

ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL GAP

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From Lake Beresford Park to Grand Avenue
In DeLand, Volusia County

Financial Project Number: 439874-1-22-01

ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING

Sanborn Activity and Event Center
DeLand, FL



Welcome to the alternatives public meeting for the **St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail Gap Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study**. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed alternatives and to receive input from the public and interested stakeholders. The meeting will be an open house format with a presentation on a continuous loop providing a complete overview of the project. Project representatives are available to discuss the study and answer questions.

Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and the comment table for your use at this meeting. We encourage you to complete the form and drop it in one of the boxes provided or, if you prefer, you may mail your comments, written statements, or exhibits, postmarked by **December 19, 2018**, to the address on the comment form.

Introduction

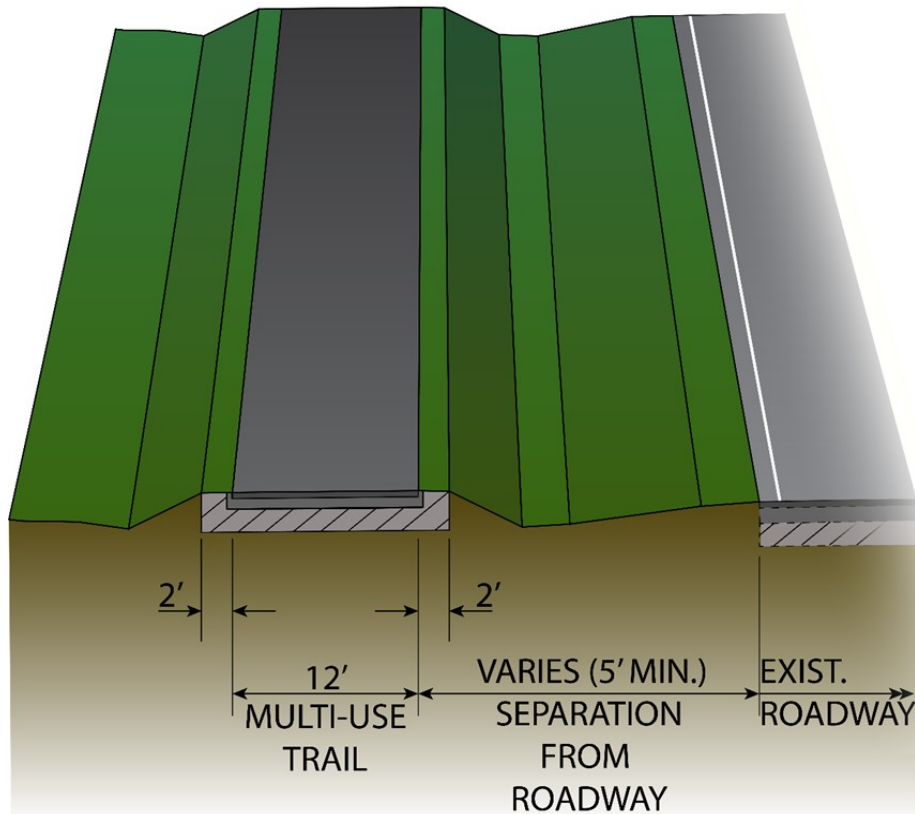
The St. Johns River to Sea Loop is a 260-mile trail system that will link together several communities including St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, DeLand, and Palatka. This PD&E study is evaluating options for a multi-use trail that will close the 3.6-mile gap between existing trails terminating within Lake Beresford Park to the south and at the junction of Grand Avenue and Minnesota Avenue to the north. At this time, the study team is soliciting public input to assist FDOT in selecting a recommended alternative.

What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study is a process to assess a transportation project's impacts on the natural, social, physical, and human environments. The goal is to develop a balanced approach of meeting the needs of the project while minimizing any impacts.



Proposed Multi-Use Trail Typical Section



Right of Way

Maps on display this evening illustrate right of way, or property, FDOT needs to acquire to build the proposed trail. FDOT carries out a right of way and relocation program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statutes and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act of 1970 to address these effects. Brochures are available this evening, as are the representatives from FDOT, to discuss the right of way acquisition process with you. Please contact FDOT District Five Right of Way Office at 386-943-5030 during business hours if you have additional questions about right of way.

Memorandum of Understanding

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

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

This alternatives public meeting is developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us.

