodes of potential activity. This could be the downtown, areas around the campus, out by the mall, on the north side of town, out on the east side, wherever. Maybe you split the city into half a dozen sections.
3. Conduct intense mobility/routing audits in the activity nodes – and connections to nearby nodes
  - o identify key roadways and routes that lead from origins to destinations. We've done this by first looking at a map and coming up with our best guess of origins and destinations, and then routes around the activity zone. Following that we met with the locals (at a local festival, charity run, farmers market, and usually at least one regular public meeting) and asked people who do not normally attend public meetings where they bike, where they'd like to bike, and what routes they currently use. We've also used Strava data to supplement this data.
  - o Do a quick field review of proposed routes to look for fatal flaws
  - o Confirm routes with project advisory group
  - o Audit routes – on bike.
4. Document recommendations. Our documentation of recommendations has been evolving since we started this plan format in 2009. Of course we have maps, and a report (although given our client's preferences, the reports have been very nuts and bolts, minimal effort on fancy layouts). Our route recommendations have changed from narrative format to tables. A copy of a table representing one link of a route is provided below my signature.
5. The recommendations assume the routes will be formalized and possibly signed. They include things like
  - o prioritize street for sweeping
  - o provide share lane markings and bike friendly traffic calming; this could include speed cushions and mini circles at intersections
  - o reverse priority at stop controlled intersections to facilitate better bike through movements
  - o restripe for bike lanes
  - o trim palmetto bushes that are overhanging bike lane
  - o improve intersection (with sketches – these are typically simple marking, signing, signal improvements, not full reconstruction) – drawing below my signature
  - o consider a road diet (recommendation made after evaluating traffic volumes)

The thing about the recommendations is that they are generally low budget, or at least not big ticket items (okay, some big ticket items are recommended, but interim recommendation that are not big ticket are included as well). The intent is to quickly enhance the quality of the network for biking. These usually include route signing recommendations to encourage cycling as well.

What we did for North Florida TPO was create a plan identifying the activity nodes. Then we did a pilot focus area study in St. Augustine – recommendations were being implemented prior to adoption of the final report. They then asked us to do Amelia Island, the Beaches, and San Marco/Riverside. The San Marco/Riverside scope is attached.

I am going to be up in your area next week. Could we possibly schedule a drop-in at your office?

- Theo



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Appendix RS: Riverside Route Segment Descriptions

Index #	Road:	From:	To:	Length (+/-):
RS 3.1	Water St	S Pearl St	Park St	2,350 ft
Existing Facility Type:		Shared Lane		
Recommended Change:		SLMs		
Wayfinding:		Yes		
Sidewalk Condition:		Left:	Right:	Map Label:
Coverage:		100%	100%	Composite
Condition:		Good	Good	
Shade:		Partial Low	Partial Low	
Notes:				Photo #
See special intersections RS 3.1a and 3.1b for Broad St and Riverside/Jefferson and Acosta Bridge Ramps on Water St				
Install SLMs to help promote better positioning by bicyclists and more generous passing clearance by motorists.				
Prioritize for sweeping and pavement maintenance.				
Sidewalk: Curb ramps present.				
Intersections of note:				
Road:		S Pearl St		
Existing Traffic Control:		Signal		
Proposed Traffic Control:		-same-		
Wayfinding:		NB: -none-		
		SB: Northbank Riverwalk(right)		
Road:		Broad St(Riverside and Acosta Off Ramps)		
Existing Traffic Control:		Signal		
Proposed Traffic Control:		- See special intersection RS 3.1a		
Wayfinding:		NB: San Marco, Riverside(straight)		
		SB: Downtown, Northbank Riverwalk(straight)		
Road:		Jefferson St(Riverside and Acosta On Ramps)		
Existing Traffic Control:		Signal		
Proposed Traffic Control:		See special intersection RS 3.1b		
Wayfinding:		NB: Riverside(via Park St)(straight); San Marco, Riverside(via Riverside Ave Bridge)(left)		
		SB: Downtown(straight); San Marco, Riverside(via Riverside Ave Bridge )(right)		
Road:		Park St		
Existing Traffic Control:		Signal		
Proposed Traffic Control:		-same-		
Wayfinding:		NB: Riverside, Johnson Park and Community Center(left)		
		SB: -none-		

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**From:** Mike Escalante <escalante@ncfrpc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** Theo Petritsch <tap@landisevans.com>  
**Subject:** Bicycle Master Plan Scope Query

Theo,

Gainesville MTPo has asked its advisory committee for recommendations for scoping an update to the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

Do you have any scoping information from the 2001 Sprinkle BMP [links below]:

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP\\_Update/GainesvilleBicycleMasterPlan.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP_Update/GainesvilleBicycleMasterPlan.pdf)

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP\\_Update/BicycleLOS.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP_Update/BicycleLOS.pdf)

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP\\_Update/BicycleTLD.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP_Update/BicycleTLD.pdf)

Two UF College of Design, Planning & Construction studios produced the following implementation planning documents.

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP/Report\\_Addendum\\_Final.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/BMP/Report_Addendum_Final.pdf)

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/Archer\\_Braid/Archer\\_Braid\\_Final\\_Report\\_Web.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/publications/Archer_Braid/Archer_Braid_Final_Report_Web.pdf)

The Archer Braid corridor is nearly complete.

I am not sure of the magnitude of the update. But any scoping suggestions would help. Thanks,

mike






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July 15, 2019

TO: Technical Advisory Committee Working Group  
FROM: Scott R. Koons AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Design Workshop

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Develop design recommendations for the U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) corridor between State Road 331 (Williston Road) and West University Avenue.**

BACKGROUND

At its June 24, 2019 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:

- *Approved the List of Priority Projects that included the extension of the U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) Multimodal Emphasis Corridor study to be from State Road 331 (Williston Road) to NW 23rd Avenue (Exhibit 1); and*
- *Received a status report concerning the implementation of the SW 13th Street Charrette recommendations.*

In addition, a member suggested a workshop concerning a redesign of the SW 13th street corridor.

At its August 27, 2018 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization received an update on the scoping of the U.S. Highway 441 resurfacing project between the Marion County line and State Road 331 (Williston Road). The Florida Department of Transportation is currently coordinating with Alachua County for the implementation of a linear park on the Paynes Prairie corridor. The Florida Department of Transportation intends to follow the elements of the Florida Design Manual 2018 and other criteria specified in the letter.

At its meeting on February 26, 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area discussed the 2002 SW 13th Street Charrette implementation between Paynes Prairie and State Road 24 (Archer Road). Subsequent to the discussion, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved a motion to:

*Request that the Florida Department of Transportation implement its Context Classification criteria from the Florida Design Manual along this corridor with a focus on:*

- *Reduction in speed limits;*
- *Reduction in visual clutter by eliminating some highway signs or collocating signs on poles;*
- *Provide designated multiple midblock pedestrian crossings along the corridor;*
- *Increase lighting at median openings and signalized intersections; and*
- *Provide bus bays;*

*Or explain why it will not complete these modifications.*

Exhibit 2 includes information provided by City of Gainesville staff concerning the implementation of U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette recommendations. Exhibit 3 includes information provided by Florida Department of Transportation staff concerning the implementation of U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette recommendations. Exhibit 4 is a copy of the SW 13th Street Charrette report. Exhibit 5 shows U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) context classifications assigned by the Florida Department of Transportation. Exhibit 6 is a copy to the Florida Department of Transportation Context Classification document.

**Attachments**

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**EXHIBIT 1**  
**Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area**  
**List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25**

## B. Other Arterial Construction/ Right-Of-Way Priorities

Table 2 identifies project priorities for construction, modifications and associated right-of-way on the State Highway System roadways not designated as part of the Strategic Intermodal System and federal aid-eligible designated local facilities for the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 Transportation Improvement Program. This table also identifies project priorities for local assistance programs such as Transportation Regional Incentive Program and County Incentive Grant Program.

**Table 2**  
**Other Arterial Construction/Right-Of-Way Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25**

Number	Project	Location	Description
1	W University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: NW 16 Street AT: NW 17 Street AT: NW 19 Street	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Install Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings [29,000 AADT]
2	U.S. Highway 441	FM: Williston Road [SR 331] TO: NW 23 Avenue	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study
3	W University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: Gale Lemerand Drive TO: W 13 Street [SR 25]	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Construct Bikeway/Sidewalk [29,000 AADT]
4	E University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Waldo Road [SR 24]	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design [18,700 AADT]
5	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 7 Street TO: E 10 Street	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Construct Raised Median [20,500 AADT]
6	SW 13 Street [U.S. HWY 441]	AT: Archer Road [SR 24]	Removal of Sliplanes
7	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Install Transit Shelters and Benches [29,000 AADT]
8	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 1 Street TO: E 3 Street	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Construct Midblock Pedestrian Crossings [20,500 AADT]
9	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study Implementation - Install Bicycle Striping and Signal Detection [29,000 AADT]
10	Newberry Road [SR 26]	FM: NW 59 Street TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	1. Restripe the pavement to 11-foot general purpose travel lanes with protected bikelanes between NW 52 Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43 Street; 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40 Drive; 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding; and 4. Provide information regarding any Thermoplast treatment related to the West Newberry Road (State Road 26) resurfacing project [36,500 AADT]



**Table 2 (Continued)**  
**Other Arterial Construction/Right-Of-Way Priorities**  
**Gainesville Metropolitan Area**  
**Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>11</b>	Williston Road/Waldo Road [SR 24/331]	FM: SE 16 Avenue TO: NE 39 Avenue	Pedestrian Safety Modifications
<b>12</b>	NW 34 Street [SR 121]	FM: NW 16 Avenue U.S. Highway 441	Safety and Capacity Enhancements Designed and Constructed as a Complete Street with Protected Bikelanes
<b>13</b>	Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 122 Street TO: Tower Road	Widen to Four Lanes
<b>14</b>	SW 62 Boulevard Extension	FM: Butler Plaza TO: SW 20 Avenue	Four-Lane Extension as a Complete Street with Protected Bikelanes
<b>15</b>	SW 62 Boulevard	FM: SW 20 Avenue TO: Newberry Road [SR 26]	Widen to Four Lanes as a Complete Street with Protected Bikelanes
<b>16</b>	County Road Resurfacing	AT: Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide	Resurface County Roads According to Priorities Established by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
<b>17</b>	City Road Resurfacing	AT: City of Gainesville	Resurface City Roads According to Priorities Established by the Gainesville City Commission

Note: Projects in shaded text are partially funded, as shown in the Transportation Improvement Program.

@ = at; ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; I = Interstate PD&E = Project Design and Environment Study; RTS = Regional Transit System; SIB = State Infrastructure Bank; SR = State Road; TDP = Transit Development Plan; UF = University of Florida; US = United States  
MTPO = Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic; E = East;  
FM = From; HWY = Highway; NW = Northwest; RTS = Regional Transit System; SR = State Road;  
SW = Southwest; UF = University of Florida; U.S. = United States; W = West

\* Block Grant program is an annual formula program with funds provided by State legislation.

Initial Other Arterial/Right-of-Way Priorities were derived from the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan.

**Mike Escalante**

**From:** Gomez, Jesus M. [gomezjm@cityofgainesville.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2019 7:58 AM  
**To:** Leistner, Deborah L.; Mike Escalante  
**Cc:** Scott Koons; Taulbee, Karen; Ochia, Krys  
**Subject:** RE: SW 13th Street Charrette Implementation

Mike:

In terms of bus bay placements, our planning staff usually works with FDOT to identify locations based on passenger boardings and provides recommendations. If it is only the segment between Paynes Praire and Williston road, we probably need bus bays in front of Meridian and across street, and improve the existing bus bays in front of Cottage Grove apartments and at former One Stop Career Center.

Thanks,

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**People empowered**

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**From:** Leistner, Deborah L.  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2019 12:37 PM  
**To:** Mike Escalante <[escalante@ncfrpc.org](mailto:escalante@ncfrpc.org)>; Gomez, Jesus M. <[gomezjm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:gomezjm@cityofgainesville.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: SW 13th Street Charrette Implementation

Mike - the segment in question (between Paynes Praire and Williston Rd) is outside of City limits... there is only one RTS route that serves the area, Route 13, which has the last stop just to the south of SW 51st Ave. I'd think the location of midblock crossing(s) would be primarily associated with the lookout areas, the potential addition of a trail, and the location of potential parking areas along the segment, so it may be too early to determine exact locations at this point. As for placement of bus bays I'll defer to Jesus. Regards, Debbie

**From:** Mike Escalante <[escalante@ncfrpc.org](mailto:escalante@ncfrpc.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2019 11:39:09 AM  
**To:** Leistner, Deborah L.; Gomez, Jesus M.  
**Cc:** Scott Koons; Taulbee, Karen  
**Subject:** SW 13th Street Charrette Implementation

Debbie/Jesus,

FDOT has been asked to update the MTPO concerning SW 13th Street Charrette implementation. Attached is an old FDOT letter that Karen Taulbee has highlighted issues that FDOT needs information in order to develop a response to the MTPO. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> bullets concern Dept of Mobility, paraphrased below:

- Has the City of Gainesville identified locations for midblock crossings on SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street?
- Has the City of Gainesville identified locations for bus bays on SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street?

Please let me know as soon as possible or at the TAC meeting.

The MTPO has a signage policy in its Urban Design Policy Manual which I will forward to FDOT.

Note that FDOT staff will not be attending the TAC meeting.

Thanks,

mike



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### EXHIBIT 3

**Taulbee, Karen**

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**From:** Bennett, James  
**Sent:** Monday, December 31, 2007 5:02 PM  
**To:** d.forkel@cox.net  
**Cc:** lpinkoson@alachuacounty.us; Taulbee, Karen  
**Subject:** FW: 13th Street Corridor  
**Attachments:** 13th Street Corridor.doc

Dear Ms. Forkel,

This email responds to your request of November 7, 2007, concerning the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed a resurfacing project on US 441 (SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street) from SR 331 to SR 24 in Fiscal Years 2003/2004. Then-Secretary Aage Schroeder and other FDOT staff met with the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Business Association at the invitation of the Association to discuss the resurfacing project (#2078497). Incorporated in the resurfacing project were elements requested by the MTPO and the Committees that support both the Special Area Plan for SW 13<sup>th</sup> Corridor and the Final SW13th Street Charette document.

These elements included:

- reducing the travel lanes to 11.5 feet
- adding a five-foot marked bicycle lane in both directions
- incorporate the MTPO approved stamped specialty crosswalks at the signalized intersections
- improve the sidewalk on the east side of the road to bring into compliance with FDOT and ADA standards
- add a new sidewalk to the west side of the road in the section of the resurfacing project that has curb

In addition, FDOT was asked to provide curbing to the extent feasible under this resurfacing project, to allow for future landscape of the median. The Department did add curbing to some of the medians in the project limits.

The Department encouraged either the City of Gainesville and/or Alachua County, or any other entity that wanted to participate, to develop a landscape project for review and permitting along this corridor. At one time, Alachua County was going to apply for an FDOT Highway Beautification Grant as a result of the community interest and the recent SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Charette. However, our records indicate the application was not made to the District. The District Highway Beautification Grant program is no longer funded and, in fact, has not been funded for the past few years.

Under the Special Area Plan, landscaping is required in certain areas (with a permit by the Department) when a new building or business develops. I have no indication that there are maintenance agreements in place for any other entity that has provided landscaping for this corridor through the Department.

In February, 2004, the FDOT Traffic Operations Department conducted a speed limit study at the request of the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Business Association. The limits of the study were just south of SR 331 to approximately SR 120 to the north. The Department recommended no change to the posted speeds.

The last project the Department has undertaken along this corridor is Project #207849-8, the resurfacing of US 441 from the Marion County Line north to the City Limits (US 331). At the request of the MTPO and

committees, the Department extended the bike lane south to CR 234 (Colokka Blvd.). This project began in 2007.

At this time, the FDOT does not have any projects in the Five Year Work Program for the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street (US 441) corridor.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Respectfully

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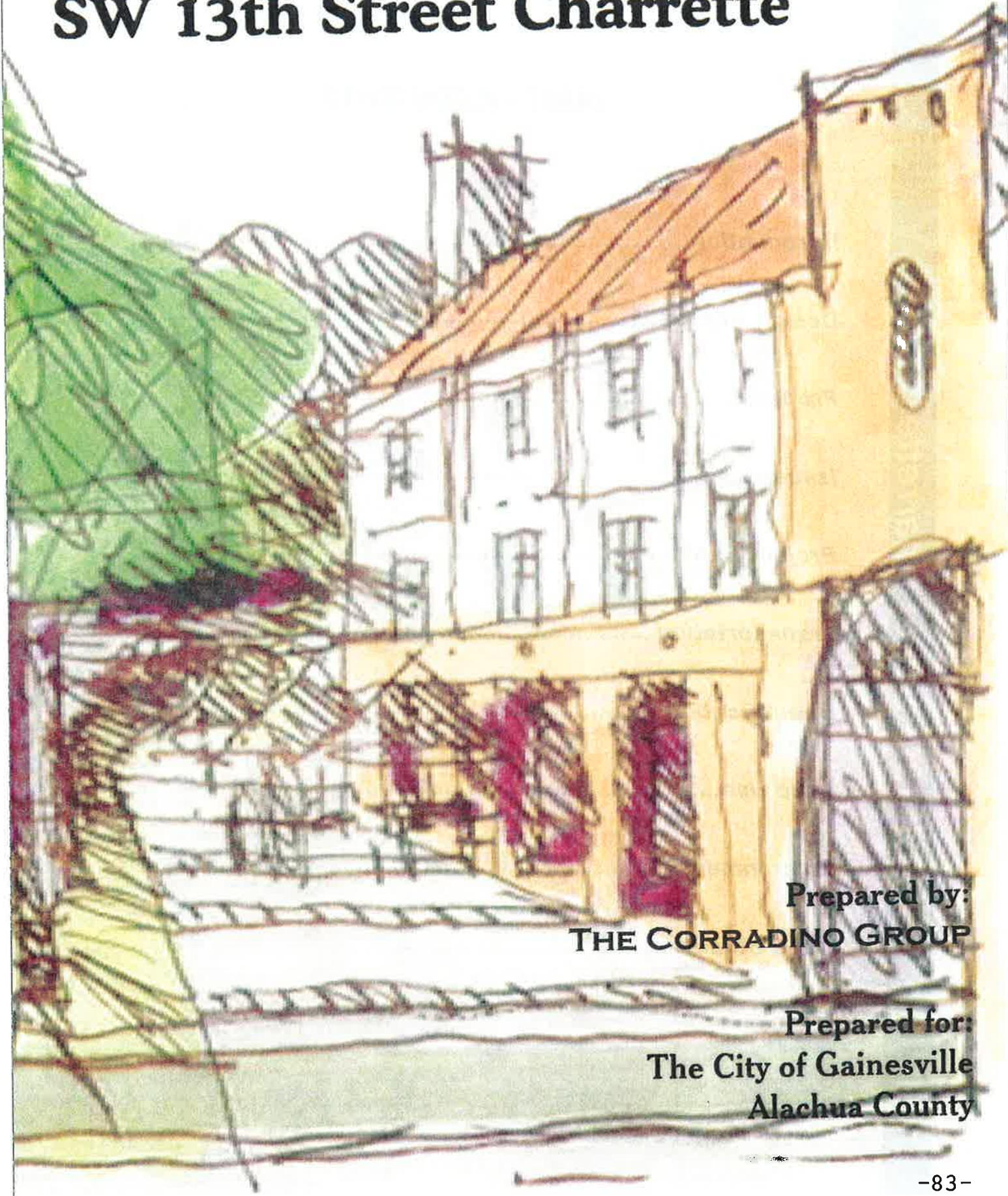
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Dear Mr. Bennett,  
Would you be so kind as to respond to this email? I remember we approved the plans for the 13<sup>th</sup> st. corridor, but I do not remember specifically what was to be done on the road to make it more aesthetically pleasing. I thought I remembered modifications being included in the plans to spruce up the area. Thank you, Lee

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# SW 13th Street Charrette



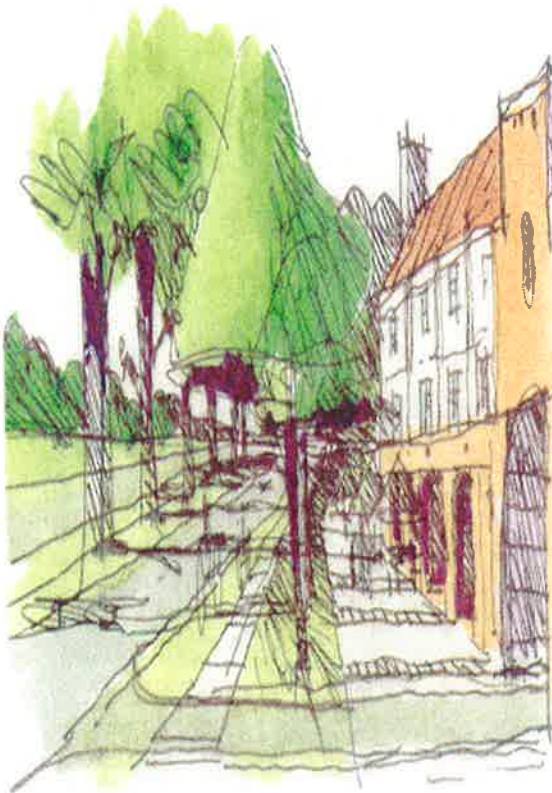
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# Introduction

The Corradino Group was hired jointly by the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to perform the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Charrette. This charrette was designed to be a comprehensive and interactive process to build consensus on a vision and an implementation strategy for SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Goals of the process included:

- Prepare the ground work for a Special Area Plan
- Develop design options for improving the corridor in order to assure that new development promotes a walkable, "village like" character with a pleasant public realm
- Develop an open space system
- Prepare the ground work for specifications including
  - Building Typology
  - Site Planning
  - Land Use
  - Transportation / Parking

As part of this process the consultant studied various areas and issues that blended together to create a special character for SW 13th Street. Sidewalks, traffic signals, utilities, linkages, transit, landscaping, design standards, codes, land uses, economics, lighting, mobility, bike lanes, roadways, and signage were all considered in developing recommendations for SW 13th Street.

The five-day interactive public forum was held on the corridor. Participants included the public, City and County staff, elected officials and other interested parties.

The first day included an introduction to the charrette process and approach. It initiated the public dialogue that was a major component of the planning process.

Participants discussed and prioritized the major issues and reviewed the previous planning efforts in the area. This was followed by a bus tour of the corridor where issues were discussed further and more thoroughly prioritized.

The second day was spent discussing preferred uses to ultimately develop a "project bank" to organize preferences and recommendations.

During the next three days, the consultant researched and studied the issues and worked with the public to determine the best solutions that would yield public support and consensus. Public and political support is essential for any successful project. During this process, presentation graphics were drawn to help charrette participants visualize the recommended concepts and solutions. These were all presented on the fifth day.



*The charrette process*



To focus the planning efforts, the consultant developed four categories of issues that describe the corridor. Individual projects were fit into the following categories:

- **Transportation**
- **Land Use**
- **Beautification**
- **Environment**

Essentially these categories transcend this diverse corridor, which has several fundamental components. The Corradino Group's holistic approach to the planning effort began by initially examining the corridor in a broad context and increasing the focus to the neighborhood, block and building levels.

SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a very diverse corridor which includes a spectrum of both rural and urban development. Traveling from south to north draws one through several distinct areas that merge and blend at their boundaries. The *primeval nature* of the natural area of Payne's Prairie is a relatively pristine natural setting. Perfect for naturalists, bicyclists or casual recreation, Payne's Prairie has been left relatively undisturbed over the years. Further north, the *rural character* of the corridor occurs between Payne's Prairie



The charrette process



Illustration of the corridor's changing character

and Williston Road. This area is characterized by a divided road, natural vegetation, low density and intensity uses, and essentially functions as a passage way. The corridor becomes more *town-like* north of Williston Road to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Here the median narrows, more urban components such as sidewalks, curb, and gutter which bound the road in the northern section, and the land uses become more intense.

The Williston Road SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street intersection acts as a *town gateway*. At Biven's Arm and at Tumblin Creek, one gets a window into nature. North of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue the corridor takes on the look and feel of the *city*, with more dense and increasingly urban land uses, sidewalks close to the travel lanes, and higher traffic volumes. North of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue the area is appropriate for an urban village. The northern threshold is bounded by the rails to trails bridge at Archer Road.

Using the project bank involving the identified categories of Beautification, Land Use, Transportation, and the Environment, several Case Studies have been developed which capture the essence of the recommendations for improvements. These combine to create visual images of what such improvements might look like over time.

All images and concepts developed during the charrette and described in this document were presented at a joint meeting of City and County Commissioners on June 13, 2002. The following report explains the approach, process, issues, projects, and case studies in detail.