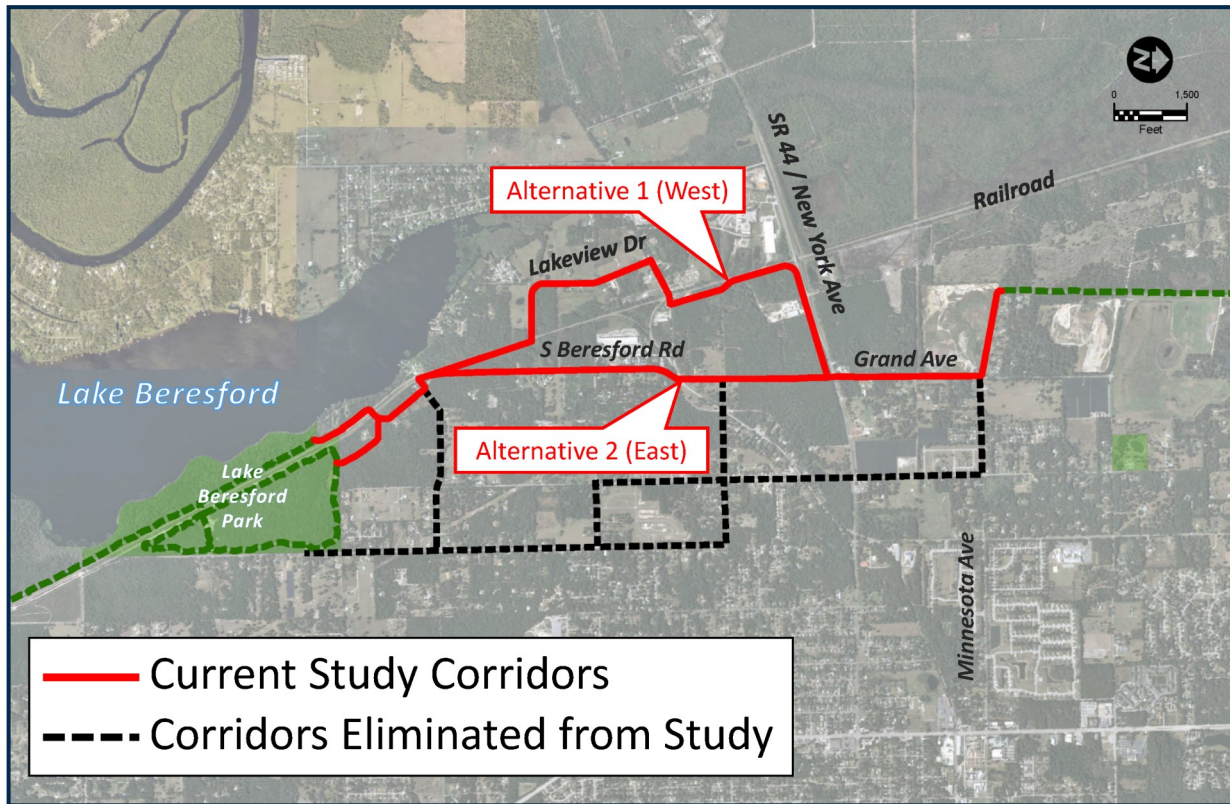


Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Alternative 1 (West)	Alternative 2 (East)
Centerline Length of Alternative (miles)	0	3.85	3.15
Property Impacts			
Number of individual parcels impacted	0	19	4
Number of business relocations	0	0	0
Number of residential relocations	0	0	0
Environmental Effects			
Archaeological/Historical sites - - potential for impact (low/medium/high)	none	medium	medium
Public parks, recreation areas, or wildlife refuges (acres)	0	0.15	0.15
Wetland (acres)	0	1.01	0.52
Floodplains (acres)	0	0	0
Threatened and endangered species - potential for impact (low/medium/high)	none	low	low
Contamination sites (ratio - high/medium)	0/0	0/1	0/1
Provides existing trail connectivity (yes/no)	no	yes	yes
Right of Way Needs			
Right of way acquisition for trail (acres)	0	7.4	4.2
Project Cost *			
Preliminary Estimate of Total Project Cost*	\$0	\$12.9 M	\$12.1 M

Project cost does not include potential right of way acquisition

Proposed Alternative



What Happens Next?

Following the public meeting and comment period, the study team will finalize engineering and environmental evaluations and project documentation. FDOT District Five will utilize the results of the evaluation to make its final recommendation for a preferred alternative to be further considered in the design phase.