View of 13th St. facing North to Archer Rd.  
(AFTER ENHANCEMENT)



The charrette process



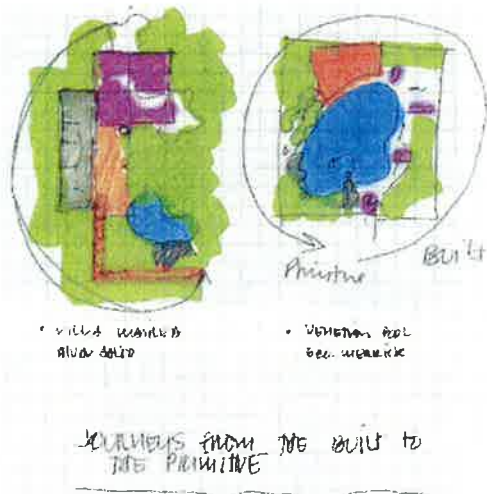
The charrette process

The SW 13th Street Charrette was designed within the corridor to develop a community consensus. The items presented in this report reflect the consensus of the community.



View of 13th St. facing North to Archer Rd.  
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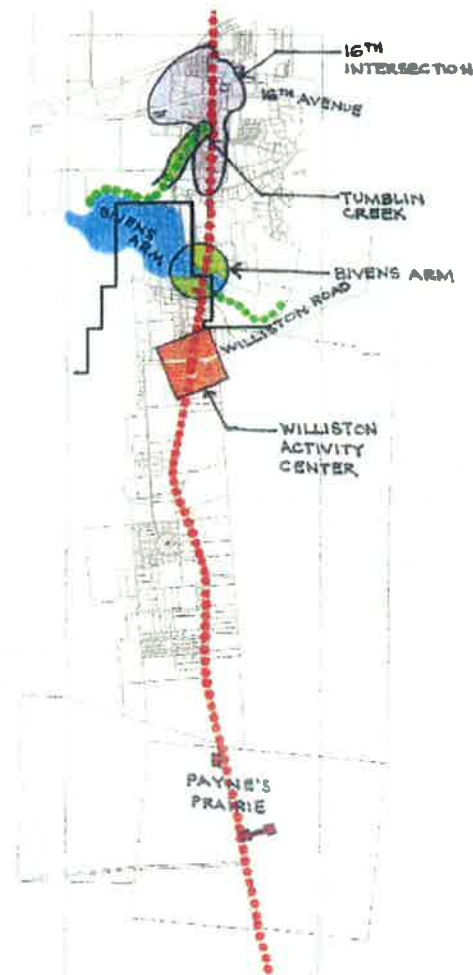
## Design Approach



### Case studies

The Corradino Group's approach to planning is holistic. This begins by examining the corridor from the regional perspective, narrowing the focus to examine the corridor itself, and finally studying the blocks, streets and buildings.

Examining the corridor from the regional perspective helps to create the context for healthy neighborhoods, which combine to create healthy and functional communities. Each neighborhood within a region is defined either by topography, natural features, parks, transportation facilities, or political boundaries. Although many times the issues transcend these boundaries and affect the region, it is important not to let development patterns remove these boundaries or edges. This is because the boundaries and edges define and organize the neighborhoods. Similarly, it is important to control growth on the regional level to assist in building these functional communities. These neighborhoods and corridors are the essential components to a community's development.

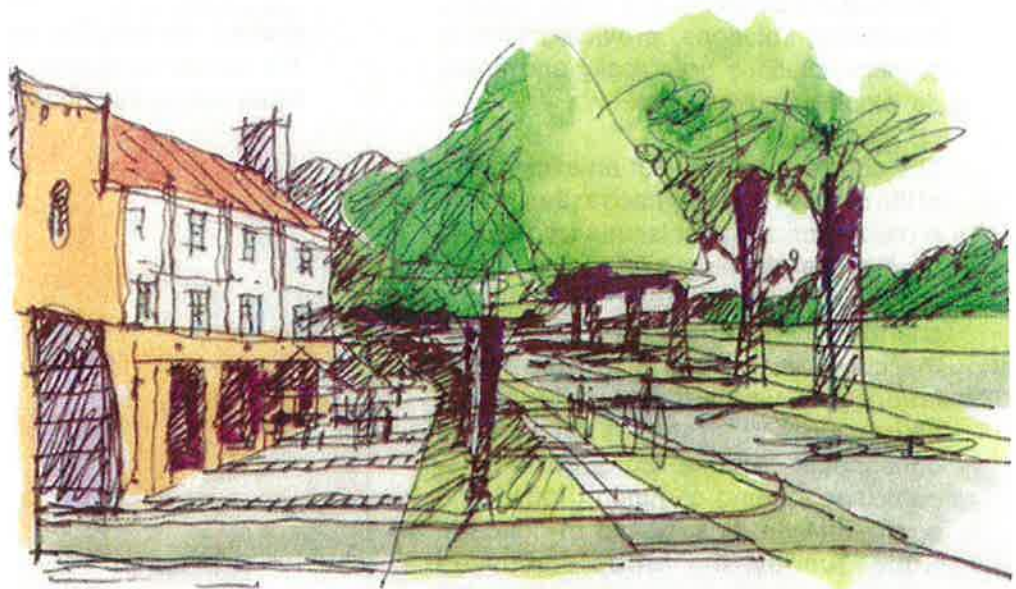


Existing conditions



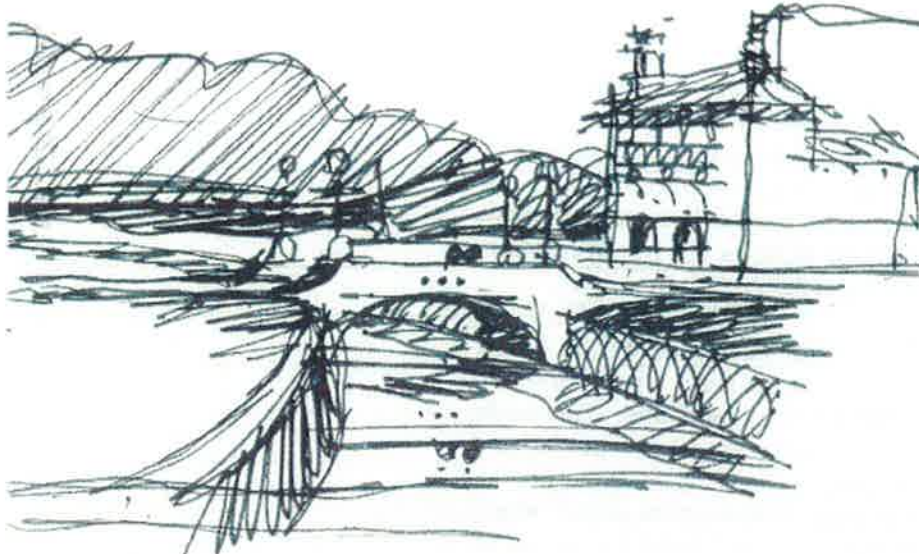
The consensus of the Charrette was to encourage the compact development of mixed uses along the corridor. That development pattern can create a pedestrian friendly environment. The environment is fairly diverse and provides a variety of options for transportation, shopping and living.

As the corridor is treated at the block, building, and street level, a neighborhood character may be developed. This basic block level addresses both public and private space. The most essential aspect of this is the definition of the codes, which dictate the look, feel and function of an area. Urban design components of open space, edges and gateways are developed here and often, with the use of appropriate codes, can determine the long-term viability of the corridor.



*Conceptual illustration*

## Process



*Conceptual illustration*

Members of the Corradino project team visited the project area several weeks prior to the charrette to meet with interested parties as well as City and County staff to gain initial insight into the issues. An intensive schedule was developed that focused on exploring the major issues, discussing solutions, providing time to present solutions graphically and finally developing a project bank.

The charrette began with an explanation of the process and approach to the project. A discussion of major issues followed, to confirm the planning efforts of the past. After a short break the consultants and charrette participants took a bus tour of the corridor and prioritized the major issues. This included a land use discussion and strategies for building consensus. After a thorough debate, participants found common ground and agreement on most points of concern. Subsequently, the group discussed potential projects that could become part of the project bank.

By the end of day two, participants had reached consensus on what needed to be done. Days three through five were primarily spent refining the concepts and projects as well as developing accompanying graphics. During this three-day period, the public was invited to further discuss the effort in an informal setting. The doors were open to the public at all times during this phase.



## Issues

After a lengthy discussion, several issues came to the forefront. Most pressing on the minds of many participants was the issue of undesirable uses and activities, particularly prostitution, and sexually oriented businesses. The issues that surfaced as most important included:

- Undesirable Uses
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Visual Clutter
- Pedestrians/Bicyclists
- Safety
- Fragmented Landscaping

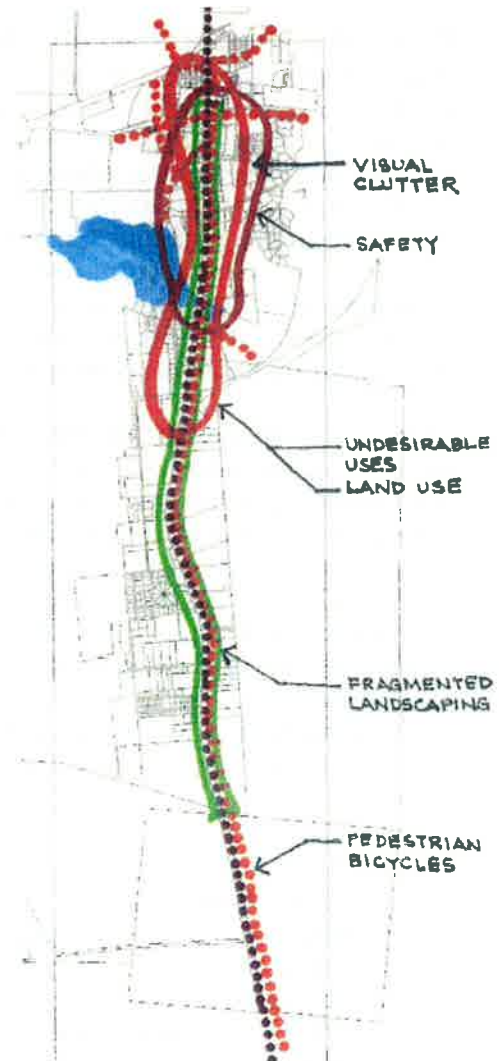
These issues were summarized into the four categories used for the project bank: Transportation, Land Use, Beautification, Environment.

### Undesirable Uses

Participants wanted to develop strategies for encouraging desired uses. One issue of primary concern was sexually-oriented businesses. This use could be difficult to exclude because legally, it must be provided the opportunity to exist somewhere. The County could resolve the issue by writing a separation distance ordinance which would prohibit such uses within certain radii of churches, schools, etc. The City was generally bound to let its current concern sunset over the next several years, at which time the use would have to make fundamental changes.

Another concern was of student and clusters of off-campus student housing. The prohibition of such a group was also found difficult. It is not within the planner's purview to exclude types of people.

As the Charrette participants discussed, the negative aspects of such uses of sexually oriented businesses, prostitution



Corridor issues

and single use clusters of student housing are all symptoms of the greater issue of corridor neglect. Over the years, SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street truly has become forgotten and has not received the attention that other areas of the community have. As a U.S. highway (U.S. 441), it once served as a main transportation route into Gainesville, but began to lose its importance during the 1960's with the completion of I-75. Development patterns began to shift to I-75 interchange locations, such as Archer

Road. Over time, different uses found their niche along SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Poorer quality construction and a deteriorating physical environment have made the corridor less desirable for housing, thus landlords cannot command premium rents. Charrette participants concluded that with care, attention and new land development regulations encouraging quality development, these issues could be mitigated and eventually disappear.

The opportunities and assets that exist in the corridor are enormous, starting with the people that live there care what their community is and what it will become. And the corridor's location close to the university and to the hospital make it a convenient and potentially attractive location for people to live and work.

The following is a list of desired and undesired uses as stated during the charrette:

#### *Desired Uses*

- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Retail
- Residential
- Office (medical/professional)
- Grocery
- Religious
- Cultural
- Day Care
- Automotive Repair
- Parks

#### *Undesired Uses*

- Sexually Oriented Businesses
- Crematoria
- Halfway Houses
- RV Parks / Camp Sites
- Rehab Centers
- Social Service Centers
- Car Washes
- Used Car Lots

## **Land Use**

Many land use issues can be solved with a thorough reexamination of the codes. A brief examination found that while both comprehensive plans had goals, objectives, and policies that encouraged the type of development being sought, the land development regulations prohibited such development. For example, the current LDRs would prevent a developer from building a three-story mixed use building with a ten-foot setback. Current LDRs require that buildings be setback 30 feet or ten feet for each story. Such codes represent a very suburban and strip mall approach, which is not what participants in the Charrette participants envision for the corridor.

## **Transportation / Pedestrians / Bicycles / Safety**

The ROW in the corridor is ample. The road is wide and speeds are relatively high. Although SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street no longer holds a prominent position as a main artery into and out of Gainesville, it does experience congestion as part of overflow of the overall transportation network. Therefore, eliminating lanes may not be appropriate. The corridor has been built as a transportation corridor and still functions as one. Therefore, it is appropriate that it remain as one. Re-configuring certain aspects of the street cross section, may be necessary for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Often students are dropped off across the street from their apartments, and attempt to cross mid-block.

## Project Bank

### Visual Clutter / Fragmented Landscape

The look and feel of SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street belies the fact that it has essentially been forgotten over the past several decades. Lack of attention and care is evident. Repetitive and unregulated signs create noticeable visual clutter. This, combined with multiple curb cuts, overhead utilities, and poor landscaping, creates the feeling of neglect. Often the clutter is accentuated by violations of the ROW. Instead, on nearly every block the ROW is encroached upon by private landscaping, automobile dealerships, signs, newspaper boxes, etc. Additionally, landscaping is in need of enhancement to create the appropriate character of a natural shaded area.



*Illustration of the corridor's changing character*

After an intensive collaborative process geared towards creating consensus, projects were grouped and a "project bank" was created. The project bank is the culmination of all issues discussed during the first three days of the Charrette. This project bank is a list of projects that, if implemented, will help improve the major areas of concern facing the corridor. Such projects represent the four major areas that span the entire length of the corridor: Environment; Transportation; Codes; and Landscape Beautification.

As discussed, the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is not monolithic in nature and can be stratified into four geographic areas that reflect its diverse character.

As the character of the corridor changes along this continuum, so do the issues. Projects are prepared for the entire length of the corridor, but vary in application from one area to the next.

From south to north these changes are categorized as:

- Nature (Payne's Prairie)
- Rural/Town (Payne's Prairie – Williston Road)
- Town Gateway/Transition/Threshold (Williston Activity Center, Biven's Arm)
- City (25<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Archer)

The discussion that follows describes issues, projects, and project implementation as they relate to each project area. A bullet list of each project and its sub-tasks is provided, as well as a sequence of events that will lead towards implementation.



## Transportation

The SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor was designed and built as a transportation corridor. Its character is still that today. Although traffic volume on the corridor was under capacity (it is generally operating at LOS B), there are some congested periods during the AM and PM peaks. Therefore, it may not be appropriate to reduce the number of lanes, but rather to reconfigure or narrow the lanes. The ample ROW ranges from approximately 80' to 135'. Travel lanes are 12'-13'. Bike lanes are present, but inconsistent. Fortunately, there is enough area in the unpaved swales to expand bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The character of the facility is more urban with curb and gutter between Archer Road and 25<sup>th</sup> Place. It becomes more rural with drainage swales, south of 25<sup>th</sup> Place.

A major issue addressed during the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Charrette included poor lane configuration that has led to vehicular and pedestrian conflicts. For example, bike lanes and sidewalks are inconsistent, many intersections have movement conflicts, east/west pedestrian mobility at intersections is seen as unsafe, and transit stop locations are generally inadequate, poorly located, and encourage mid-block crossings.

A core issue is the road's ownership by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Any corridor changes must be coordinated and approved by FDOT. In order to change or recreate the character of the facility it is recommended that a combined City/County/FDOT Corridor Analysis / Mobility Study should be undertaken. This effort would be administered by project managers from the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and FDOT who would develop a study methodology. FDOT does have Livable Community Initiatives which promote many of the principles initiated for the SW

13th Street corridor. Therefore, FDOT should be able to develop a methodology based on these principles. Furthermore, the community has adopted the MTPO 2020 Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan. Frequent coordination during the process would aid in cooperative efforts. Implementation would occur with approval from the City and County, and MTPO, and prioritization on an implementation plan by FDOT. Implementation could be 7 to 10 years in the future. As always, implementation of many of the issues discussed will be determined by available funding. Local funding will probably be required for certain aspects of long-term development and maintenance. Currently FDOT and MTPO have coordinated a rumble strip project through Payne's Prairie. This is both funded and budgeted.

This effort would have several sub-tasks as described below. Aside from coordination with FDOT, MTPO, the University of Florida, Regional Transit System (RTS) and Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) should be included in the process because each has issues and potential projects that will effect the use of the corridor.

### Coordinated Corridor Analysis / Mobility Study

- Uniform Bike Paths, Sidewalks, Pedestrian Paths
  - ROW Survey
- Lane Narrowing / Reconfiguration
  - Develop Alternatives
  - Examine Issues Dealing with Curbing Medians
  - Traffic Counts
  - Level of Services Analysis
  - FSUTMS/Syncro/Corsim

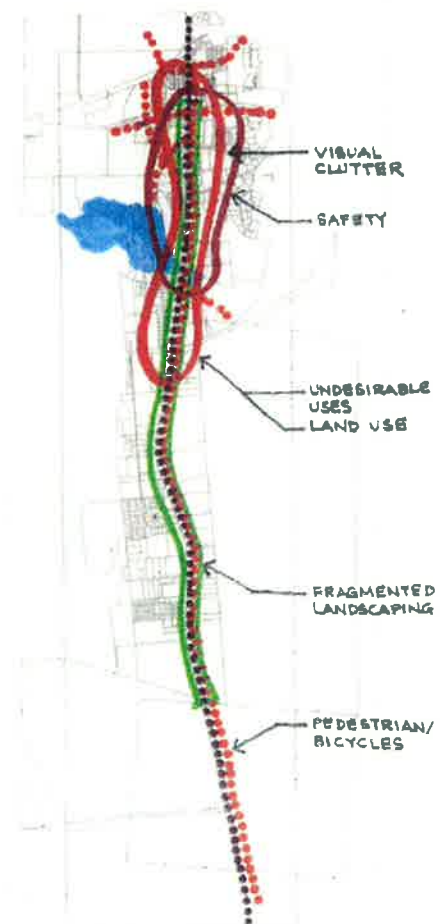
- *Speed/Time and Delay Study*
- *Redesign Intersections, 16<sup>th</sup> / Williston*
  - *Develop Alternatives*
  - *Roundabout, Lane Configuration*
  - *Provide Colored and Textured Crosswalks*
  - *Examine Signal Timing*
- *Transit*
  - *Create Bus Bays*
  - *Implement Improved, Sheltered Bus Stops*
  - *Study Relocation of Bus Stops Closer to Intersections*
  - *Study Alternatives for Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossings at Bus Stops*
  - *Pedestrian Actuated Signals*

#### **Pedestrian Accessibility Study**

- *Develop Alternatives Between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Shands Hospital*

#### **ROW Recommendations**

The corridor has four general ROW widths: 80', 121', 145', 160 which are illustrated on the following pages.. These are the area north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the area between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Gainesville Sun, the area between the Gainesville Sun and Williston Road, and the area between Williston Road and Payne's Prairie. The corridor has a ROW of between 80' and 135' measured from utility pole to utility pole, (a survey would be needed to determine exact dimensions). Generally the corridor consist of two 13' lanes in each direction. South of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue it is divided by a median of between 28' to 30' in width. Bike lanes and sidewalks are present, but not consistently.



*Traffic issues*

The goal is to narrow the travel lanes, provide for consistent and ample bike lanes and sidewalks, and provide for appropriate landscaping. All of these enhancements would make it easier for automobiles, bicyclists and pedestrians to coexist on the facility, while providing ample access and opportunity for each. In addition this would help calm traffic and moderate speeds to the design speed of between 30 and 35 mph. The following illustrations provide recommendations for streetscape changes.





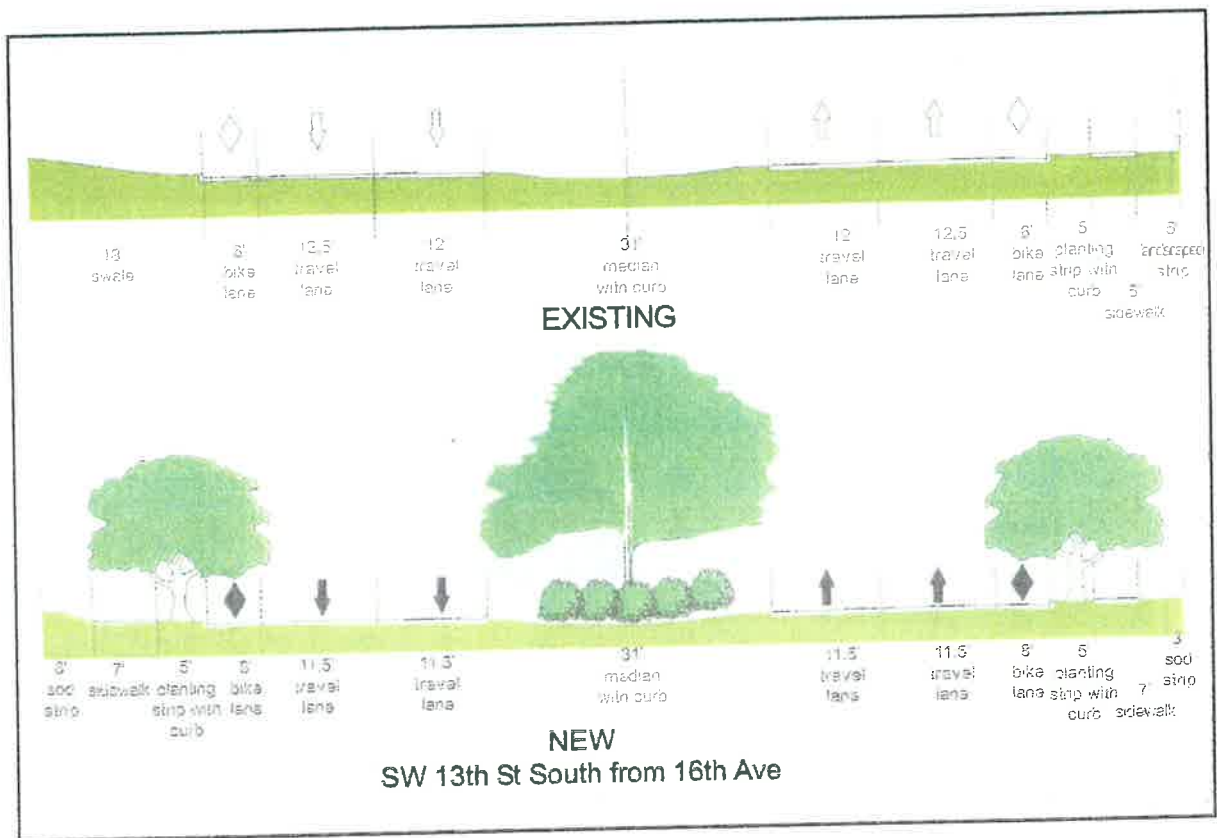
#### North of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Here the existing condition features an approximate 80' ROW of curb and gutter consisting of:

- 5' sidewalk
- 3' swale/planting strip
- 6' bike lane
- Two 13' travel lanes (in each direction)
- No median
- 6' bike lane
- 3' swale and curb
- 5' sidewalk

The new configuration would consist of:

- Widen sidewalk to 7'
- Widen planting strip to 5'
- Retain 6' bike lane
- Reduce travel lanes to 11' lanes (in each direction)
- Retain 6' bike lane
- Widen planting strip to 5' (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen sidewalk to 7'



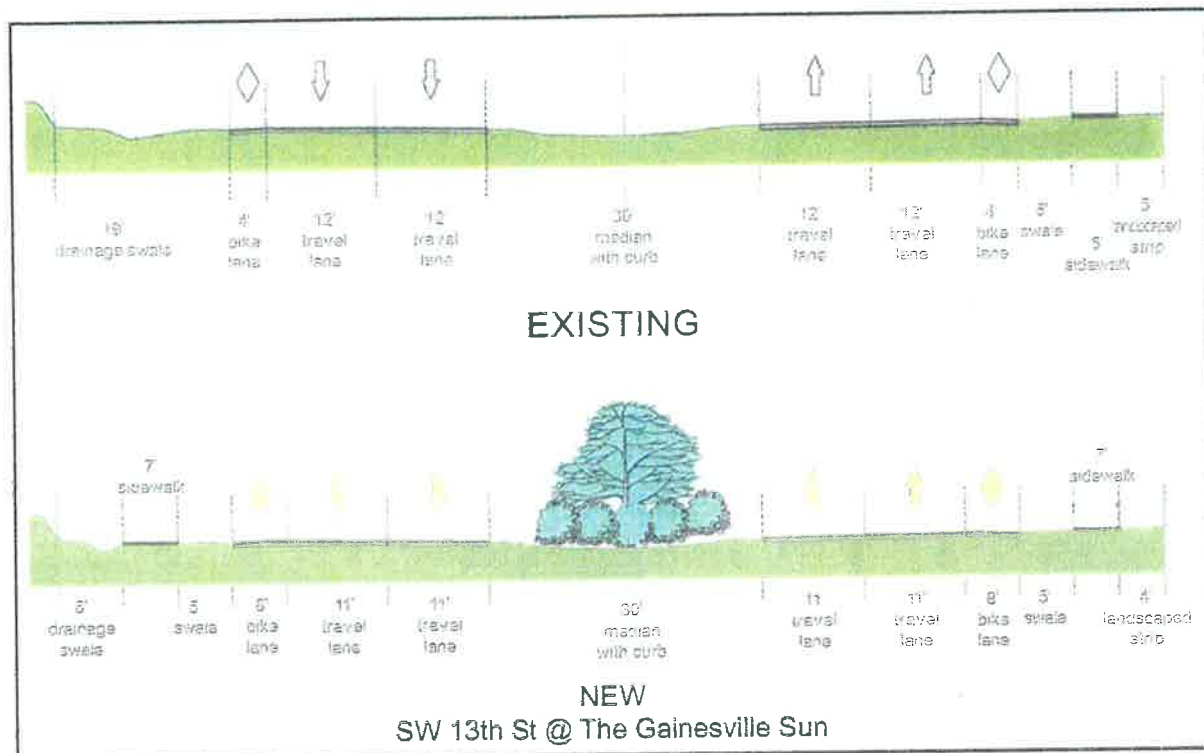
### Between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and The Gainesville Sun

Here, the existing condition features an approximate 80' ROW of curb and gutter consisting of:

- 18' swale/planting strip
- no sidewalk
- 6' bike lane
- Two 12' to 12.5' travel lanes (in each direction)
- 31' median
- 6' bike lane
- 5' swale and curb
- 5' sidewalk
- 5' planting strip

The new configuration would consist of:

- Narrow swale/planting strip to 6'
- Create sidewalk to 7'
- Create 5' planting strip (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Reduce travel lanes to 11'- 11.5' lanes (in each direction)
- Maintain 31' median (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Maintain 5' planting strip (appropriately landscaped)
- Maintain 5' sidewalk
- Maintain 5' planting strip



### Between The Gainesville Sun and Williston Road

Here the existing condition features an approximate 121' ROW of no curb and gutter consisting of:

- 19' swale/planting strip
- no sidewalk
- 4' bike lane
- Two 12' travel lanes (in each direction)
- 30' median
- 4' bike lane
- 6' swale
- 5' sidewalk
- 5' planting strip

The new configuration would consist of:

- Narrow swale/planting strip to 6'
- Create sidewalk to 7'
- Create 5' planting strip (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Reduce travel lanes to 11' lanes (in each direction)
- Maintain 30' median (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Reduce planting strip to 5' appropriately landscaped
- Create sidewalk to 7'
- Reduce planting strip to 4'



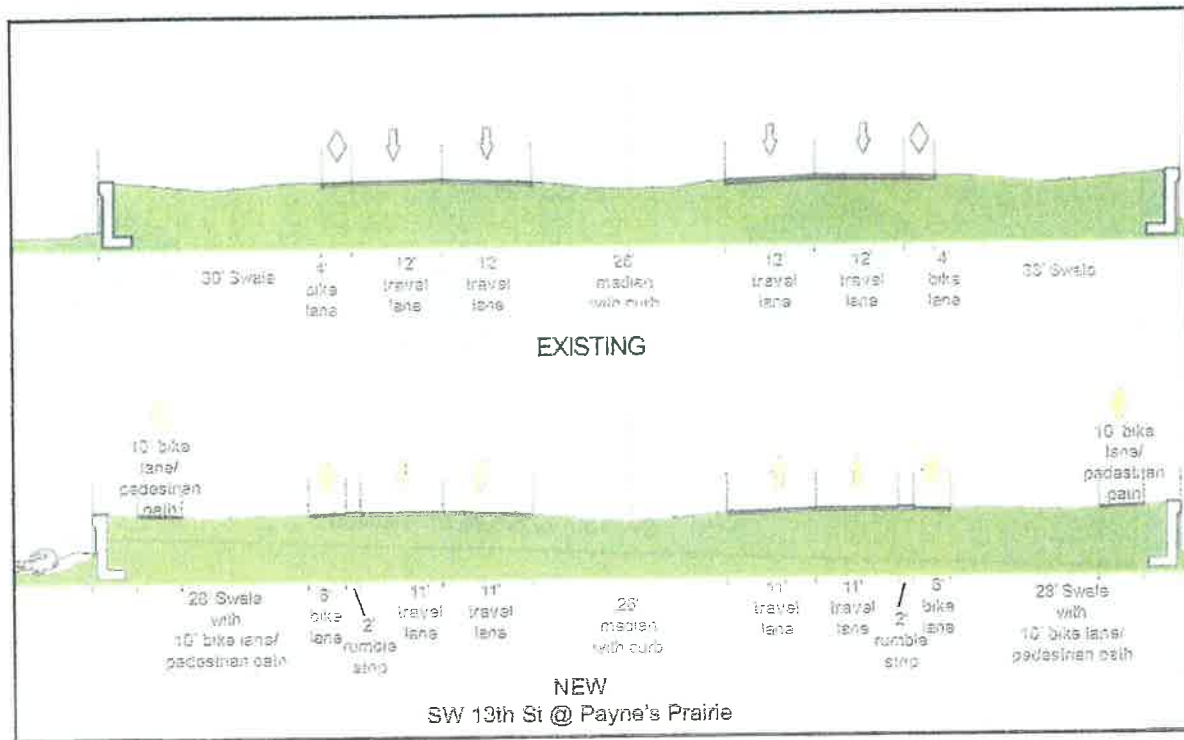
### Between Williston Road and Payne's Prairie

Here the existing condition features an approximate 160' ROW of no curb and gutter consisting of:

- 50' swale/planting strip
- No sidewalk
- 4' bike lane
- Two 12' travel lanes (in each direction)
- 26' median
- 4' bike lane
- No sidewalk
- 27' swale

The new configuration would consist of:

- Reduce swale to 48'
- Create sidewalk/bike path to 10' (20' off edge of pavement, which meanders slightly through appropriately landscaped swale area)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Reduce travel lanes to 11' lanes (in each direction)
- Maintain 26' median (appropriately landscaped)
- Widen bike lane to 8'
- Reduce planting strip to 25' appropriately landscaped
- Create 10-foot-wide sidewalk



### Through Payne's Prairie

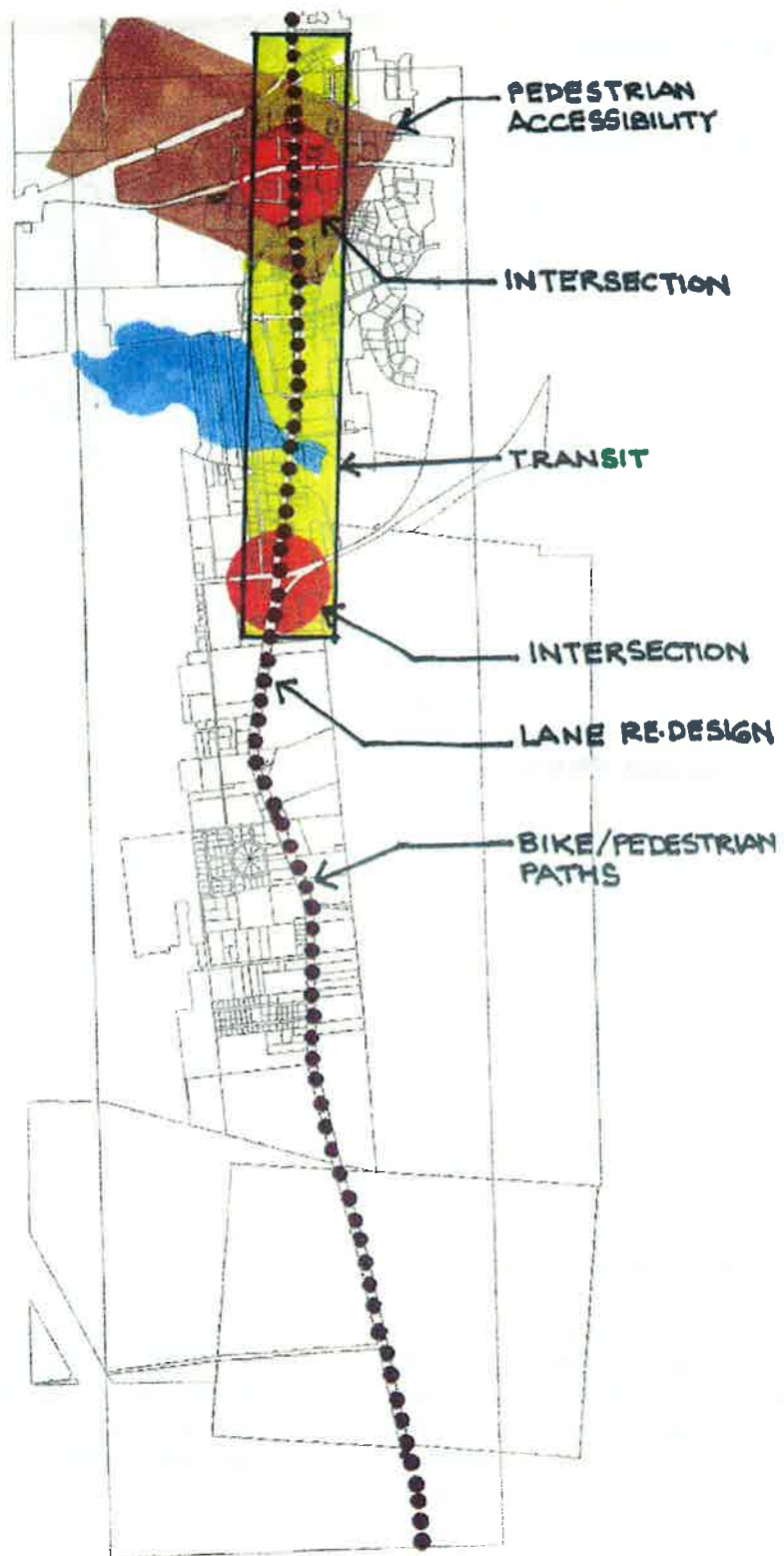
Here the existing condition features an approximate 145' ROW with no curb and gutter bound by two elevated retaining walls consisting of:

- 30' swale
- No sidewalk
- 4' bike lane
- Two 12' travel lanes (in each direction)
- 26' median
- 4' bike lane
- No sidewalk
- 33' swale

The new configuration would consist of:

- Reduce swale to 28'
- Create sidewalk/bike path to 10' (10' off edge of pavement, which proceeds straight through the non-landscaped swale area)
- Widen bike lane to 6'
- Create 2' rumble strip
- Reduce travel lanes to 11' lanes (in each direction)
- Maintain 26' median (non-landscaped)
- Create 2' rumble strip
- Widen bike lane to 6'
- Reduce swale to 28' (non-landscaped)
- Create sidewalk/ bike path to 10'





*Proposed transportation network*

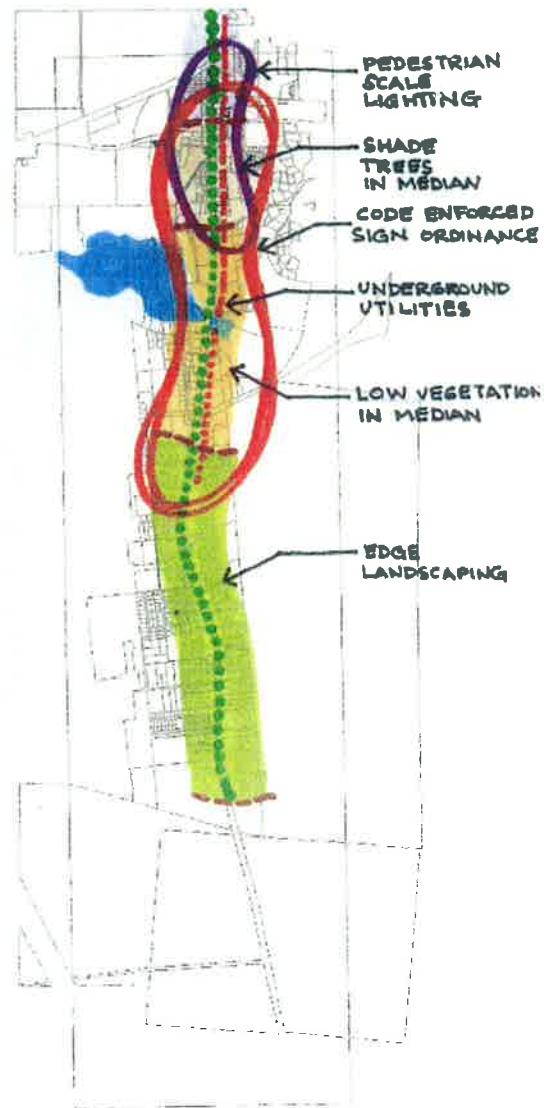
## Beautification

One of the major issues addressed in the corridor is its look and feel. Currently, the corridor has landscaping that is inconsistent, out of character and in need of improvement. The poor edge conditions are a direct result of: unattractive above-ground utilities; ROW violations and encroachments by property owners' landscape treatments, automobiles, newspaper boxes and signs; the lack of pedestrian lighting; and inconsistent pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In general, there is a lack of uniformity particularly in the northern section of the corridor.

The City has written an FDOT Beautification Grant to make corridor improvements, though it has not been submitted. If the application is approved by FDOT, the agency will require that curbs be added to the median for trees greater than a certain size.

Fortunately, there are examples of beautification efforts by the private sector. Tree-lined street edges, for example, outside the public ROW, are a positive influence on the corridor and should be maintained.

Beautification can be accomplished through a combination of landscaping, undergrounding utilities, preventing ROW encroachments and providing appropriate style lighting. Coordinating of issues dealing with ROW encroachments should be initiated immediately with the property owners along the corridor. The general approach to landscaping would be formal edges and medians with large-scale canopy trees along the more urban portion



*Proposed beautification enhancements*

of the roadway, medians with smaller-scale canopy trees along the more rural portion of the roadway from 25<sup>th</sup> Place to Williston Road, medians with lower hedges between Williston Road and Payne's Prairie, and no changes through the Prairie.

## Landscaping

- Approve and Submit Beautification Grant
  - *Shade Trees Along Edges and Median (City)*
  - *Smaller Native Trees in Median, Existing Edge Condition (Transitional)*
  - *Native Vegetation Protecting Pedestrian/bike Path (Rural/Town/Nature)*
- Coordinate with FDOT Prior to Submittal

## Enforce Codes

- Coordinate with Property Owners to Prevent ROW Encroachment

## Underground Utilities

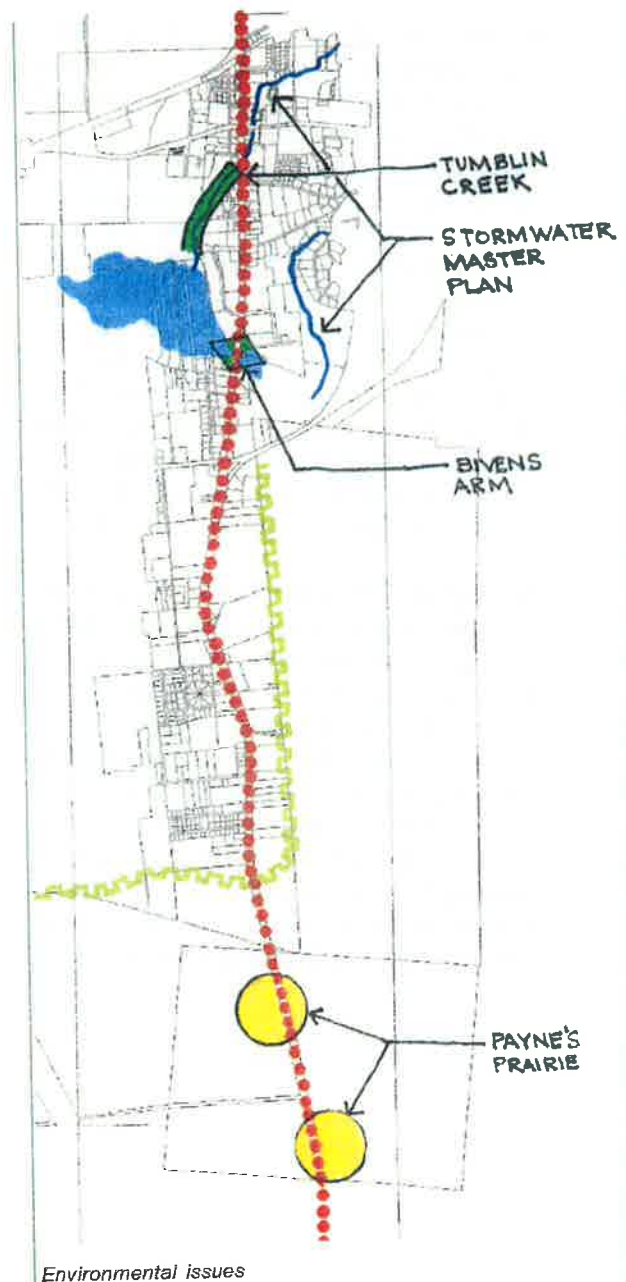
- Assess Useful Life of Existing Utilities
  - *North of Biven's (+, - 25 yr Life Span Remaining)*
  - *South of Biven's (+, - 10-15 yr Life Span Remaining)*
  - *Seek Partners in Funding*

## Sign Ordinance

- Single Sign, Out of ROW, Height/Material/Colors
  - *Needs to Be Reviewed by Staff*

## Lighting

- Pedestrian Scale
  - *Acom Lights*
  - *60' On Center*
  - *Needs to Be Confirmed by Staff*



Environmental issues

## Land Use

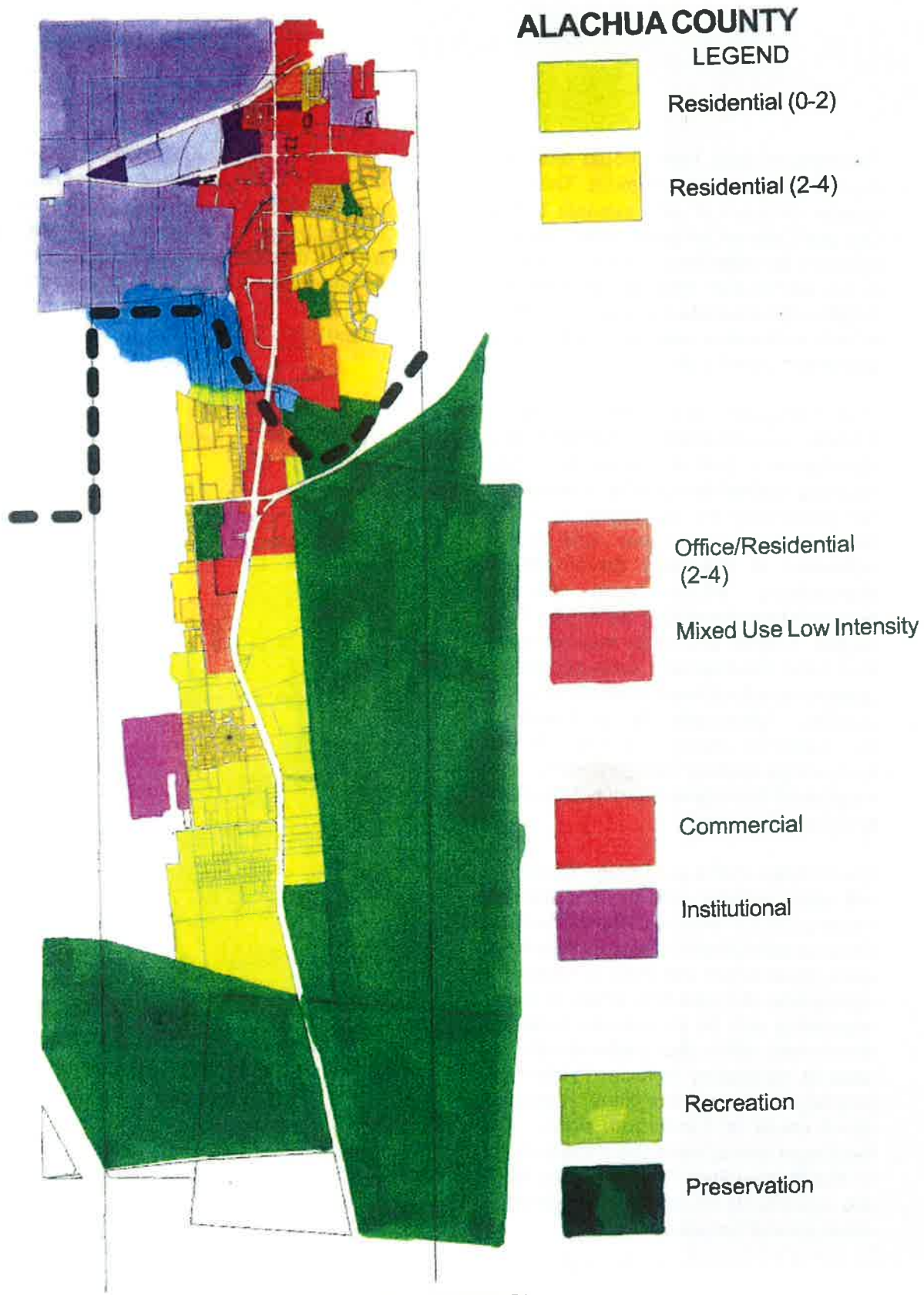
An additional aspect to the overall improvement of the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is the development, design and implementation of appropriate land use codes for the study area. The corridor is currently under a development moratorium, which will end by late November 2002. This aspect of the project is the most logical next step in the entire process because land use is almost completely in the control of both the City and County. Generally this type of effort can be done relatively quickly. It is recommended that the community undertake a Special Area Plan to address the recommendations of this charrette.

Through the interactive public involvement process, several uses were considered desirable or undesirable. Additionally, the desired uses should be applied in a manner that encourages development to focus on limiting the "strip" character that currently exists and promotes a mix of uses and higher densities for residential areas. The following recommendations will help further this effort. This should be scheduled and added or otherwise amended through the special area plan:

- Designate the Area Around Tumblin Creek a Conservation Area.
- Change the Area Surrounding the Corridor Between 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Commercial Medium Intensity to Mixed Use Low Intensity.
- Preserve the Current Large Single Family PD Area on the East side of SW 13th adjacent to Payne's Prairie for the County.
- Change the Williston Activity Center From Residential Low Intensity to Mixed Use Low Intensity.
- Create formal access to Bivins Arm as quality open space along the corridor.

Although several uses are undesired, particularly Sexually Oriented Businesses, there is a legal reason that they exist somewhere in the community. The location of such uses is seen as symptomatic of neglect. An overall change in the Corridor, implemented through recommendations in this report, will mitigate this use.