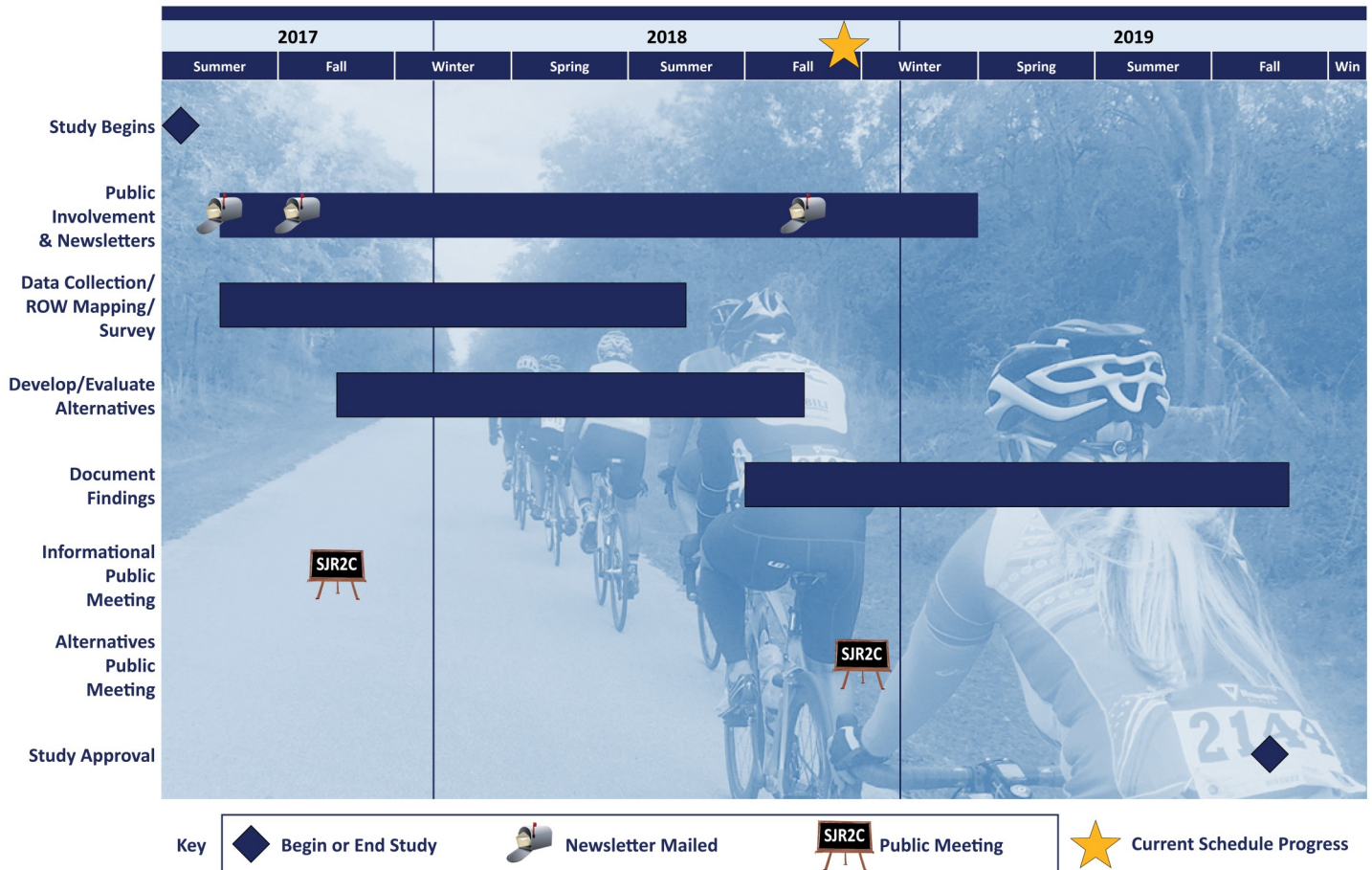
When will this project be built?

After this study is complete, the resulting recommendations will be advanced into the design phase, which is tentatively funded for fiscal year 2020. Following the design phase, if needed, will be a right of way acquisition phase, followed by construction. The entire process can take several years, depending on many factors, including the availability of funding.

Phase	Fiscal Year
Final Design	2020
Right of Way Acquisition	Not Funded
Construction	2023

When will the study be finished?

This PD&E study began mid-2017 and is anticipated to be completed in early 2019. Please see the project schedule below for further detail of project milestones.



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