GENERALIZED FUTURE LAND USE ( ADOPTED)



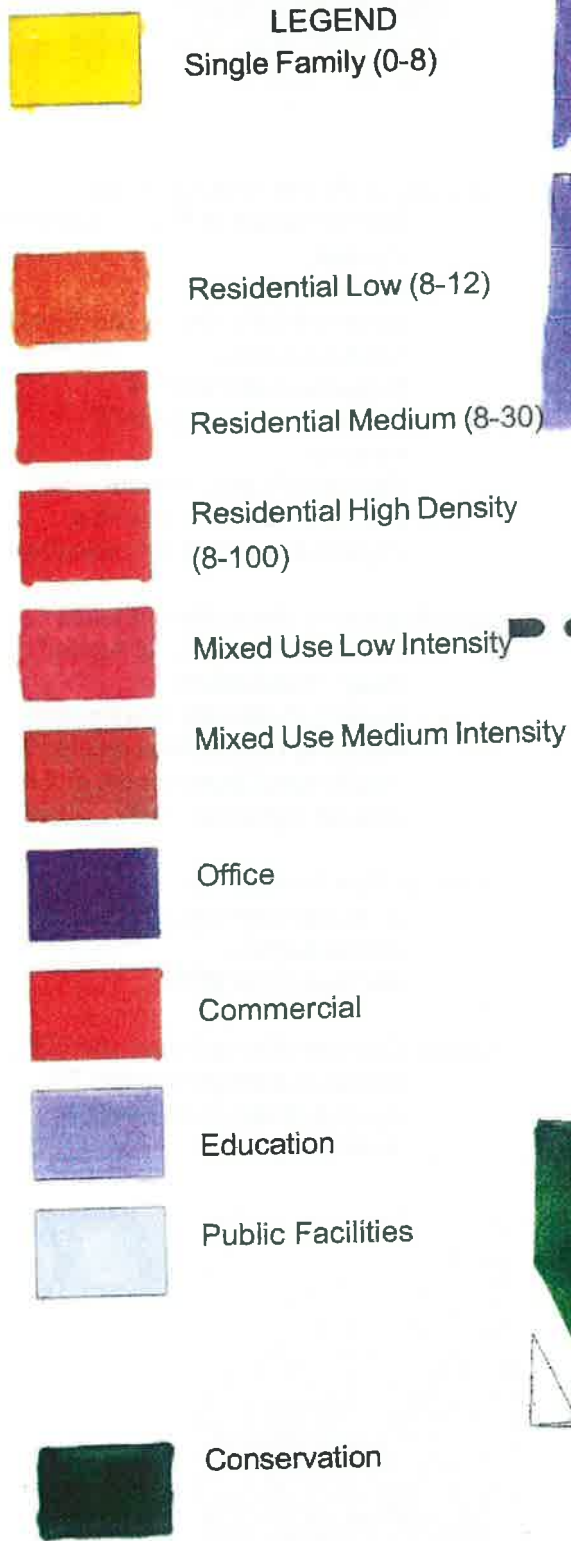
The Special Area Plan should examine acceptable uses for the corridor. This may require changes or amendments to the City and County Comprehensive plans or the Land Development Codes, or be able to be addressed through an overlay. Additionally, the codes should be revisited to limit undesirable uses, and permit more integrated mixed uses.

The Comprehensive Plans' Goals, Objectives and Policies encourage quality development that favors aesthetically pleasing, pedestrian friendly, sustainable development as opposed to strip development. However, this is not reflected in the land development regulations, which have specific requirements restricting setbacks, light angles, heights, and other requirements. The Land Development code should be changed to reflect these pedestrian friendly qualities. Additionally, Design Standards for specific developments should encourage quality development, and emphasize the importance of public space and the public realm.

The Policies, LDR's and Design Standards will apply corridor wide to all properties fronting SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Since the corridor includes both City and County jurisdictions, each government will need to enact the appropriate changes. The effect of these standards will be to provide potential developers with a clear understanding of what is necessary in order to develop property in the corridor, thus, making it much easier and inviting to occur. If a developer cannot meet the standards set by the Special Area Plan, they may have the opportunity to undergo the planned development process.

The issue of banning uses has been addressed. It may not be appropriate or legal to prohibit certain uses. The answer may lie in limiting these uses, developing around them and thereby diluting them. Enhancements of codes, beautification and right of way improvements can accomplish this.

# CITY OF GAINESVILLE



GENERALIZED RECOMMENDED LAND USE

The process for implementation is as follows.

#### Special Area Plan

- Redefine Mixed Use
  - *Integrate, Uses that Relate, Vertical as Well as Horizontal*
- Redefine or Remove Business Tourism Category
- Redefine all other use categories
  - *Eliminate Undesired Uses (to the Extent Possible)*
- Study Removal of PD from Zoning Map for the County
- Focus on Mixed Commercial Areas
- Provide for More Residential Character in the Area South of the Williston Activity Center
- Create Policies that Promote redevelopment
- Examine Appropriate Locations for Mixed use, Commercial and Higher Density Residential
  - *Focus Densities in Activity centers, (16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Williston)*
- Create Policies that Facilitate Desirable Development
- Create Design Standards
- Examine Partnerships with Business Community
- Write a Sexually Oriented Business Separation Distance Ordinance (County)

#### Consider a Market Analysis Study

- SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Regional Market Context
- Market Profile
- Explore Ability, Desire and Cost of Land Assembly
- Examine Solicitation of Developers Through RFP Process
- Examine Public / Private Development Opportunities
- Explore Development Incentives

#### Coordinate with University of Florida

- Examine Possibility of Archer Road modifications
- Explore Possibility and Feasibility of Higher Density Mixed-Use Residential Development in the Ghandy Neighborhood

#### Approve Special Area Plan

- Both City and County Commissions
- By December 2002

#### Modify Comprehensive Plans and LDR's

- Either as Comprehensive Plan Amendments or as LDR Amendments



## Environment

The unifying characteristic of the SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is its position in the natural environment and how that environment meshes with the various degrees of developments. Charrette participants agreed that access to the environment needed to be improved.

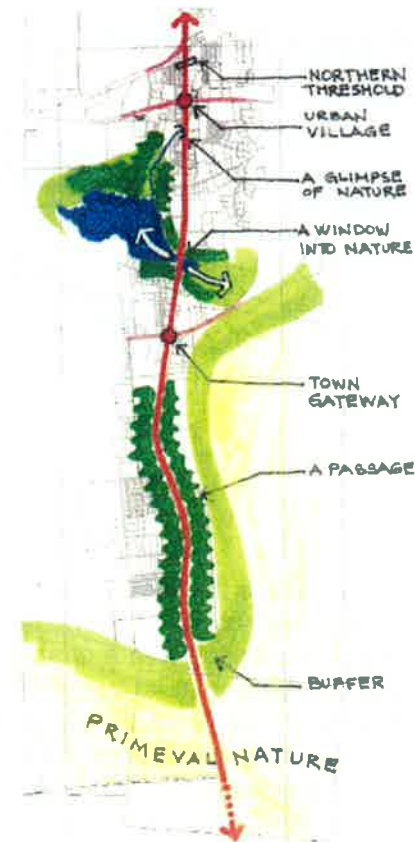
The corridor is situated on a continuum where one passes from an area of primeval nature in Payne's Prairie through controlled nature to a gateway to the built environment at Williston Road. Biven's Arm and Tumblin Creek serve as windows into nature. Improvements here will improve the quality and health of the natural environment, improving the general quality of life of those who live in the community, and economic development opportunities. Four projects have been recommended to help accomplish these goals.

### Payne's Prairie Observation Area

- Create a Covered Observation Deck on the South Bound Northern Quadrant of the Prairie.
- Create Parking Amenities for the Observation Deck
  - *Bicycle racks*
  - *Drinking water*

### Biven's Arm Access

- Implement Bridge Improvements Over the Area
  - *Pedestrian access*
  - *Textured / Colored Bridge Treatment*
  - *Replace Guard Rails with more Aesthetically Pleasing Treatment*
- Develop Boardwalk, Pier and Observation Area on East Side
- Examine Opportunities to Access the Property to the South of the Lake



Environmental issues

- Promote Environmental, Educational, Dining and Recreation uses

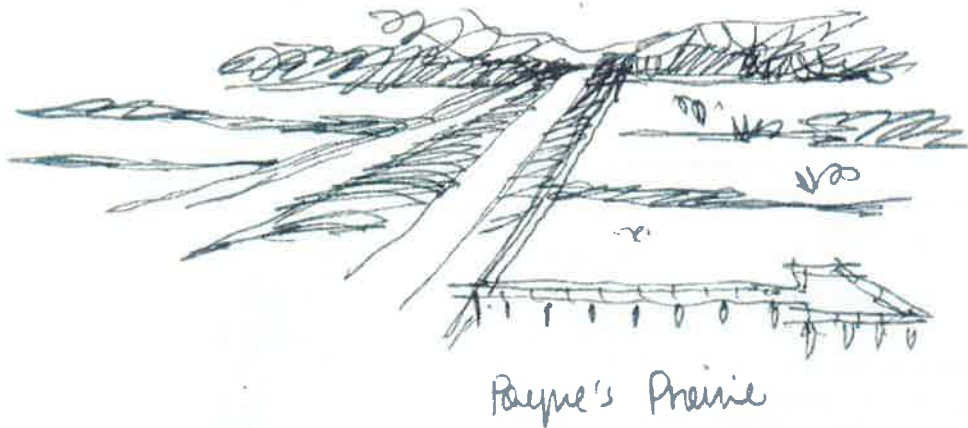
### Tumblin Creek Enhancement

- Coordinate with Water Quality and Environmental Planning Efforts
- Examine De-channelization of Creek
- Examine Restoration to Natural Path
- Enhance Pedestrian Amenities Across and Beside the Creek

### Stormwater Master Plan

- Examine the Corridor's Drainage, Flooding Issues
- Provide Conceptual Costs for Mitigation or Improvements
- Coordinate on a Regional Basis

## Case Studies



In many cases the efforts described above will ultimately combine to form the creation of a new corridor, with a character, look, feel and function all its own. The projects that have examined the corridor in the regional, neighborhood and block context will have defined SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street as an area with several distinct parts. In a way, SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a living organism. The results of subtle changes will be represented slowly over time. To represent what the projects suggested here may look like in the future, several case studies have been created. These include:

- Payne's Prairie: Primeval Nature
- The Williston Road Gateway
- Biven's Arm Crossing: A Moment To Celebrate
- 25<sup>th</sup> Place to Tumblin Creek
- Tumblin Creek Restoration
- The Archer Road: Urban Village

### Payne's Prairie: Primeval Nature

Payne's Prairie is a naturally beautiful environment that needs little enhancement. The addition of one more observation deck and beautification of the existing one with shade and water will add



Enhanced viewing area



Existing condition

enormous value. Adequate bike paths and pedestrian amenities will make utilization of this facility easier and more rewarding.

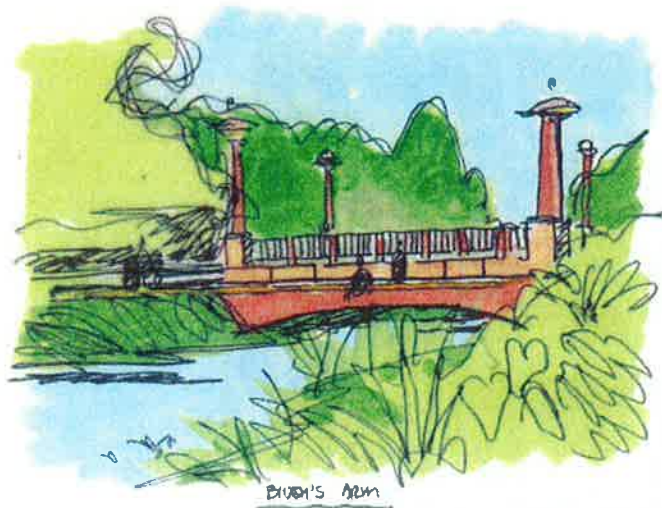




### The Williston Road Gateway

This area will redefine the activity center, changing to a Mixed Use, Low Intensity designation. Building will become closer to the ROW and uses will be integrated vertically. Design standards will enable gas stations to fit seamlessly into the environment while maintaining their

function. An entry feature will act as a gateway and a reconfigured intersection will create a pedestrian friendly area, by which people can utilize the many uses and recreation area, which will have more amenities.



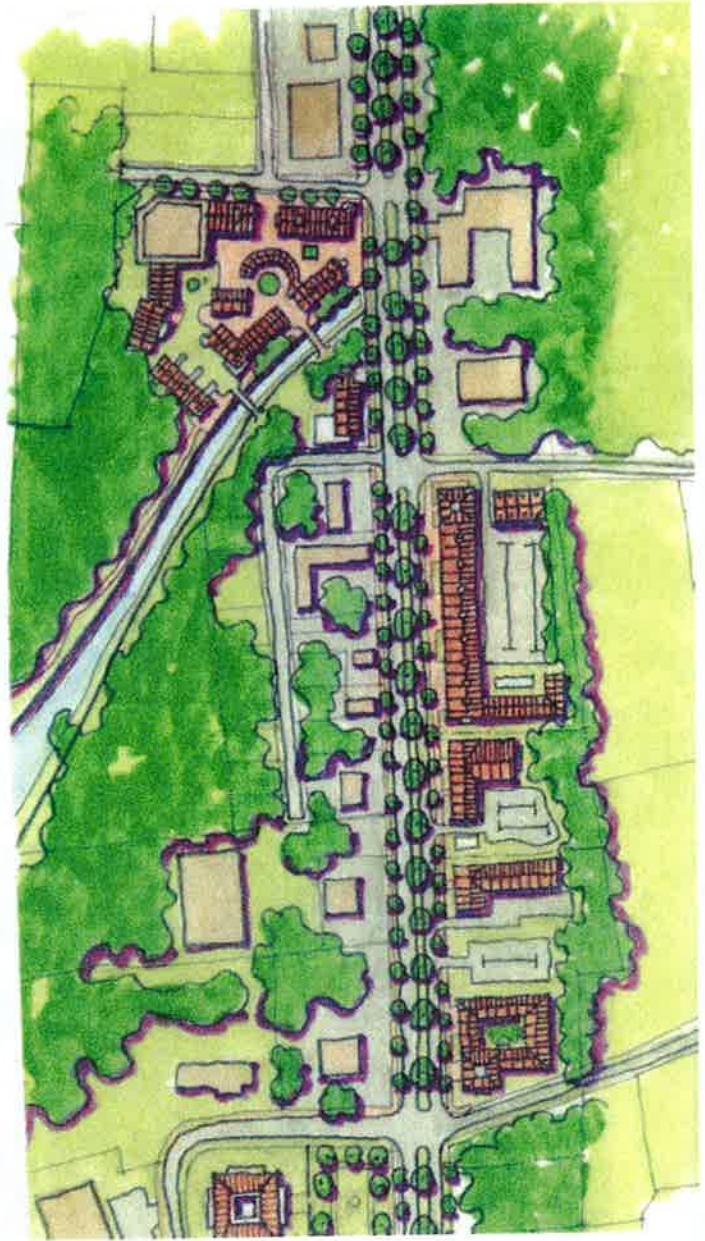
- ENHANCE THE VIEW CORRIDOR TO BIVEN'S ARM
- PROVIDE PEDEST. ACCESS TO WATER'S EDGE
- NEW BRIDGE TO CELEBRATE THE MOMENT OF INTERSECTION OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT & NATURE
- POTENTIAL SITE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, DINING & EDUCATIONAL USES



### Biven's Arm Crossing: A Moment To Celebrate

Biven's Arm is one of the most underutilized areas along the corridor. This wonderful amenity needs to be opened up for all to appreciate. The view can be enhanced and pedestrian access can be provided to the waters edge. The area south of the bridge is a potential site for an environmental center with dining and educational uses. Environmental concerns can be served through a stormwater master plan.





### 25<sup>th</sup> Place to Tumblin Creek

This area can be reconfigured with quality town homes and small-scale local retail with buildings set far off of the ROW. The mix of uses could be vertical in nature, and incentives could be provided for developers to assemble property and build vertically for additional floor area ratio. The maintenance of the pocket park north of the Gainesville Sun is of particular importance.



Photo Rendering AFTER



Photo Rendering BEFORE

### Tumblin Creek Restoration

This is primarily a beautification project that restores one of the Corridor's hidden assets. Unattractive structures will be removed and adequate and attractive lighting will be placed. The concrete culvert can be removed and the creek can be de-

channelized or landscaped as a more natural creek. Through this project the environment will be cleaned and a linear park can be created on the north edge of Biven's Arm Lake, with connections to pedestrian paths to the campus.



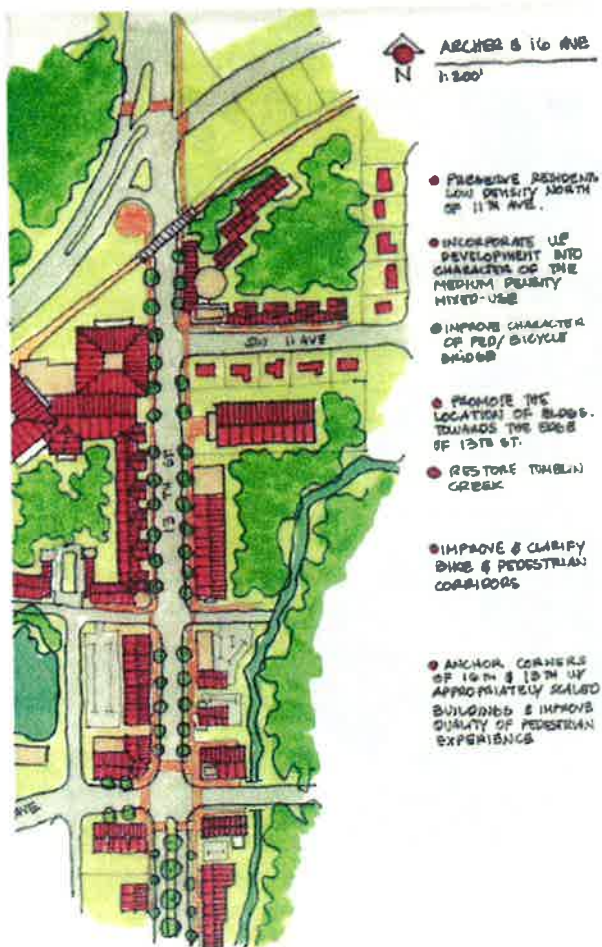


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### The Archer Road: Urban Village

As the corridor becomes more urban this area can be characterized by mixed use retail. Pedestrian needs will be accommodated with adequate sidewalks and crossings. Residential opportunities will be enhanced through transit oriented development, landscape features, bus shelters and access to the hospital and campus.



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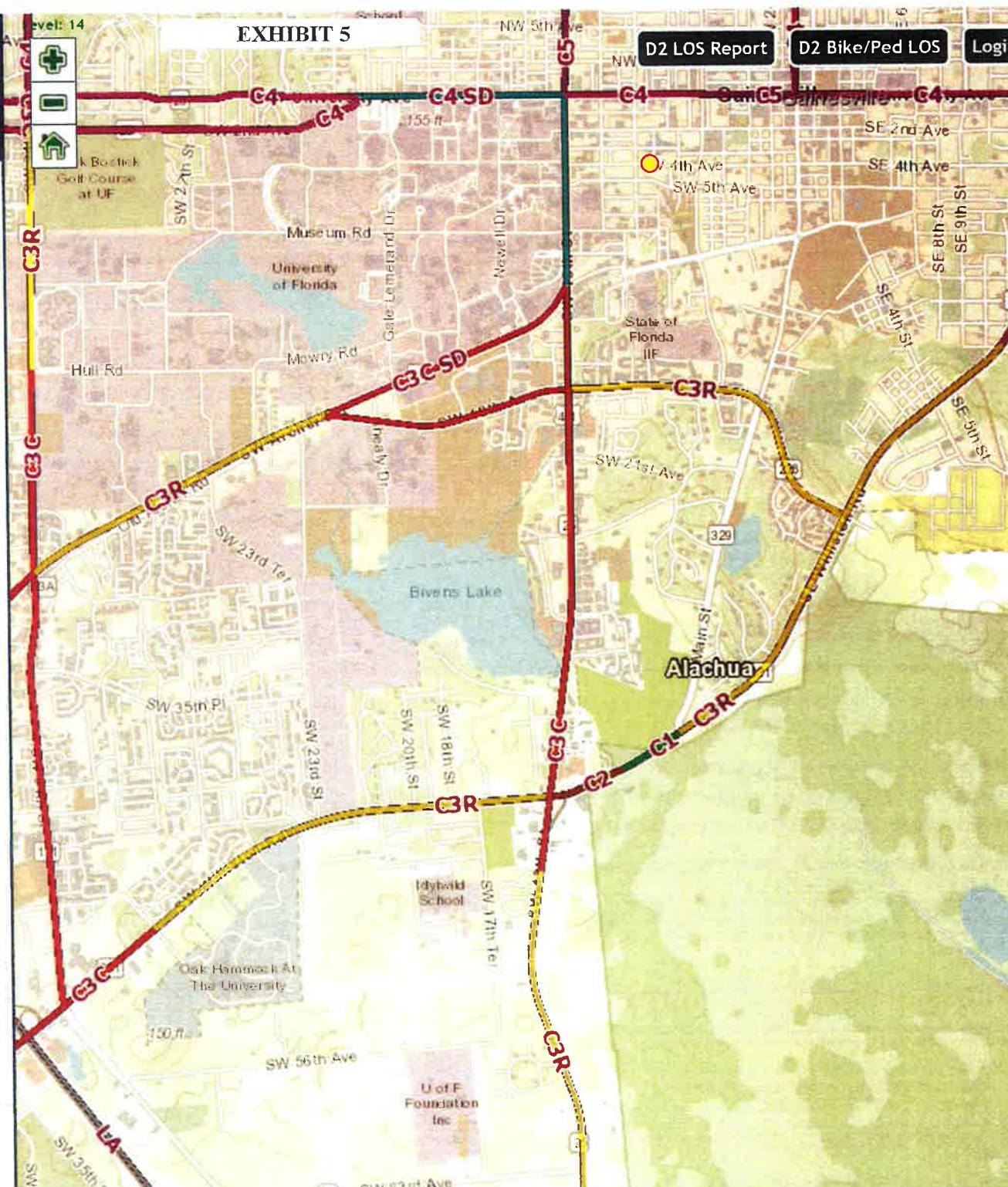
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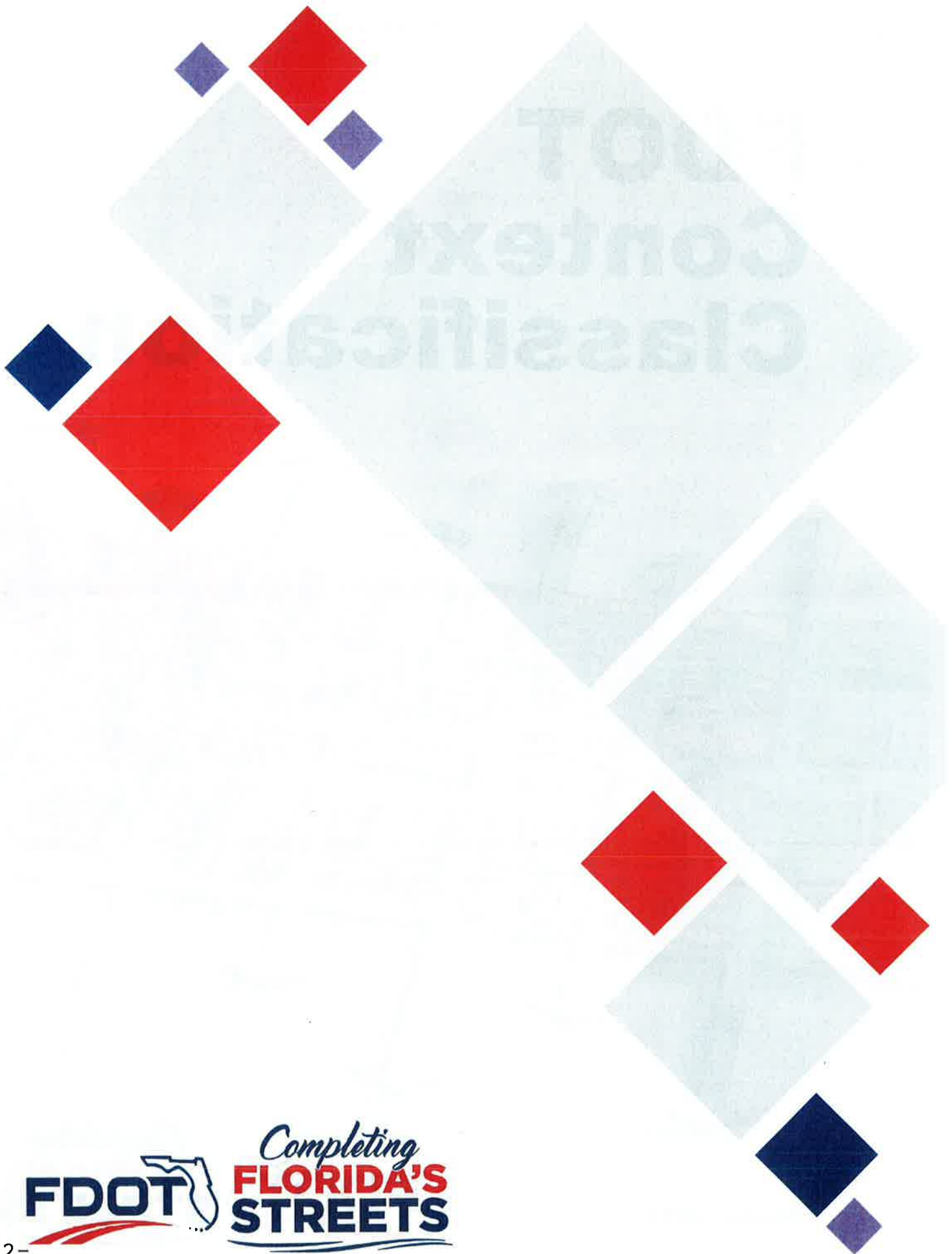




# FDOT Context Classification



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FDOT will routinely plan, design, construct, reconstruct and operate a context-sensitive system of Complete Streets. To this end, a context classification system comprising eight context classifications has been adopted. The context classification of a roadway, together with its transportation characteristics, will provide information about who the users are along the roadway, the regional and local travel demand of the roadway, and

the challenges and opportunities of each roadway user (see Figure 1). The context classification and transportation characteristics of a roadway will determine key design criteria for all non-limited-access state roadways.

This document describes the measures to be used to determine the context classification of a roadway.

FIGURE 1 CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION AND TRANSPORTATION CHARACTERISTICS





## CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION

The context classification system broadly identifies the various built environments existing in Florida, as illustrated in Figure 2. State roadways will extend through a variety of context classifications. Figure 2 should not be taken literally to imply all roadways will have every context classification or that context classifications occur in the sequence shown. FDOT's context classification system describes the general characteristics of the land use, development patterns, and roadway connectivity along a roadway, providing cues as to the types of uses and user groups that will likely utilize the roadway. The context classification

of a roadway will inform FDOT's planning, PD&E, design, construction, and maintenance approaches to ensure that state roadways are supportive of safe and comfortable travel for their anticipated users. Identifying the context classification is a step in planning and design, as different context classifications will have different design criteria and standards.

The use of context classifications to determine criteria for roadway design elements is consistent with national best practices and direction, including the National Cooperative Highway Research Program

FIGURE 2 FDOT CONTEXT CLASSIFICATIONS





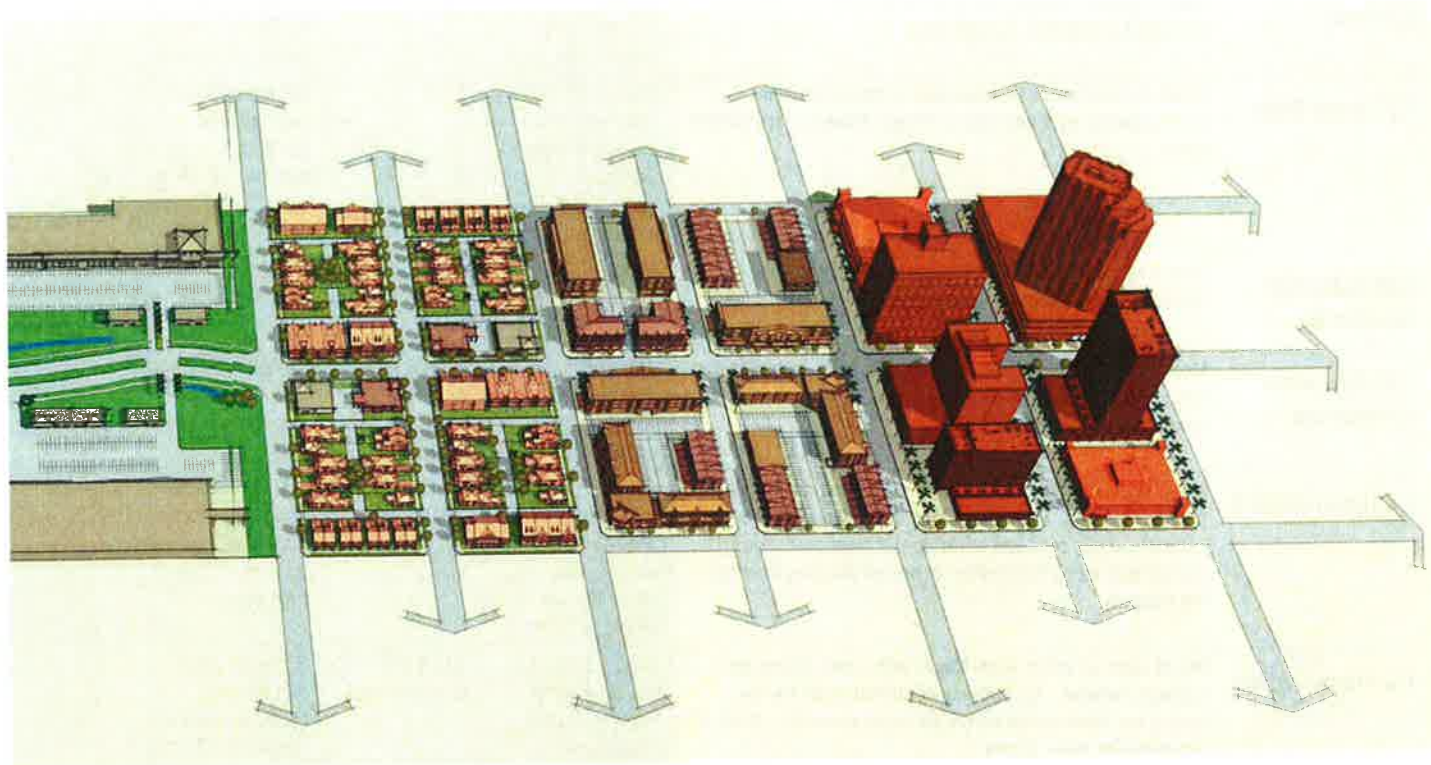
(NCHRP) that informs Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidance.

**NCHRP Report 855: An Expanded Functional Classification System for Highways and Streets**

proposes a similar context-based approach to design that incorporates context, user needs, and transportation functions into the design process. This research was born out of a need to better define contexts beyond urban and rural classifications, and to incorporate multimodal needs into the existing functional classification system.

This document outlines the steps to determine a roadway's context classification. Measures used to determine the context classification are presented, and a process to define the context classification is outlined for:

- All projects on existing roadways and for projects that propose new roadways and are in the PD&E or design phases
- Projects evaluating new roadways in the planning and ETDM screening phases



**C3C-Suburban Commercial**

Mostly non-residential uses with large building footprints and large parking lots within large blocks and a disconnected or sparse roadway network.

**C4-Urban General**

Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. May extend long distances. The roadway network usually connects to residential neighborhoods immediately along the corridor or behind the uses fronting the roadway.

**C5-Urban Center**

Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. Typically concentrated around a few blocks and identified as part of a civic or economic center of a community, town, or city.

**C6-Urban Core**

Areas with the highest densities and building heights, and within FDOT classified Large Urbanized Areas (population >1,000,000). Many are regional centers and destinations. Buildings have mixed uses, are built up to the roadway, and are within a well-connected roadway network.

## CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION MATRIX

Table 1 Context Classification Matrix presents a framework to determine the context classifications along state roadways. This Context Classification Matrix outlines (1) distinguishing characteristics, (2) primary measures, and (3) secondary measures.

The distinguishing characteristics give a broad description of the land use types and street patterns found within each context classification. The primary and secondary measures provide more detailed assessments of the existing or future conditions along the roadway. These measures can be evaluated through a combination of a field visit, internet-based

TABLE 1 CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION MATRIX

Context Classification	(1) Distinguishing Characteristics	(2) Primary Measures		
		Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement
		Description	Floor Levels	Description
C1-Natural	Lands preserved in a natural or wilderness condition, including lands unsuitable for settlement due to natural conditions.	Conservation Land, Open Space, or Park	N/A	N/A
C2-Rural	Sparsely settled lands; may include agricultural land, grassland, woodland, and wetlands.	Agricultural or Single-Family Residential	1 to 2	Detached buildings with no consistent pattern of setbacks
C2T-Rural Town	Small concentrations of developed areas immediately surrounded by rural and natural areas; includes many historic towns.	Retail, Office, Single-Family or Multi-Family Residential, Institutional, or Industrial	1 to 2	Both detached and attached buildings with no or shallow (<20') front setbacks
C3R-Suburban Residential	Mostly residential uses within large blocks and a disconnected or sparse roadway network.	Single-Family or Multi-Family Residential	1 to 2, with some 3	Detached buildings with medium (20' to 75') front setbacks
C3C-Suburban Commercial	Mostly non-residential uses with large building footprints and large parking lots within large blocks and a disconnected or sparse roadway network.	Retail, Office, Multi-Family Residential, Institutional, or Industrial	1 (retail uses) and 1 to 4 (office uses)	Detached buildings with large (>75') setbacks on all sides
C4-Urban General	Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. May extend long distances. The roadway network usually connects to residential neighborhoods immediately along the corridor or behind the uses fronting the roadway.	Single-Family or Multi-Family Residential, Institutional, Neighborhood Scale Retail, or Office	1 to 3, with some taller buildings	Both detached and attached buildings with no setbacks or up to medium (<75') front setbacks
C5-Urban Center	Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. Typically concentrated around a few blocks and identified as part of a civic or economic center of a community, town, or city.	Retail, Office, Single-Family or Multi-Family Residential, Institutional, or Light Industrial	1 to 5, with some taller buildings	Both detached and attached buildings with no or shallow (<20') front setbacks
C6-Urban Core	Areas with the highest densities and building heights, and within FDOT classified Large Urbanized Areas (population >1,000,000). Many are regional centers and destinations. Buildings have mixed uses, are built up to the roadway, and are within a well-connected roadway network.	Retail, Office, Institutional, or Multi-Family Residential	>4, with some shorter buildings	Mostly attached buildings with no or minimal (<10') front setbacks

More information on measures with undefined thresholds (N/As) are included in Appendix B. The thresholds presented in Table 1 are based on the following sources, with modifications made based on Florida case studies:

1) [2008 Smart Transportation Guidebook: Planning and Designing Highways and Streets that Support Sustainable and Livable Communities](#), New Jersey Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation;

aerial and street view imagery, map analysis, and review of existing or future land use or existing zoning information. The Context Classification Matrix presents the primary and secondary measures thresholds for the eight context classifications.

Appendix A illustrates the eight FDOT context classifications through case studies. These case studies present examples of real-world values for the primary and secondary measures that determine a roadway's context classification.

					(3) Secondary Measures			
Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity			Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/ Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
		Intersection Density	Block Perimeters	Block Length				
Yes/No	Description	Intersections/ Square Mile	Feet	Feet	Dwelling Units/ Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No	N/A	<20	N/A	N/A	<1	N/A	<2	N/A
Yes	Mostly on side or rear; occasionally in front	>100	<3,000	<500	>4	>0.25	N/A	>2
No	Mostly in front; occasionally in rear or side	<100	N/A	N/A	1 to 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
No	Mostly in front; occasionally in rear or side	<100	>3,000	>660	N/A	<0.75	N/A	N/A
Yes	Mostly on side or rear; occasionally in front	>100	<3,000	<500	>4	N/A	>5	>5
Yes	Mostly on side or rear; occasionally in front, or in shared off-site parking facilities	>100	<2,500	<500	>8	>0.75	>10	>20
Yes	Side or rear; often in shared off-site garage parking	>100	<2,500	<660	>16	>2	>20	>45

- 2) [2012 Florida TOD Guidebook](#), Florida Department of Transportation;
- 3) [2009 SmartCode Version 9.2](#), Duany, Andres, Sandy Sorlien, and William Wright; and
- 4) [2010 Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach](#), Institute of Transportation Engineers and Congress for the New Urbanism.



## DETERMINING CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION

The distinguishing characteristics and primary and secondary measures provide analytical measurements to evaluate land use characteristics, development patterns, and roadway connectivity and to determine context classification. The data available to characterize existing and future contexts will vary depending on the specificity of the roadway alignments being considered. Many projects conducted by FDOT occur along existing corridors where a single alignment is being considered. The range of alternatives for new roadways also narrows to a single alignment alternative as projects proceed from planning through PD&E and design. In planning and ETDM screening for existing roadways, and in PD&E and design for new roadways, it is possible to analyze both the existing and future conditions to determine or update context classification of a roadway. For projects involving new roadways in planning and ETDM screening, multiple alternative alignments may be considered over larger areas. For these latter type of projects, a broader understanding of the context classification will be used to inform the planning process and development of alternatives.

### Context Classification Database:

Projects will be assigned a context classification to utilize context-based criteria in the **FDM**. FDOT will develop a database of context classification for all state roadways. Initially, districts will evaluate and map context classification as projects occur, while working to complete a statewide database of context classification. The context classification evaluations completed for the statewide database will utilize available data and information on existing built conditions. As FDOT projects are conducted, these initial evaluations will be updated or confirmed based on current data, as well as future conditions, as discussed later in this document. FDOT districts may choose to prioritize the evaluation of context classifications for roadway segments with planned and programmed projects. Each FDOT district's Planning or Modal Development office, as deemed appropriate by each district, will take the lead on evaluating and determining context classification on state roadways. FDOT's context classification database may eventually be stored in an integrated roadway asset identification system, such as the FDOT Enterprise Application RCI, as well as the straightline diagram and the typical section data sheet.

The context classification will be updated or confirmed at the beginning of each project phase, including planning, PD&E, and design. Each district can assign staff who will oversee the determination of context classification. It is recommended that an interdisciplinary team within each district help determine the context classification. For projects where FDOT currently coordinates with local governments, FDOT will coordinate with those local governments to confirm context classification. The final determination of context classification will be made by FDOT district staff. For smaller projects, such as traffic operations push-button projects, the context classification may be determined without additional local coordination (see Chapter 3 for more information). Refer to the **Public Involvement Handbook**, **FDM**, **PD&E Manual**, and **Project Management Handbook** for guidance on local government coordination.

### Steps for Determining Context Classification

The steps for determining the context classification include:

#### 1. Identify Major Changes in Context

Use the distinguishing characteristics based on the Context Classification Matrix to determine if multiple context classifications are necessary due to significant changes in the type or intensity of uses located along the roadway. Where a block structure is present, a context classification segment may be as short as two blocks in length. Where there is no defined block structure, a context classification segment may be as short as a quarter-mile in length.

#### 2. Evaluate the Primary Measures

A roadway segment must meet a majority of the primary measures defined for a context classification in order to be assigned that context classification. Table 2 describes the primary measures, methodology, and data sources associated with each measure. For the primary measures, two measurement areas — the block and the parcel — are used, as explained in Figures 3 and 4. The measurement areas used for each measure are identified in Table 2. Figure 5 through Figure 9 provide guidance for evaluating some of the primary measures.

FDOT evaluation of each segment identified in Step 1 can be done using the primary measures based on



existing conditions or updated with future context if needed. Qualifying projects in all phases for existing roadways will be evaluated using the future context of the primary measures. The future context should be clearly documented in a well-defined, community-supported and implementation-focused plan or in policies such as the land use element of the local comprehensive plan, zoning overlays, form-based codes, community redevelopment plans, or permitted development plans.

### Qualifying Projects:

Roadway project types that qualify for ETDM screening, per the **ETDM Manual** Section 2.3.1 include:

- Additional through lanes which add capacity to an existing road
- A new roadway, freeway or expressway
- A highway which provides new access to an area
- A new or reconstructed arterial highway (e.g., realignment)
- A new circumferential or belt highway that bypasses a community
- Addition of interchanges or major interchange modifications to a completed freeway or expressway (based on coordination with FHWA)
- A new bridge which provides new access to an area, bridge replacements

### Non-qualifying Projects:

Projects that do not go through ETDM screening.

The future desired conditions should be consistently documented across all appropriate local policies and should be well-understood and accepted by local stakeholders. In short, the future conditions should be those that are predictable and that will occur over an anticipated timeframe rather than visionary plans or broad goals and ideas that do not have a clear timeline for actual implementation. Use of a form-based code is one indicator that significant community discussion occurred on a future vision, and that future development is more likely to result based on the adopted form-based code. The District Secretary will make the determination of future context classification in situations where the the future context may be in doubt.



*The two photos above are from the same roadway and illustrate an example of a high volume roadway that balances the needs of freight traffic, transit, and pedestrians and bicyclists of varying abilities. The corridor includes a shared use path, bicycle lanes, bus pull-outs, bus shelters with benches, and other amenities. Location: US 98, Polk County, FL. Source: KAI*

### 3. Evaluate the Secondary Measures

In most cases primary measures are sufficient to understand and determine a roadway's context classification. Secondary measures can be used to further understand the context when there is no clear consensus on the context classification based on the primary measures. Secondary measures are also useful in cases where local municipalities have adopted a future vision for a place that is not consistent with the existing context classification. Table 3 describes the secondary measures and the methodology and data sources associated with each measure.

The secondary measures quantify the intensity of development. A roadway segment needs to meet only one of the two criteria, either population density or employment density, to be classified within a context classification. Zoning may show that the local municipality intends for the area to be developed into a more intense development form in the future, and therefore does not meet the existing population and employment densities, but will meet them in the future.

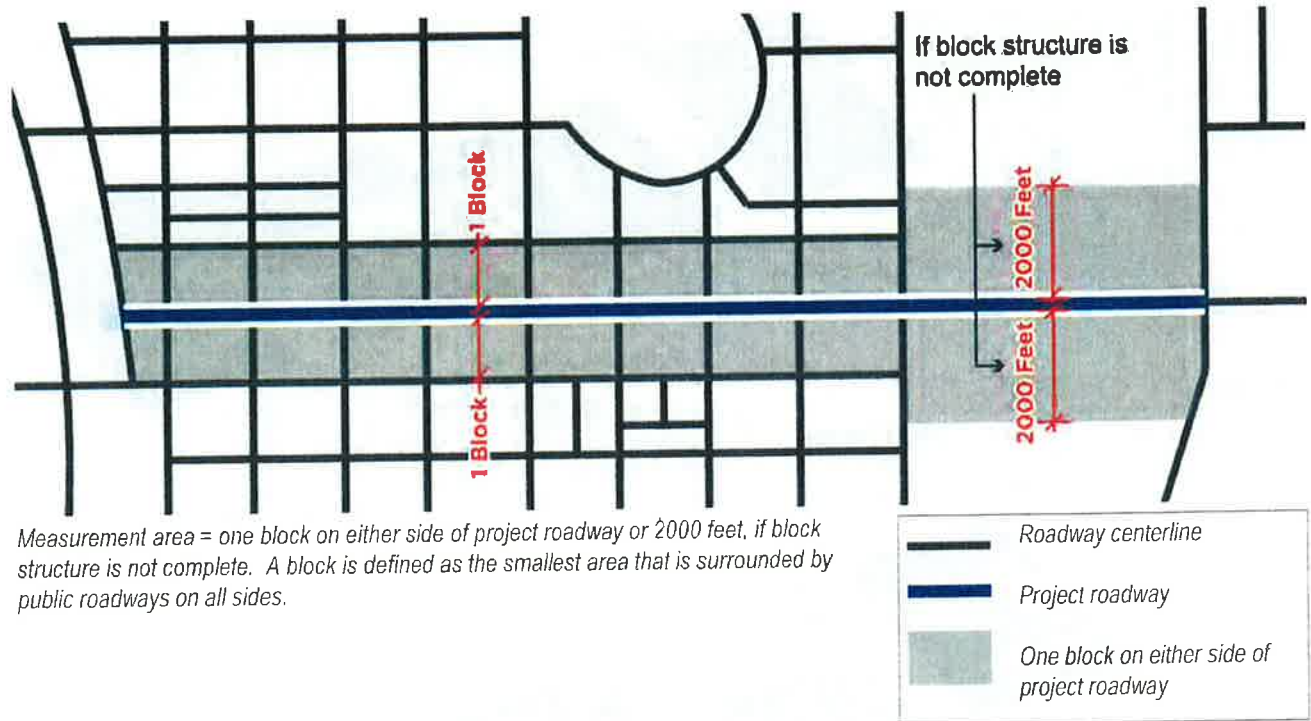
TABLE 2 PRIMARY MEASURES TO DEFINE CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION

Measure	Description	Methodology	Measurement Area*	Data Source**
Land Use	Land use mix for more than 50% of the fronting uses	Record based on existing or future adopted land uses.	Fronting parcels on either side of the roadway	Field review, GIS files, existing or future land use maps
Building Height	The range in height of the buildings for more than 50% of the properties	Record based on existing buildings or future permitted building height requirements based on land development regulations.	Fronting parcels on either side of the roadway	Field review, internet-based aerial and street view imagery, or land development regulations
Building Placement	Location of buildings in terms of setbacks for more than 50% of the parcels	Measure the distance from the building to the property line or future required building placement based on land development regulations (see Figure 5).	Fronting parcels on either side of the roadway	Field review, internet-based aerial and street view imagery, building footprint and parcel GIS files, or land development regulations
Fronting Uses	Buildings that have front doors that can be accessed from the sidewalks along a pedestrian path for more than 50% of the parcels	Record the percentage of buildings that provide fronting uses or site design and lot layout requirements in land development regulations that require fronting uses (see Figure 6).	Fronting parcels on either side of the roadway	Field review or internet-based aerial and street view imagery, or land development regulations
Location of Off-street Parking	Location of parking in relation to the building: between the building and the roadway (in front); on the side of the building; or behind the building	Record location of off-street parking for majority of parcels or parking requirements based on land development regulations (see Figure 7).	Fronting parcels on either side of the roadway	Field review or internet-based aerial and street view imagery, or land development regulations
Roadway Connectivity	Intersection Density	Number of intersections per square mile	Calculate by dividing the total number of intersections by the area of the blocks along both sides of the street, excluding natural features and public parks; consider future roadway connectivity if an approved or permitted development plan is in place (see Figure 8).	The block on either side of the roadway; if the roadway and block structure is not complete, the evaluation area should extend 2000' on either side of the roadway
	Block Perimeter	Average perimeter of the blocks adjacent to the roadway on either side	Measure the block perimeter for the blocks adjacent to the roadway on either side and take the average; consider future roadway connectivity if an approved - permitted development plan is in place (see Figure 9).	The block on either side of the roadway; if the roadway and block structure are not complete, the evaluation area should extend 2000' on either side of the roadway
	Block Length	Average distance between intersections	Measure the distance along the roadway between intersections with a public roadway, on either side, and take the average; consider future roadway connectivity if an approved or permitted development plan is in place (see Figure 9).	Roadway

\* The measurement area applies to each context classification segment. Evaluate each measure for each context classification segment. Where characteristics differ for each side of the street, use the characteristics for the side that would yield the higher context classification.

\*\* Land use, zoning, streets, and other GIS data and maps are available from local government agencies, FDOT Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Database, and regional agencies.

**FIGURE 3** MEASUREMENT AREA: THE BLOCK ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROADWAY



**FIGURE 4** MEASUREMENT AREA: FRONTING PARCELS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROADWAY

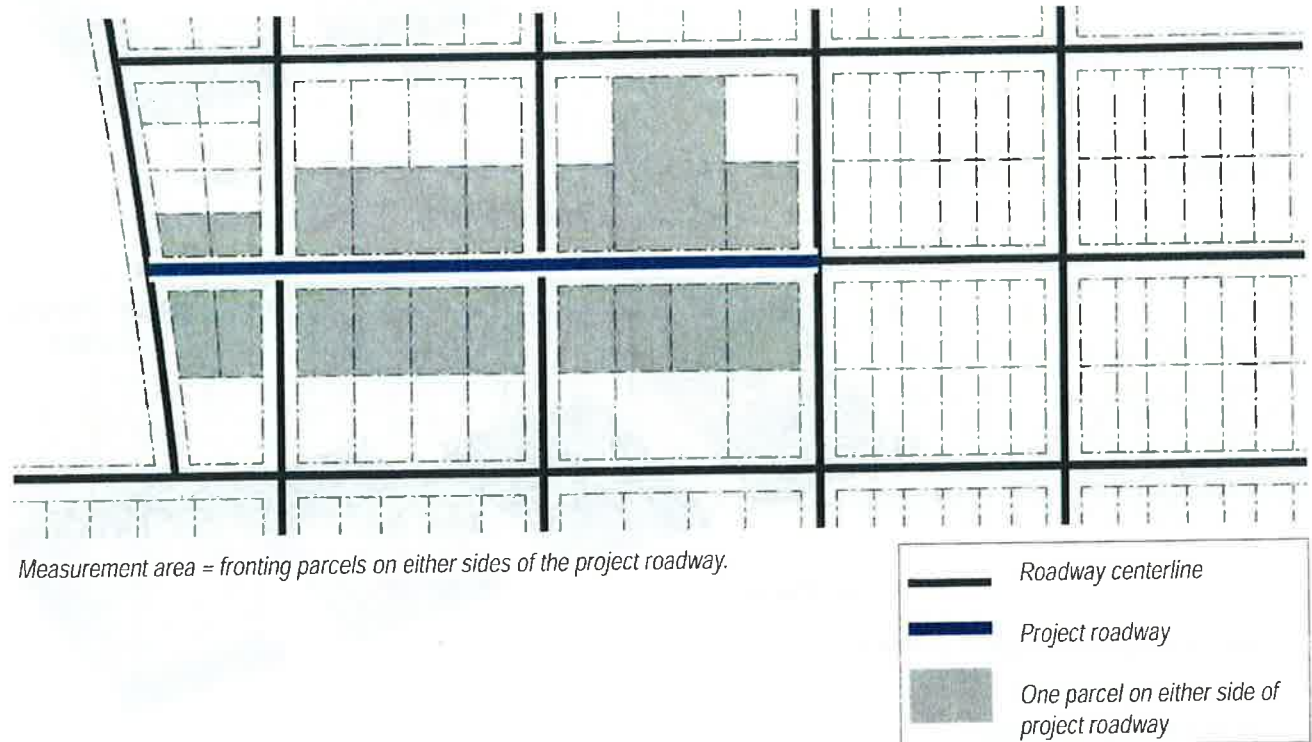




FIGURE 5 BUILDING PLACEMENT

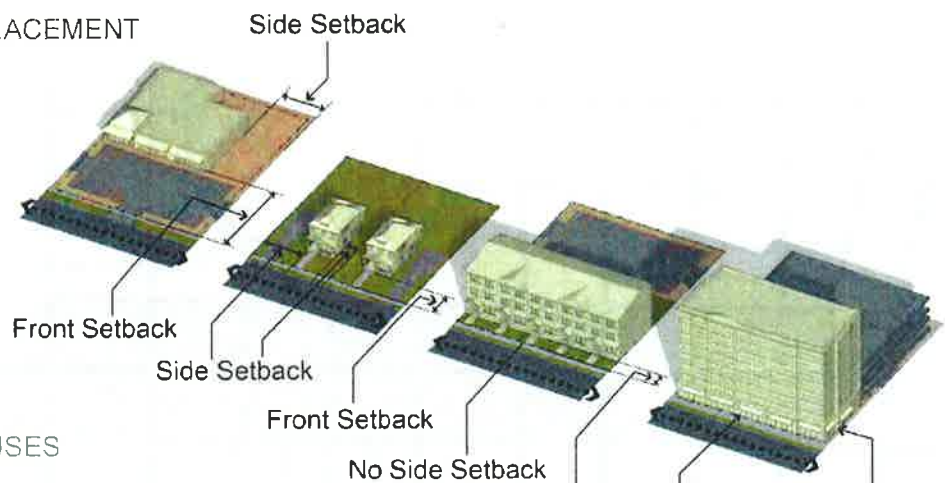


FIGURE 6 FRONTING USES

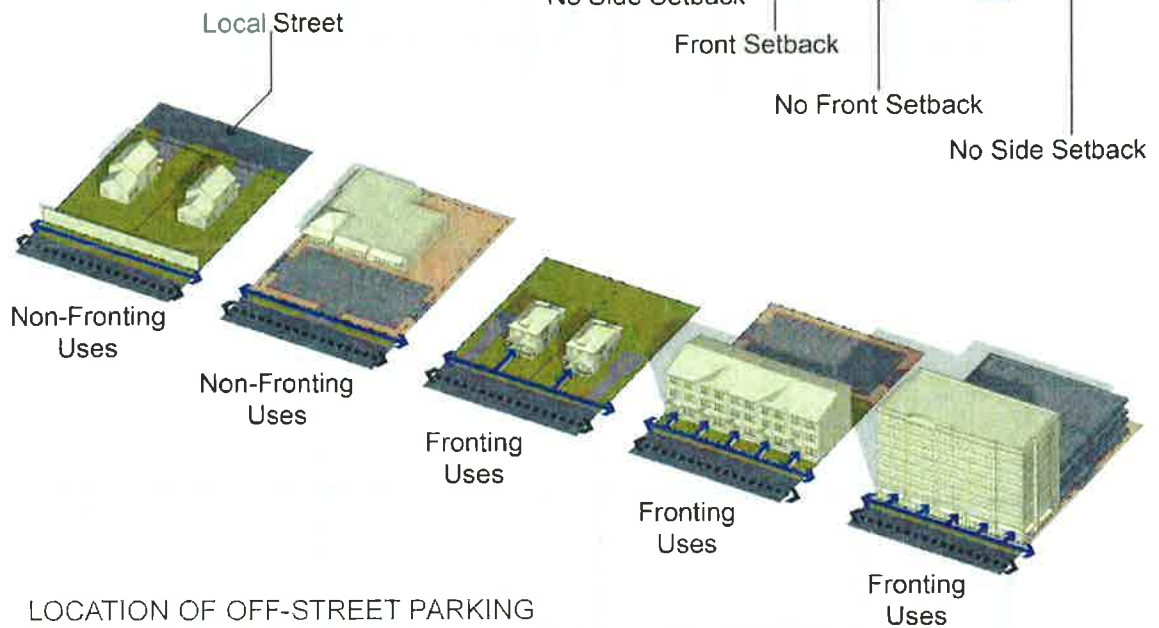


FIGURE 7 LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING

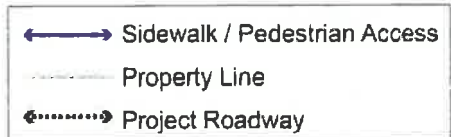
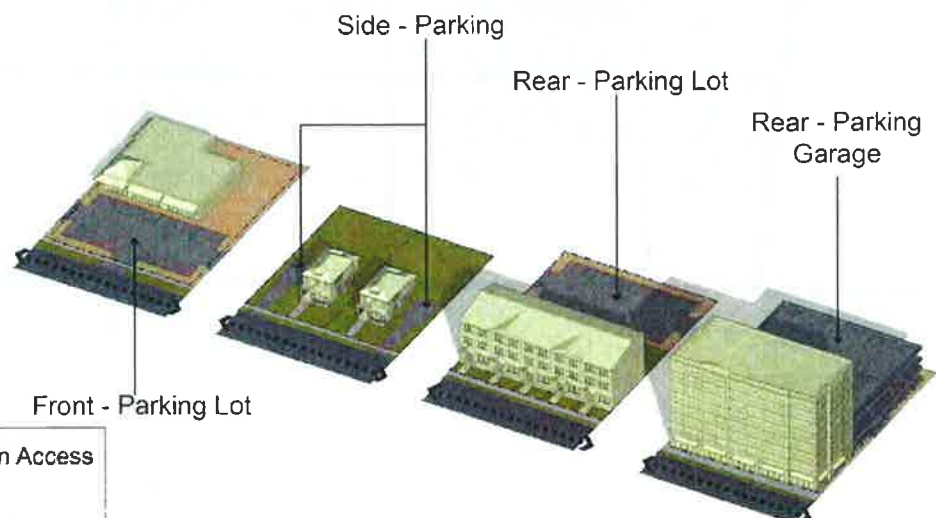




FIGURE 8 INTERSECTION DENSITY

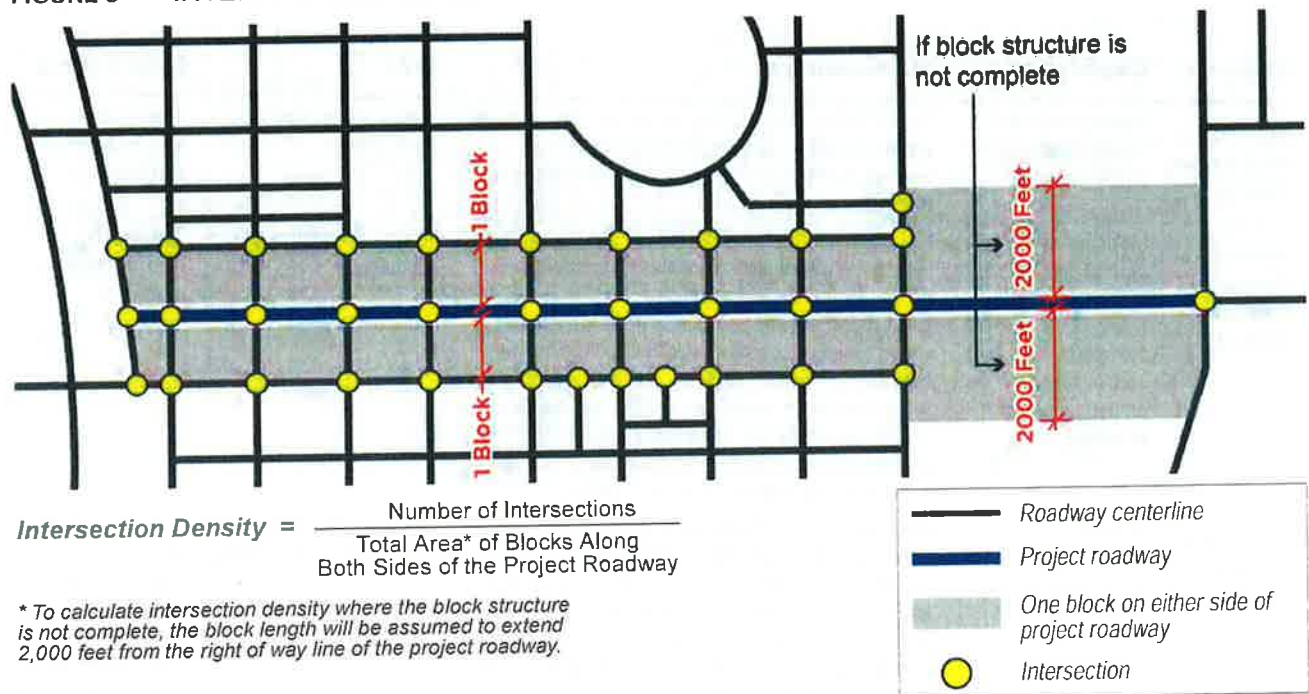


FIGURE 9 BLOCK PERIMETER AND BLOCK LENGTH

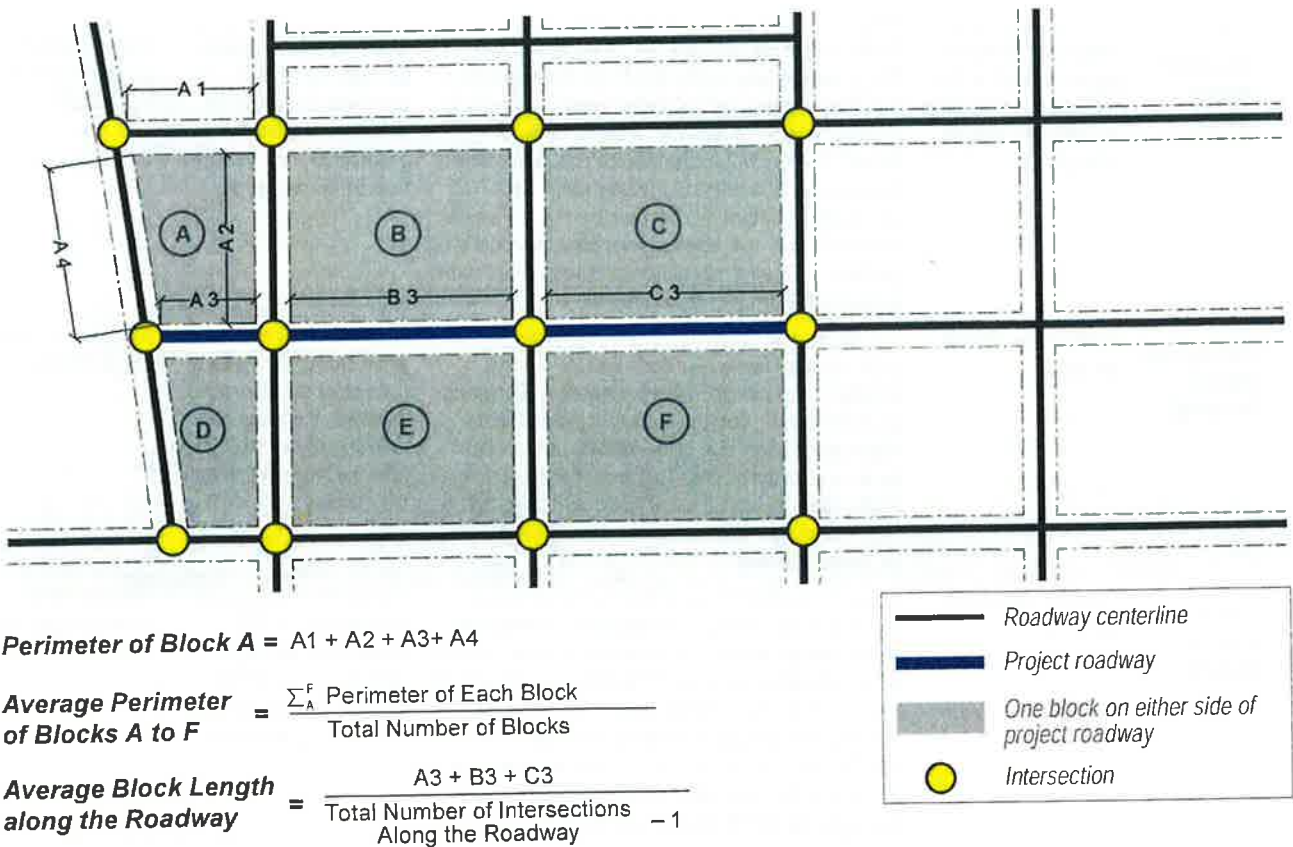


TABLE 3 SECONDARY MEASURES TO DEFINE CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION

Measure	Description	Methodology	Measurement Area	Data Source
<b>Allowed Residential Density</b>	Maximum allowed residential density by adopted zoning	Identify which zoning district the context classification segment is within, and record maximum allowed residential density for that particular zoning district by dwelling units per acre.	Parcels along either side of the roadway	Zoning code, land development regulations
<b>Allowed Office/ Retail Density</b>	Maximum allowed office or retail density in terms of Floor Area Ratio (FAR), or the ratio of the total building floor area to the size of the property on which it is built	Identify which zoning district the context classification segment is within, and record allowed commercial density for that particular zoning district. In some jurisdictions, allowed commercial density might be stated based on specific regulations limiting building height and minimum setbacks. Jurisdictions also regulate minimum parcel size and building area allowed in each zoning district. Maximum allowable FAR for an area can be calculated using site design and height standards (see Appendix C for more details).	Parcels along either side of the roadway	Zoning code, land development regulations
<b>Population Density (existing)</b>	Population per acre based on the census block group	Download census information at the block group level. Divide the population of the census block group by the area of the block group. This area should exclude large natural features and public parks. If the roadway segment is the boundary between two block groups, average the population density of the block groups on either side of the roadway. If the roadway runs through multiple block groups, calculate the population density by the weighted average of roadway within each block group.	Census block group(s) that encompasses the roadway	US Census Bureau decennial data. If the census data is more than 5 years old, the latest American Community Survey data can be used.
<b>Population Density (future)</b>	Projected population per acre based on the regional travel demand model traffic analysis zone (TAZ)	Divide the population of the TAZ by the area of the TAZ. If the roadway segment is the boundary between two TAZs, average the population density of the TAZs on either side of the roadway. If the roadway runs through multiple TAZs, calculate the population density by the weighted average of roadway within each TAZ. Use 20-year forecast number from the regional travel demand model. If a regional travel demand model is not available, use University of Florida Bureau of Economic Research (BEER) population projections.	TAZ(s) that encompasses the roadway. If TAZ population density is not available, use smallest geographic area available from BEBR projections.	Regional travel demand model from MPO, BEBR
<b>Employment Density (existing)</b>	Total number of jobs per acre	Use GIS to map the number of jobs within the blocks adjacent to the roadway utilizing the U.S. Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) website. Sum the number of jobs within the blocks along either side of the roadway, and divide by the area of the blocks. This area should exclude large natural features and public parks. Blocks can be imported as a shapefile or can be manually drawn on the census website.	One block area adjacent to either side of the roadway. If the block structure is not complete, the evaluation area should extend 500 feet from the property line along the roadway.	U.S. Census Bureau LEHD website
<b>Employment Density (future)</b>	Total number of jobs per acre	Divide the number of jobs of the TAZ by the area of the TAZ. If the roadway is the boundary between two TAZs, average the employment density of the TAZs on either side of the roadway. If the roadway runs through multiple TAZs, calculate the employment density by the weighted average of roadway within each TAZ. Use 20-year forecast number from the regional travel demand model. If a regional travel demand model is not available, use BEBR employment projections.	TAZ(s) that encompasses the roadway. If TAZ employment density is not available, use smallest geographic area available from BEBR projections.	Regional travel demand model from MPO, BEBR

## Proposed New Roadways in Planning or ETDM Screening

During planning and ETDM screening for new roadway alignments, a broad understanding of the context classification will be used to inform the planning process. For example, area-wide studies such as the Future Corridors studies would use more general criteria to determine the context classification as compared to a corridor study on an existing roadway for the purposes of defining a concept to be advanced into PD&E or design.

For new roadways in planning and ETDM screening that include multiple alternative alignments, future land use conditions should be used to determine the context classification. The steps for determining the context classification for new roadways in planning or ETDM screening include:

### **1. Identify Major Changes in Context**

Utilize the distinguishing characteristics to determine if multiple context classifications are necessary based on the Context Classification Matrix due to significant changes in the type or intensity of future land uses located along the roadway. The segment lengths should be based on the change in land use or other distinguishing features. Segment lengths can vary and may be as short as two blocks or, where there is no defined block structure, longer than a mile.

### **2. Evaluate the Future Land Use**

Evaluate the land use along the roadway based on the future land use element of the adopted local comprehensive plan using the land use description provided in Table 1.

### **3. Evaluate the Secondary Measures**

Table 3 describes the secondary measures, and the methodology and data sources associated with each measure. Future population and employment densities can be quantified based on the data in the regional travel demand model. If no regional model is available, utilize BEBR estimates for future population and employment projections. A context classification segment only needs to meet one of the two criteria, either population density or employment density, to be classified within a context classification.

For the C3C-Suburban Commercial and C3R-Suburban Residential Context Classifications, population and employment densities vary widely throughout the State. Use the allowed residential and office/retail densities, the distinguishing characteristics, and the future land use listed in the Context Classification Matrix to determine if a roadway is within the C3C-Suburban Commercial or CR3- Suburban Residential Context Classification.

## Bridges and Tunnels

The context classification of a bridge or tunnel should be based on the higher context classification of the segments on either end of the bridge or tunnel.

## Special Districts

Special Districts (SD) are areas that, due to their unique characteristics and function, do not adhere to standard measures identified in the Context Classification Matrix. Examples of SDs include military bases, university campuses, airports, seaports, rail yards, theme parks and tourist districts, sports complexes, hospitals, and freight distribution centers. Due to their size, function, or configuration, SDs will attract a unique mix of users and create unique travel patterns. Planning and engineering judgment must be used to understand users and travel patterns and to determine the appropriate design controls and criteria for streets serving an SD on a case-by-case basis. If an FDOT district believes that an area does not fit within a context classification and an SD designation is required, the district should coordinate that with the State Complete Streets Program Manager.

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTEXT CLASSIFICATIONS AND CNU/SMARTCODE™ TRANSECT SYSTEM

The SmartCode™ is a form-based land development code that incorporates Smart Growth and New Urbanist principles. It is a unified development ordinance, addressing development at all scales of design, from regional planning to building signage. It is based on rural-to-urban transects, rather than separated-use zoning.

FDOT's context classifications generally align with the SmartCode™, with some critical distinctions. The SmartCode™ was developed to describe and codify

desired future visions of development form by local jurisdictions. The key implementation tool for form-based codes is a regulating plan that clearly identifies different transect zones that would guide how future land use development should occur. In contrast, FDOT's context classifications are descriptive, rather than visionary, and therefore include all land areas and types found within the State of Florida, with less local specificity.

The general relationship between the zones used by the transect system and FDOT's context classification is outlined in Table 4.

**TABLE 4** RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FDOT CONTEXT CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE SMARTCODE™ TRANSECT SYSTEM

<b>FDOT Context Classification</b>	<b>SmartCode™ Transect Zone</b>	<b>Description of SmartCode™ Transect Zone</b>
<b>C1 – Natural</b>	T1 - Natural Zone	Lands approximating wilderness conditions
<b>C2 – Rural</b>	T2 - Rural Zone	Sparsely settled lands in open or cultivated states
<b>C2T – Rural Town</b>		No corresponding transect zone; may sometimes be coded as a small T5 or T4 hamlet or village
<b>C3R – Suburban Residential</b>	Coded as Conventional Suburban Development (CSD)	The SmartCode™ does not provide for this type of development pattern
<b>C3C – Suburban Commercial</b>		
FDOT Context Classification does not address this SmartCode™ Transect Zone	T3 - Sub-urban Zone	Lower density, primarily single-family residential with very limited non-residential uses, in a limited dispersion and directly within walking distance of a higher transect. Transect Zone T3 will be considered C4-Urban General
<b>C4 – Urban General</b>	T4 - General Urban Zone	Mixed use but primarily residential urban fabric in a variety of housing types and densities
<b>C5 – Urban Center</b>	T5 - Urban Center Zone	Higher density mixed use buildings that accommodate retail, offices, rowhouses, and apartments
<b>C6 – Urban Core</b>	T6 - Urban Core Zone	Highest density and height, with the greatest variety of uses, and civic buildings of regional importance; some T6 areas may belong to FDOT C5 because of FDOT population requirement
<b>SD – Special District</b>	Special Districts	Areas that, by their intrinsic size, function, or configuration, cannot conform to the requirements of any transect zone or combination of zones



## TRANSPORTATION CHARACTERISTICS

The transportation characteristics define the role of a particular non-limited-access roadway in the transportation system, including the type of access the roadway provides, the types of trips served, and the users served. The transportation characteristics take into consideration regional travel patterns, freight movement, and SIS designation. Together with context classification, they can provide information about who the users are along the roadway, the regional and local travel demand of the roadway, and the challenges and opportunities of each roadway user.

## FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Functional classification defines the role that a particular roadway plays in serving the flow of vehicular traffic through the network. Roadways are assigned to one of several possible functional classifications within a hierarchy, according to the character of travel service each roadway provides (see Table 5).<sup>1</sup>

The *AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 5th Edition (2011)* presents a discussion of highway functional classifications. *Florida Statutes, Title XXVI, Chapters 334, 335, and 336*, give similar definitions and establish classifications for roadway design in Florida.

Complete Streets continue to recognize functional classification but also consider the context classification of the street as part of the total picture. For example, the relationship between functional classification and access needs may be less consistent in more urban context classifications where roadways serve a wider variety of purposes beyond moving motor vehicle traffic. In evolving suburban areas, retail and commercial business tend to locate along arterial roadways, requiring access and creating demands for short-distance and local trips that include vehicular trips as well as walking and bicycling trips. Transit service is also often located along arterial roadways, due to retail and commercial uses generating high demands for transit trips and

the efficiency of providing higher levels of transit service along these roadways. At the same time, many state roadways travel through large and small (often historic) town centers that require multimodal mobility and access in order to thrive. Therefore, the context classification provides an important layer of information that complements functional classification in determining the transportation demand characteristics along a roadway, including typical users, trip length, and vehicular travel speeds.

**TABLE 5** ROADWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND ROLE IN THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Roadway Classification	Role in the Transportation System
Principal Arterial	Serves a large percentage of travel between cities and other activity centers, especially when minimizing travel time and distance is important.
Minor Arterial	Provides service for trips of moderate length, serves geographic areas that are smaller than their higher arterial counterparts, and offers connectivity to the higher arterial system.
Collector	Collects traffic from local streets and connects them with arterials; more access to adjacent properties compared to arterials.
Local	Any road not defined as an arterial or a collector; primarily provides access to land with little or no through movement.

<sup>1</sup> Context Classification is not applied to limited-access facilities.

For non-limited-access roadways, the *FDM* provides design criteria and standards based on both context classification and functional classification.

<sup>1</sup> Federal Highway Administration, "Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures."

## CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION AND STREET USERS

The context classification informs planners and engineers of the types of users and the intensity of use expected along the roadway. For example, in the C6-Urban Core Context Classification, there will be a higher number of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users than in a C2-Rural Context Classification. Therefore, reduced speeds, signal spacing, crossing distances, lane widths, and other design elements such as bicycle facilities, on-street parking, and wide sidewalks should be provided to increase the safety and comfort of bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users. For the C2-Rural Context Classification, vehicles and freight are primary users; however, bicyclists and pedestrians are accommodated with bike lanes, paved shoulders, or sidepaths. A state roadway in C2-Rural Context Classification is expected to have higher speeds, wider lanes, and lower levels of traffic delay.

When determining the roadway typical section to be used, give appropriate consideration for all users of the roadway. Include required elements associated with the context classification of the roadway. The **FDM** contains criteria to be used for each context classification.

## HOW TO IDENTIFY ROADWAY-SPECIFIC TRANSPORTATION TRAVEL DEMANDS

While context classification and functional classification can provide general guidelines for the type and activity level of different users, additional information can assist in obtaining a more thorough understanding of the needs of all the intended users. The anticipated users of a roadway and the travel patterns of those users should be determined well before the design phase of a project, and are best explored during the planning and design scoping phase.

The **Traffic Forecasting Handbook** documents data collection efforts to understand vehicular travel patterns. Table 6 provides a menu of data sources that could be useful in identifying different needs for different users. Not all of the data presented in Table 6 will be required for all projects. The data collected for a project should be tailored to the scale, purpose, and needs of a project.

Depending on the scale, purpose, and needs of the project, the following are some examples of questions that could augment the analysis to better understand transportation travel demand and needs for all users:






- **Land uses:** What pedestrian, bicycle, or transit generators are located along the roadway? Are there large shopping destinations? Large employers? Public facilities? Are there visitor destinations? How might existing land use patterns change based on approved or planned development? Is there a redevelopment plan for the area? What land use changes are planned or anticipated to occur?
- **Vehicular trip types:** What percentage of the vehicular trips are local? What is the average trip length? Is the roadway part of the SIS?
- **Travel patterns:** Are there unique travel patterns or modes served by the corridor? Will new or emerging transportation services or technologies influence trip-making characteristics (e.g., rideshares, scooters, interregional bus service, bikeshare)?
- **Safety data:** How many and what types of crashes are occurring along the roadway?
- **Types of pedestrians:** Are there generators or attractors that would suggest that younger or older pedestrians, or other special user groups, will be using the roadway (e.g., schools, parks, elderly care facilities, assisted living centers)?
- **Types of bicyclists:** Is the roadway a critical link for the local or regional bicycle network? Does the roadway connect to or cross trails or bicycle facilities? Are bicyclists using the roadway to access shopping, employment, or recreational destinations?
- **Transit:** What type of transit service exists or is planned for the area? Where are transit stops located? Can pedestrians reach these stops from either side of the street without significant diversion of their trip? Are transit stops accessible using the network of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- **Freight:** What is the percentage and volume of heavy trucks using the roadway? Are there destinations that require regular access by heavy trucks or other large vehicles? Is the roadway part of a designated freight corridor? Where does loading and unloading occur along the roadway?

- **Demographics:** Based on census data, are there areas of high transit, pedestrian, or bicyclist demand? These include areas overrepresented, when compared to the general population, by elderly or low-income residents, or households without access to automobiles.



The anticipated users of a roadway and the travel patterns of those users should inform the purpose and needs of a project.  
Location: Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL  
Source: FDOT

TABLE 6 EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL DATA TO DETERMINE USER NEEDS BY MODE

Mode	Data
 Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of signalized pedestrian crossings</li> <li>• Location of marked or signed pedestrian crossings</li> <li>• Posted and operating speeds</li> <li>• Vehicular traffic volumes</li> <li>• Existing sidewalk characteristics (location, width, pavement condition, obstacles or pinch points)</li> <li>• Intersection ramps and alignment/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance</li> <li>• Utilities location</li> <li>• Existing landscape buffer and shade trees</li> <li>• Pedestrian counts</li> <li>• Crash data</li> <li>• Lighting levels</li> <li>• Existing and future land use, building form and site layout, development scale and pattern</li> <li>• Existing and future pedestrian generators (e.g. schools, parks)</li> </ul>
 Bicyclist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional bicycle network</li> <li>• Posted and operating speeds</li> <li>• Vehicular traffic volumes</li> <li>• Number of vehicular travel lanes</li> <li>• Location of bicycle parking</li> <li>• Bicycle user type</li> <li>• Bicyclist counts</li> <li>• Crash data</li> <li>• Location of destinations</li> <li>• Lighting levels</li> <li>• Pavement condition</li> <li>• Existing and future land use, building form and site layout, development scale and pattern</li> </ul>
 Automobile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design Traffic [existing and projected Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT), K-factor (K), directional distribution (D), and traffic growth projections]</li> <li>• Trip lengths; origin/destination patterns</li> <li>• Turning movement counts</li> <li>• Posted and operating speeds</li> <li>• Signal timing</li> <li>• Location of parking</li> <li>• Crash data</li> <li>• Lighting levels</li> <li>• Pavement condition</li> <li>• Existing and future land use, building form and site layout, development scale and pattern</li> </ul>
 Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing and future transit routes and stops</li> <li>• Transit service headways</li> <li>• Location and infrastructure at transit stops</li> <li>• Sidewalk connection to transit stops</li> <li>• ADA compliant transit stops</li> <li>• Existing and projected ridership (route or stop level)</li> <li>• Existing and future transit generators and attractors</li> <li>• Type of transit technology</li> <li>• Trip lengths, origin/destination patterns</li> </ul>
 Freight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated truck routes</li> <li>• Truck volumes</li> <li>• Vehicle classification counts</li> <li>• Existing and future location of industrial land uses or other generators of freight trips</li> <li>• Freight loading areas/truck parking</li> </ul>



## STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM AND CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION

The SIS was established in 2003 to enhance Florida's economic competitiveness by focusing state resources on the transportation facilities most critical for statewide and interregional travel. The three SIS objectives identified in the *SIS Policy Plan* are:

- **Interregional connectivity:** Ensure the efficiency and reliability of multimodal transportation connectivity between Florida's economic regions and between Florida and other states and nations.
- **Intermodal connectivity:** Expand transportation choices and integrate modes for interregional trips.
- **Economic development:** Provide transportation systems to support Florida as a global hub for trade, tourism, talent, innovation, business, and investment.

The SIS includes the State's largest and most significant commercial service and general aviation airports, spaceports, public seaports, intermodal freight terminals including intermodal logistics centers, interregional passenger terminals, urban fixed guideway transit corridors, rail corridors, waterways, military access facilities, and highways. The SIS includes three types of facilities: hubs, corridors, and connectors.

SIS Highway corridors and connectors traverse varying context classifications. Given the purpose and intent of the SIS, the requirements of a particular context classification may not always align with the function of the SIS highway. In the case of interstates and limited-access facilities, the function of the roadway is considered complete. For all others, there is a need to balance the safety and comfort of users who live and work along the SIS facility with interregional and interstate freight and people trips through the area. This is consistent with the intent of the *SIS Policy Plan*, which specifically calls for the need to improve coordination with regional and local transportation and land use decisions by:

- Better reflecting the context of the human and natural environment;

- Balancing the need for efficient and reliable interregional travel with support for regional and community visions;
- Developing multimodal corridor plans that coordinate SIS investments with regional and local investments; and
- Leveraging and strengthening funding programs for regional and local mobility needs such as the Transportation Regional Incentive Program, Small County Outreach Program, and Small County Road Assistance Program.

This balance could mean that other throughput options to the SIS facility (e.g., a bypass or express lanes) are studied and considered if redesigning the currently designated roadway is needed to conform to the context classification. The *SIS Policy Plan* outlines that SIS improvements should consider the context, needs, and values of the communities serviced by the SIS, which may include flexibility in design and operational standards. Most importantly, communication with all parties involved is key to determining the best solution to realize the intent of both the SIS and a Complete Streets approach within a community.

The *FDM* provides design standards for facilities on the SIS. Roadways located on the SIS require coordination with the District SIS Coordinator during the determination, update, or confirmation of the facility's context classification.



*Accommodation of freight vehicles is an important part of Complete Streets.*

*Location: Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL*

*Source: Rick Hall*



## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Environmental characteristics, including the social, cultural, natural, and physical aspects of an area, play a role in the planning, design, and maintenance of transportation projects. FDOT is focused on responsible stewardship of Florida's environmental resources. The FDOT Mission states that FDOT will provide a safe transportation system that "enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities." Aligning with this mission, FDOT considers the social, cultural, natural, and physical impacts of its investments throughout the planning and design process.

Transportation projects that utilize federal transportation dollars (or that require a federal environmental permit such as wetlands or water quality) are subject to review under the **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)**. FDOT developed the PD&E process to address how NEPA is evaluated for federally funded transportation projects in Florida, including the identification and assessment of environmental characteristics for all projects. Public involvement and agency coordination is part of the PD&E process. Detailed information on FDOT procedures for environmental review can be found in the following documents:

- PD&E Manual
- ETDM Manual
- Public Involvement Handbook
- Sociocultural Effects Evaluation Process
- Cultural Resource Management Handbook

## CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION RELATIONSHIP WITH EXISTING HANDBOOKS AND PROCESSES

The FDOT Complete Streets context-based design approach is compatible with and supported by national guidance documents. The following section describes the relationship between FDOT context classification and contexts defined in existing FDOT and national manuals and handbooks.

### AASHTO A POLICY ON GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

AASHTO recognizes that different places have different characteristics with regard to density and type of land use, density of street and highway networks, nature of travel patterns, and the ways in which these elements are related. **AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets** provides design standards based on urban and rural areas, as defined by the FHWA. FHWA identifies urban areas as those places, within boundaries set by the responsible state and local officials, having a population of 5,000 or more. Urban areas are comprised of:

- **Urbanized Areas** — designated as population of 50,000 or more by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **Small Urban Areas** — designated as population between 5,000 and 49,999, and not within any urbanized area.

Rural encompasses all population, housing, and territory not included within an urban area.

For the purpose of funding considerations and other processes and procedures, FDOT will continue to define urban and rural areas following the FHWA criteria. For design criteria and standards for non-limited-access roadways, FDOT utilizes context classification in the **FDM**. There is no direct relationship between context classification and FHWA's definition of urban and rural. In general, C4-Urban General, C5-Urban Center, and C6-Urban Core will be located in the FHWA urban areas. C1-Natural and C2-Rural will be primarily located in the FHWA rural areas. C2T-Rural Town, C3C-Suburban Commercial, and C3R-Suburban Residential may be found in FHWA-urban or rural areas.

### QUALITY/LEVEL OF SERVICE HANDBOOK

The *FDOT Quality/Level of Service Handbook (Q/LOS)* and its accompanying software are intended to be used by engineers, planners, and decision makers in the development and review of street users' quality/level of service and capacity at generalized and conceptual planning levels. The *Q/LOS Handbook* recognizes that motorists have different thresholds for acceptable delay in rural versus urban areas. Four broad area-type groupings are used in *Q/LOS Handbook* and accompanying software:

- **Urbanized Areas** — Areas that meet FHWA's definition of Urbanized Areas. These consist of a densely settled core of census tracts and census blocks that meet minimum population density requirements, along with adjacent densely settled surrounding census blocks that together encompass a population of at least 50,000 people. The *Q/LOS Handbook* further identifies areas with population over 1,000,000 as **Large Urbanized Areas**.
- **Urban Areas** — Areas with a population between 5,000 and 49,999 (mostly used to distinguish developed areas that are not urbanized).
- **Transitioning Areas** — Areas generally considered as transitioning into urbanized/urban areas or areas over 5,000 population and not currently in urbanized areas. These areas can also at times be determined as areas within a

Metropolitan Planning Area, but not within an urbanized area. These areas are anticipated to reach urban densities in a 20-year horizon.

- **Rural Areas** — Areas that are not urbanized, urban, or transitioning. Rural areas are further classified as rural developed areas and cities or developed areas with less than 5,000 population; and rural undeveloped areas in which there is no or minimal population or development.

A direct, one-to-one relationship does not exist between the classification system used in the *Q/LOS Handbook* and the context classifications, but generally C1-Natural, C2-Rural, and C2T-Rural Town areas will be identified as rural areas or transitioning areas, while C4-Urban General, C5-Urban Center, and C6-Urban Core will be identified as urban. C3C-Suburban Commercial and C3R-Suburban Residential can fall into any of the Q/LOS categories.

Future editions of the *Q/LOS Handbook* will be revised to be consistent with the FDOT context classification.

### ROADWAY CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

The RCI is a database of information related to the roadway environment maintained by FDOT. The database includes information on a roadway's features and characteristics. Feature 124-Urban Classification, Feature 125-Adjacent Land Classification, Feature 145-LOS Input Data, and Feature 481-Highway Maintenance Classification describe land use contexts in different ways.

These categories are not related to the context classification system detailed in this document. FDOT is considering recording context classification information in RCI at the time when state roadways are evaluated through FDOT projects. If this occurs, RCI information may be a starting point for future projects in evaluating a roadway's context classification.

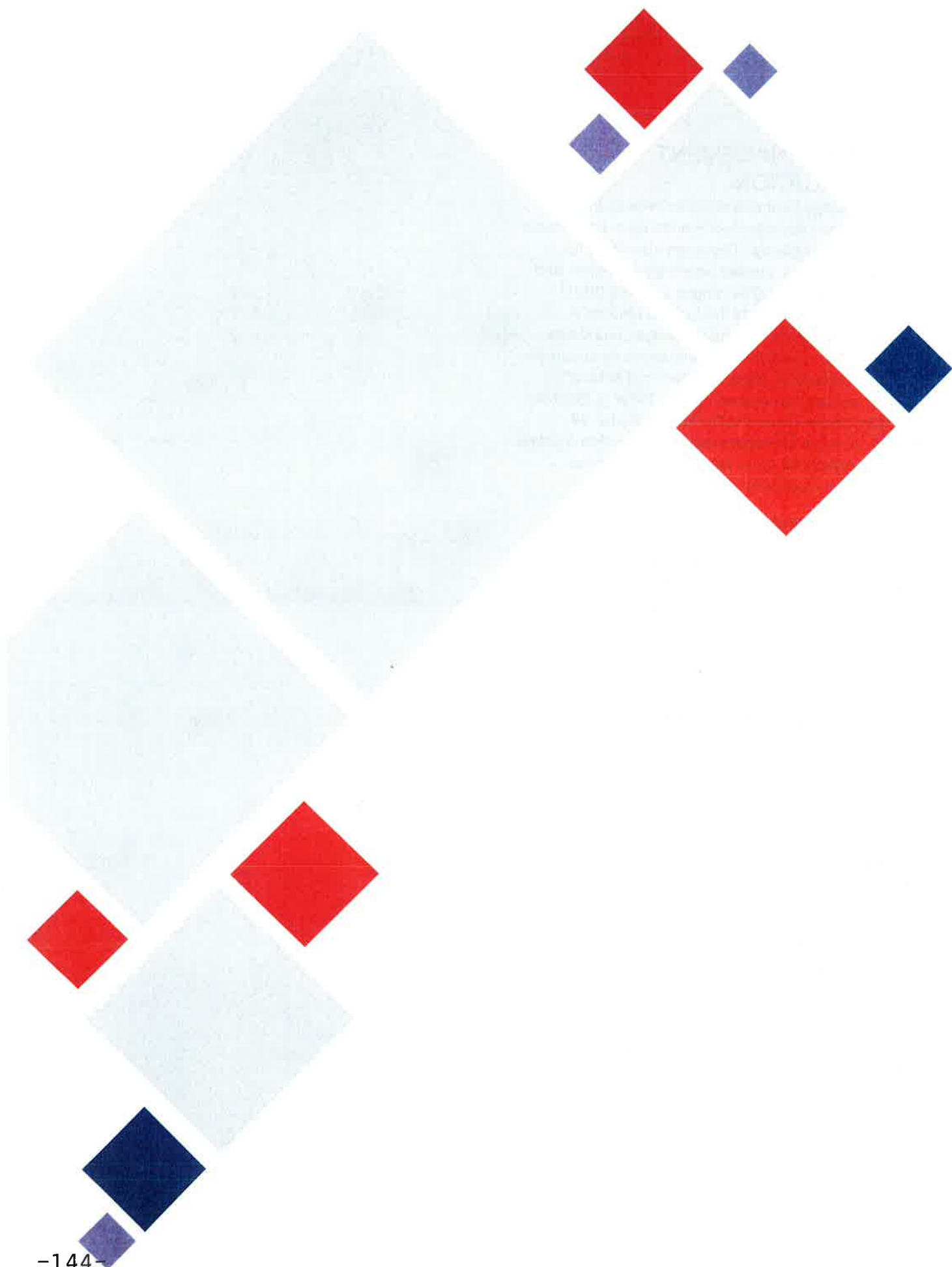
For more information on the RCI, refer to the *RCI Features and Characteristics Handbook*.

## ACCESS MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

Access management classification reflects the desired access management standards to be followed for each state roadway. These are standards for restrictive medians, median opening separation, and driveway separation. The ranges are from 00-07 and 99. Class 01 reflects the highest amount of access management control (freeways), and Class 07 the lowest. Class 07 is usually found on suburban built-out roadways. Class 99 refers to a special corridor access management plan. Refer to **Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Rule Chapter 14-97.003, Access Management Classification System and Standards** for more information on access management classification.

No direct correlation can be made between access management classification and context classification. It can be generally stated that higher intensities of use, including C2T-Rural Town, C4-Urban General, C5-Urban Center, and C6-Urban Core, as well as roadways with established land use patterns, may require less restrictive access management. In these context classifications, frequent intersections, smaller blocks, and a higher degree of connectivity and access support the multimodal needs of the area. Beyond the context classification, the role of the roadway in the transportation system and safety considerations must also be taken into account to determine access management needs.

The Systems Planning Office is currently studying the relationship between existing access management practices and the implementation of Complete Streets. The Systems Planning Office is reviewing general recommendations to bring the access management classifications documented in **Administrative Rule 14-97** into a closer relationship with the FDOT context classifications. This process will take some time, as it will require an administrative rule change and review of multiple sections by FDOT, the public, and other stakeholders (such as the roadside development industry) before it can be finalized.





# Appendix A

## CONTEXT CLASSIFICATIONS CASE STUDIES

**Context Classification System:** Comprised of eight context classifications, it broadly identifies the various built environments in Florida, based on existing or future land use characteristics, development patterns, and roadway connectivity of an area. In FDOT projects, the roadway will be assigned a context classification(s). The context classification system is used to determine criteria in the *FDM*.

The eight context classifications and their general descriptions are:

<b>C1-Natural</b>	Lands preserved in a natural or wilderness condition, including lands unsuitable for settlement due to natural conditions.
<b>C2-Rural</b>	Sparsely settled lands; may include agricultural land, grassland, woodland, and wetlands.
<b>C2T-Rural Town</b>	Small concentrations of developed areas immediately surrounded by rural and natural areas; includes many historic towns.
<b>C3R-Suburban Residential</b>	Mostly residential uses within large blocks and a disconnected/ sparse roadway network.
<b>C3C-Suburban Commercial</b>	Mostly non-residential uses with large building footprints and large parking lots. Buildings are within large blocks and a disconnected/ sparse roadway network.
<b>C4-Urban General</b>	Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. May extend long distances. The roadway network usually connects to residential neighborhoods immediately along the corridor and/or behind the uses fronting the roadway.
<b>C5-Urban Center</b>	Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. Typically concentrated around a few blocks and identified as part of the civic or economic center of a community, town, or city.
<b>C6-Urban Core</b>	Areas with the highest densities and building heights and within FDOT classified Large Urbanized Areas (population > 1,000,000). Many are regional centers and destinations. Buildings have mixed uses, are built up to the roadways, and are within a well-connected roadway network.



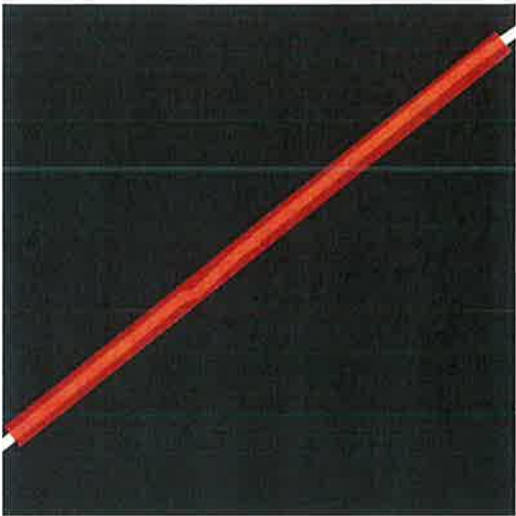
C1-NATURAL: FL 24, CEDAR KEY SCRUB STATE RESERVE, LEVY COUNTY

Primary Measures							
Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/ Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Open space				Not developed			



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Secondary Measures			
Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
Development not allowed	Development not allowed	0	0



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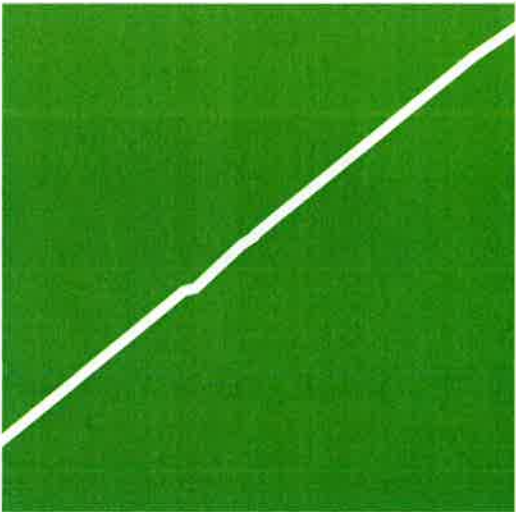


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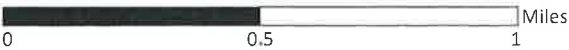


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Open Space



Existing Land Use

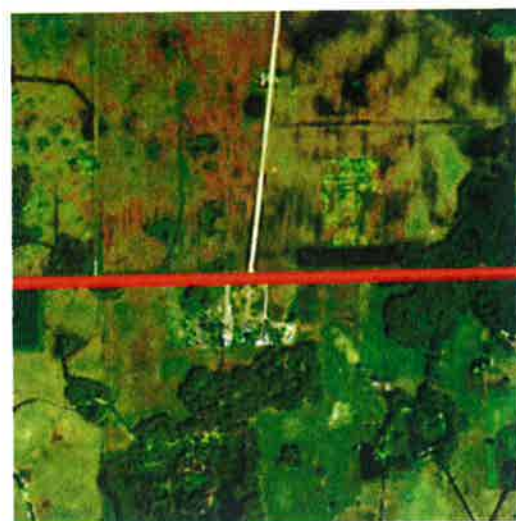




## C2-RURAL: SR 52, WEST OF DADE CITY, PASCO COUNTY

### Primary Measures

Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/ Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Agricultural	1	Detached buildings with no consistent pattern of setbacks	No	No consistent pattern	<1	No defined block pattern	



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### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
0.1 (1 per 10 Acres)	Office and retail uses are not allowed	0.08	0



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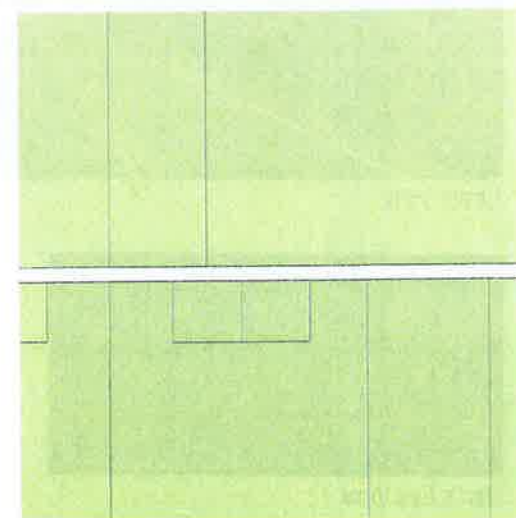


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Bird's Eye View

Agriculture 



Existing Land Use



## C2T-RURAL TOWN: MAIN ST, HAVANA, GADSDEN COUNTY

### Primary Measures

Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Retail and commercial	1 - 2	Mostly attached buildings with no setbacks	Yes	Mostly in rear, occasionally on side	325	1,520	330

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
27	1.2	0.3	4



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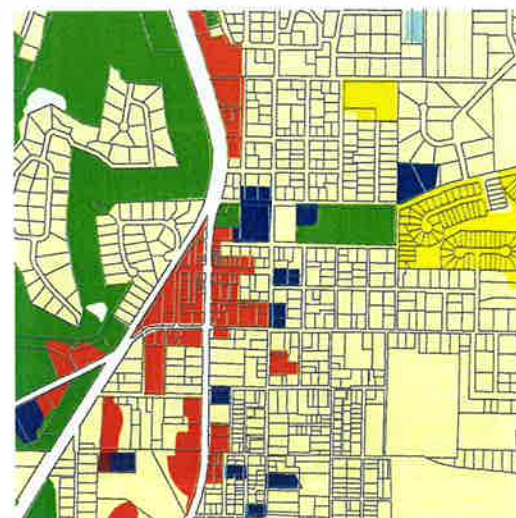


Street View



Bird's Eye View

- Single-Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Commercial
- Retail
- Agriculture
- Institutional/Government
- Industrial
- Open Space
- Vacant



Future Land Use

0 0.5 1 Miles





## C3R-SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL: SR 70, LAKEWOOD RANCH, MANATEE COUNTY

### Primary Measures

Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Single-family residential and institutional	1 - 2	Detached buildings with medium (20' to 75') setbacks on all sides	No	Front	40	6,040	1,140

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
1	0.23	0.4	0



Street View



Bird's Eye View

- Single-Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Commercial
- Retail
- Institutional/Government
- Open Space
- Vacant



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Existing Land Use



## C3C-SUBURBAN COMMERCIAL: US 441, BROWARD COUNTY

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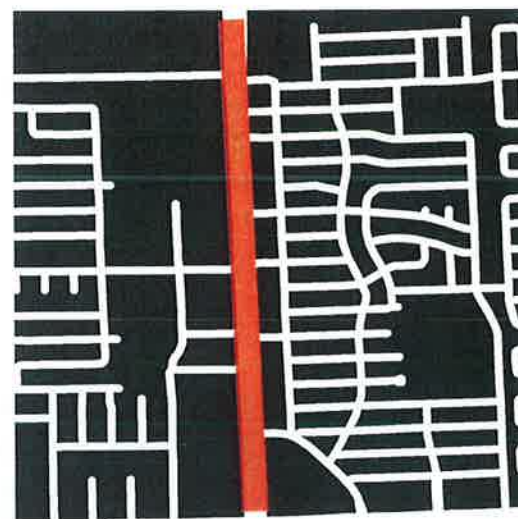
Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/ Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Retail, commercial, and light industrial	1 - 2	Detached buildings with large (> 75') setbacks on all sides	No	Surrounded by parking on all sides	94	3,320	680

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
Not Applicable	0.7	8.5	7



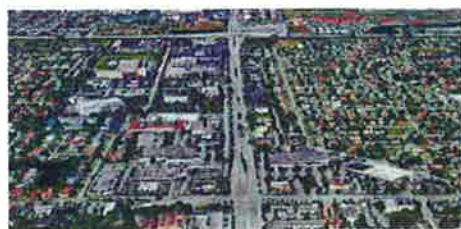
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Single-Family Residential	
Multi-Family Residential	
Commercial	
Retail	
Institutional/Government	
Industrial	
Open Space	
Vacant	



Existing Land Use





## C4-GENERAL URBAN: DR. MLK JR. BLVD, EAST TAMPA, TAMPA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

### Primary Measures

Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Single-family and multi-family residential, neighborhood-scale retail, and office	1 - 2	Detached buildings with minimal to shallow (10' to 20') front and side setbacks	Yes	Mostly in side, occasionally in rear or front	230	1,760	490

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
12	1.5	8.5	3



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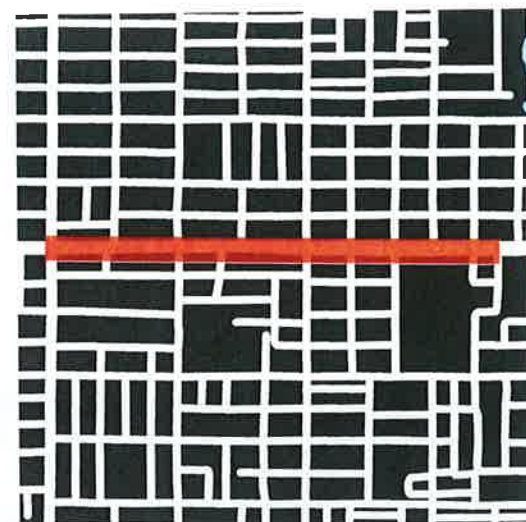


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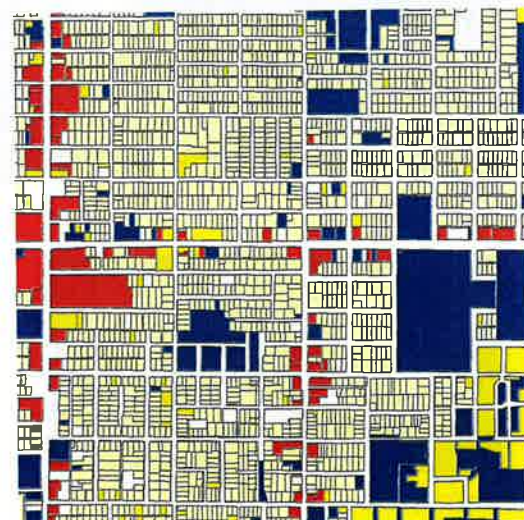
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- Multi-Family Residential
- Commercial
- Retail
- Institutional/Government
- Open Space
- Vacant



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Existing Land Use



## C5-URBAN CENTER: MONROE ST, DOWNTOWN TALLAHASSEE, LEON COUNTY

### Primary Measures

Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/ Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Retail, office, institutional, commercial	1 - 5 with some taller buildings	Mostly attached buildings with no setbacks and a few buildings with minimal (<10') setbacks	Yes	Rear and garage	180	1,770	380

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
150	8	2.4	90



Street View



Bird's Eye View

Single-Family Residential	
Multi-Family Residential	
Commercial	
Retail	
Institutional/Government	
Industrial	
Open Space	
Vacant	

0 0.5 1 Miles



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Existing Land Use



## C6-URBAN CORE: ORANGE AVE, DOWNTOWN ORLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY

### Primary Measures

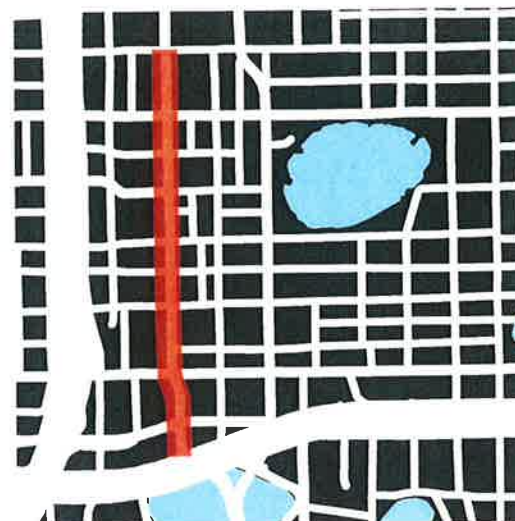
Land Use	Building Height	Building Placement	Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity		
					Intersection Density	Block Perimeter	Block Length
Description	Floor Levels	Description	Yes / No	Description	Intersections/ Sq Mile	Feet	Feet
Retail, office, institutional, and multi-family residential	> 4 with some shorter buildings	Mostly attached buildings with no setbacks	Yes	Rear and garage	220	1,910	450

### Secondary Measures

Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
DU/Acre	Floor-Area Ratio (FAR)	Persons/Acre	Jobs/Acre
200	3	8.5	170



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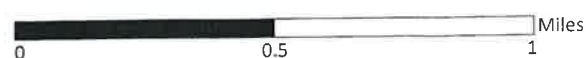


Bird's Eye View

Single-Family Residential	Yellow
Multi-Family Residential	Orange
Commercial	Red
Retail	Dark Red
Institutional/Government	Blue
Industrial	Dark Blue
Open Space	Green
Vacant	White



Existing Land Use





# Appendix B

## UNDEFINED THRESHOLDS IN CONTEXT CLASSIFICATION MATRIX

Context Classification	Building Height, Building Placement, Fronting Uses	Location of Off-street Parking	Roadway Connectivity			Allowed Residential Density	Allowed Office/ Retail Density	Population Density	Employment Density
			Intersection Density	Block Perimeters	Block Length				
C1-Natural	No development along roadway		Sparse roadway network			No development along roadway			
C2-Rural		No consistent pattern of parking	Sparse roadway network				No consistent pattern of allowed office/ retail density		Some office/ retail may be present along the roadway
C2T-Rural Town								Population will vary based on mix of single- and multi-family residential	
C3R-Suburban Residential				No consistent block pattern			No consistent pattern of allowed office/ retail density	Population will vary based on mix of single- and multi-family residential	Some office/ retail may be present along the roadway
C3C-Suburban Commercial						No consistent pattern of allowed residential density		Population will vary based on presence of multi-family residential	Varies based on intensity of commercial development along the roadway
C4-Urban General							No consistent pattern of allowed office/ retail density		

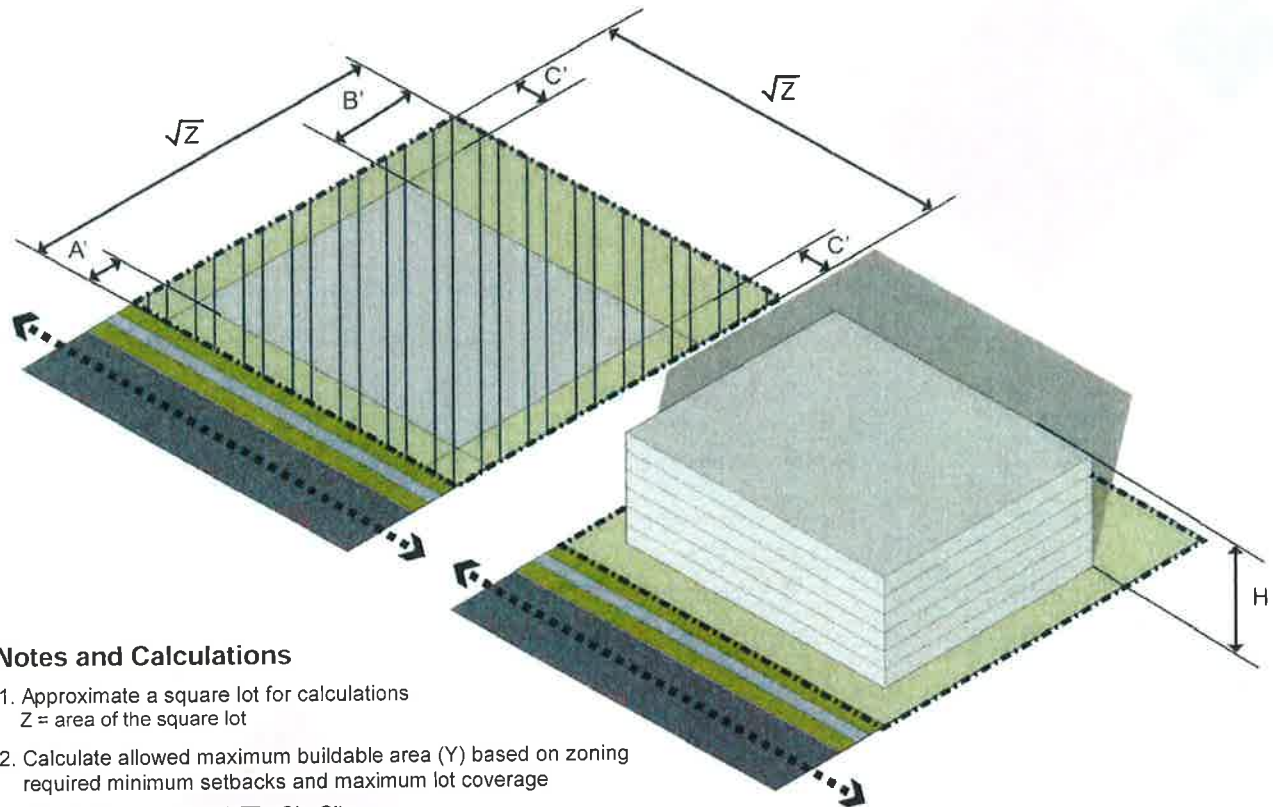




# Appendix C

## HOW TO CALCULATE FLOOR AREA RATIO IF NOT DEFINED IN ZONING CODE

FAR can be calculated using these various site design and height standards. For example, assuming floor height of 10 feet, total number of floors can be calculated based on maximum building height measure. Based on minimum parcel size, and minimum setbacks, maximum floor plate area can be calculated. Multiplying maximum floor plate area by total number of floors will give total building floor area. Finally, dividing total building floor area by minimum parcel size will provide FAR.



### Notes and Calculations

1. Approximate a square lot for calculations  
 $Z$  = area of the square lot
2. Calculate allowed maximum buildable area ( $Y$ ) based on zoning required minimum setbacks and maximum lot coverage  
 $Y = (\sqrt{Z} - A' - B') \times (\sqrt{Z} - C' - C')$   
 or  
 $Y = (\text{Maximum lot coverage area in (\%)} \text{ allowed by zoning code}) \times (Z)$   
 Use the smaller of the two values as  $Y$
3. Calculate total floor levels based on zoning allowed maximum height ( $J$ )  

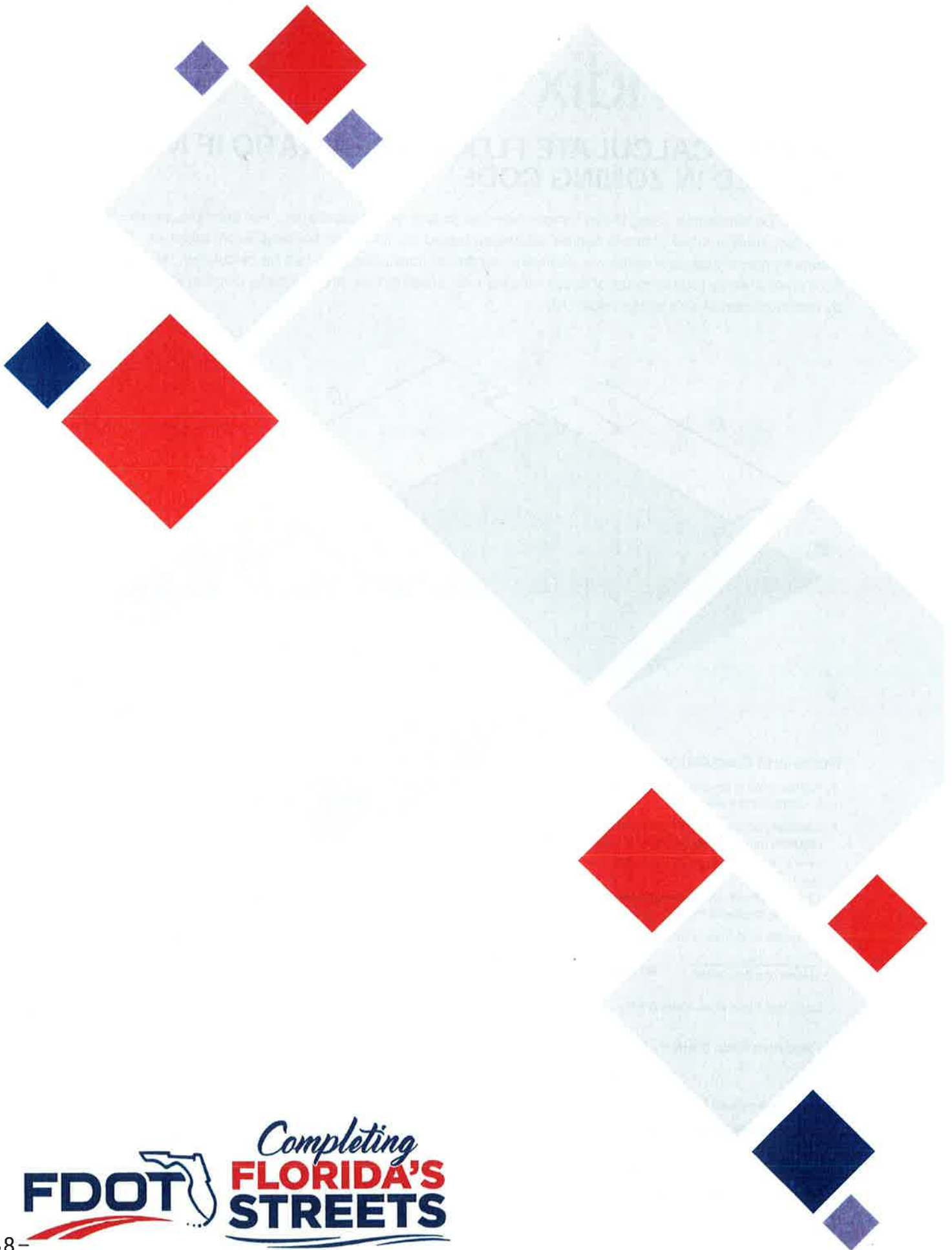
$$\frac{H}{\text{Height of a floor level}^*}$$

\* Assume 12' for commercial land use or 10' for residential land use
4. Calculate Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

$$\text{Floor Area Ratio (FAR)} = \frac{Y \times J}{Z}$$

- $Y$  = Maximum allowed buildable area in square feet  
 $A$  = Minimum allowed front setback in feet based on zoning code  
 $B$  = Minimum allowed rear setback in feet based on zoning code  
 $C$  = Minimum allowed side setback in feet based on zoning code  
 $H$  = Maximum allowed height allowed by zoning code in feet

..... Property Lot Line  
 .....> Project Roadway





July 15, 2019

TO: Technical Advisory Committee Working Group  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*  
SUBJECT: Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Existing Plus Committed Network

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Develop and approve Existing Plus Committed Network for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update.**

BACKGROUND

In order for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update to represent current capacity commitments in the Transportation Improvement Program and any other projects, that are committed and/or under construction, which are not adequately represented in the Gainesville Urbanized Area transportation Study model network, the existing plus committed network must be updated. Capacity-related projects from Transportation Improvement Program for consideration in the existing plus committed network include:

- SW 34th Street Realignment from State Road 26A (SW 2nd Avenue) to State Road 26 (West University Avenue);
- NW 23rd Avenue Reconstruction from NW 83rd Street to NW 55th Street;
- Research Road Extension from State Road 24 (Archer Road) to Hull Road;
- Natural Area Drive Realignment from Surge Area Road to Hull Road;
- SW 62nd Boulevard Connector from State Road 24 (Archer Road) to State Road 26 (Newberry Road);
- SW 8th Avenue Connector from SW 20th Avenue to Tower Road; and
- SW 40th Street Connector from State road 121 (Williston Road) to State Road 24 (Archer Road).

Exhibit 1 includes information from the Transportation Improvement Program projects. Exhibit 2 is a map of the projects.

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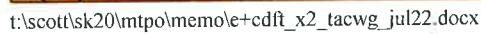


EXHIBIT 1  
EXISTING PLUS COMMITTED CAPACITY PROJECTS

Location					Fiscal Year (FY) Costs (\$000) / Project Phase (see Table 2)										Fund Code Table 1
Existing Plus Committed Projects		Map Location	From	To	Phase	Prior Funding	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	Future Funding	Total Funding		
Project Description Project Location  FDOT Finance Number	Turnlane Realignment SW 34 Street (SR 121)  4394881	1	SW 2 Avenue (SR 26A)	W University Avenue (SR 26)	Preliminary Engineering  Construction  All Phases	42 772 5 8 827	2,995 CST	-	-	-	-	-	819 3,003 3,822	DS HSP SA DS HSP	
Project Description Project Location  FDOT Finance Number	Add Lanes and Reconstruct, Add turnlanes, Bicycle lanes and multi-use path NW 23 Avenue  4442331	2	NW 83 Street	NW 55 Street	PDE Preliminary Engineering Railroad/Utilities Construction  All Phases	881  881 881	250 CST 250 CST	950 CST 950 CST	400 CST 400 CST	400 CST	-	8800	12,881 12,881	LF CIGP LF	
Type Work Project Location	Construct Roadway Extension IFAS Research Drive/ SW 23 Terrace	3	Archer Road [SR 24]	Hull Road	Preliminary Engineering Design Construction All Phases	-  200 - -	200 CST	5,300 CST	-	-	-	-	200 5,300 5,500	LF	
Project Description Project Location Project Length (miles) LRTP ID	Realign Roadway Natural Area Drive FM: Surge Area Drive - -	4	Surge Area Drive	Hull Road	Preliminary Engineering Design Construction All Phases	-  - - -	Included Above	Included Above	-	-	-	-	- 0	LF	
Project Description Map Number Project Location   <															



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TO: Technical Advisory Committee Working Group  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Model Revisions

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Develop and approve recommendations to the Florida Department of Transportation concerning modifications the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study model network, including traffic analysis zones, for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update.**

BACKGROUND

In order for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update base year model appropriately addresses modifications to the transportation system network, including the existing plus committed capacity projects and University of Florida Campus Master Plan projects, the traffic analysis zones, including the traffic analysis zone map needs to be reviewed and updated. Capacity-related projects from Transportation Improvement Program that may have impacts on traffic analysis zones, roadway service volumes and/or centroid connector locations include:

- SW 34th Street Realignment from State Road 26A (SW 2nd Avenue) to State Road 26 (West University Avenue);
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In addition, the University of Florida Campus Master Plan northeast historic/pedestrian area may necessitate realignment of some traffic analysis zones.

Exhibit 1 shows the University of Florida-campus area traffic analysis zones. Exhibit 2 is a countywide of the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study traffic analysis zones which is accessible at the following link:

[http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/FullPackets/TAC/2019/GA\\_Display\\_Review\\_2013.pdf](http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/FullPackets/TAC/2019/GA_Display_Review_2013.pdf)

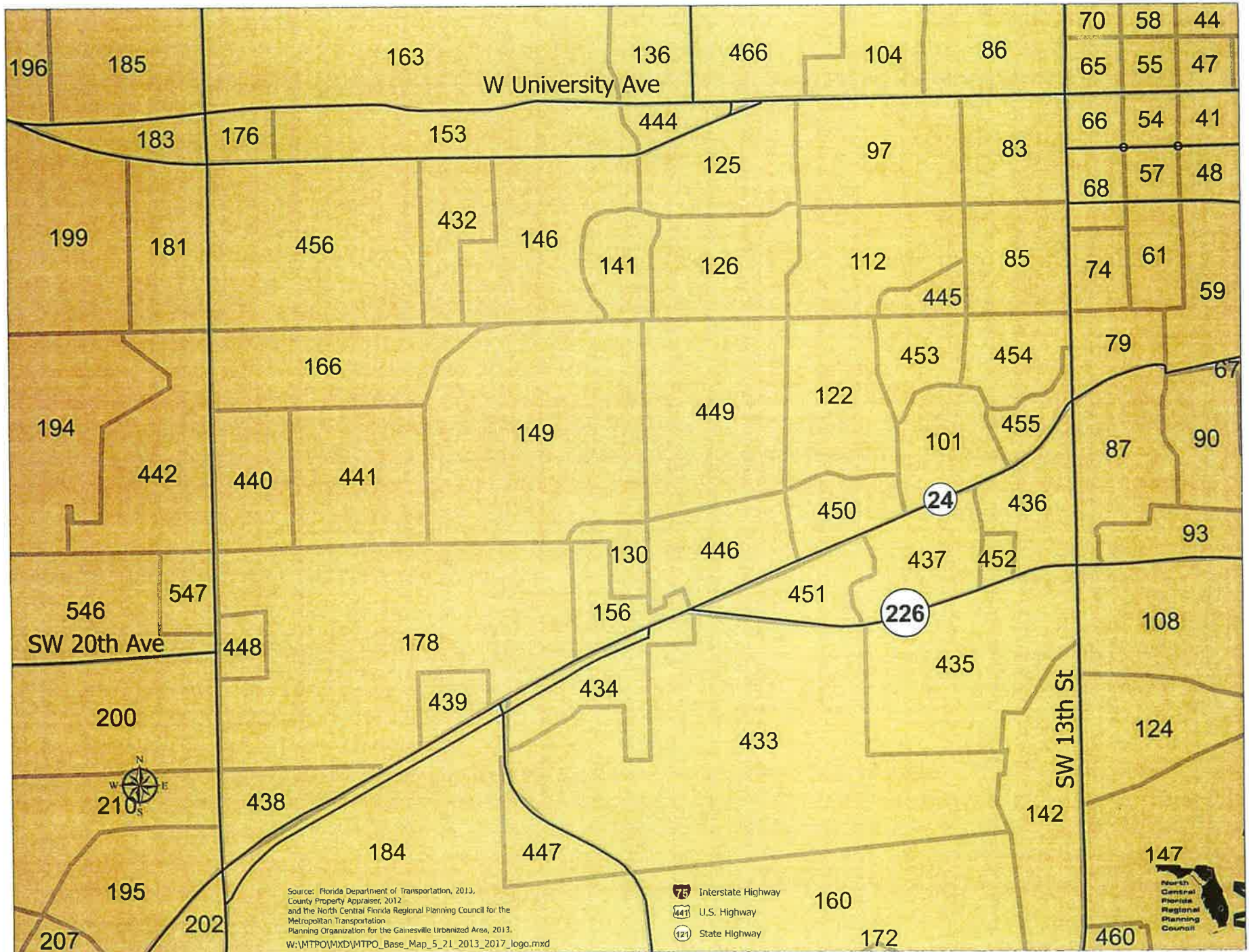
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# EXHIBIT 1







## Traffic Analysis Zone 2010

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