



Dear Resident,

In support of Manatee County's BUILD Grant for the Palmetto Trails Network, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Middle and Northern Segments of the Palmetto Trails Network. We will be holding small neighborhood focus groups the weeks of February 15th and 22nd, 2021, at the locations and times indicated below. You are invited to attend one of these outdoor focus groups at your convenience or stop by to view the displays which describe the anticipated trail network and its features.

For those who cannot attend or feel uncomfortable attending in person, we will also be conducting a virtual web-based focus group meeting. This virtual meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1st, 2021. Please register to attend at http://bit.ly/Palmetto_Trails_Network_VPM. The meeting is also available in listen-only mode by phone. Call 1 (877) 309-2071 and enter access code 739-169-702.

We have compiled a short survey to gain community perspective on the Palmetto Trails Network and we invite you to respond to this survey in one of three ways: (1) completing the enclosed survey and dropping it off at one of the focus group locations during the dates and times listed; (2) completing the survey and mailing it back using the enclosed pre-addressed envelope; or (3) using the QR code included on the back of this notice to complete the survey online. The accompanying maps can be used as a reference as you answer the questions. Thank you and we appreciate your participation in this project. Please visit www.swflroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork for more information.

Small Neighborhood Focus Groups

Locations and Times:

- Eternity Temple First Born Church of The Living God:
Covered Drive-Thru/Porch
716 29th St E, Palmetto, FL 34221
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 15
- Mt. Raymond Full Gospel Baptist Church: Parking Lot
2410 4th Ave E, Palmetto, FL 34221
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 18
- Palmetto Youth Center: Parking Lot
501 17th St W, Palmetto, FL 34221
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Friday, February 19
- Lincoln Park: Parking Lot
501 17th St E, Palmetto, FL 34221
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 25

Signed,

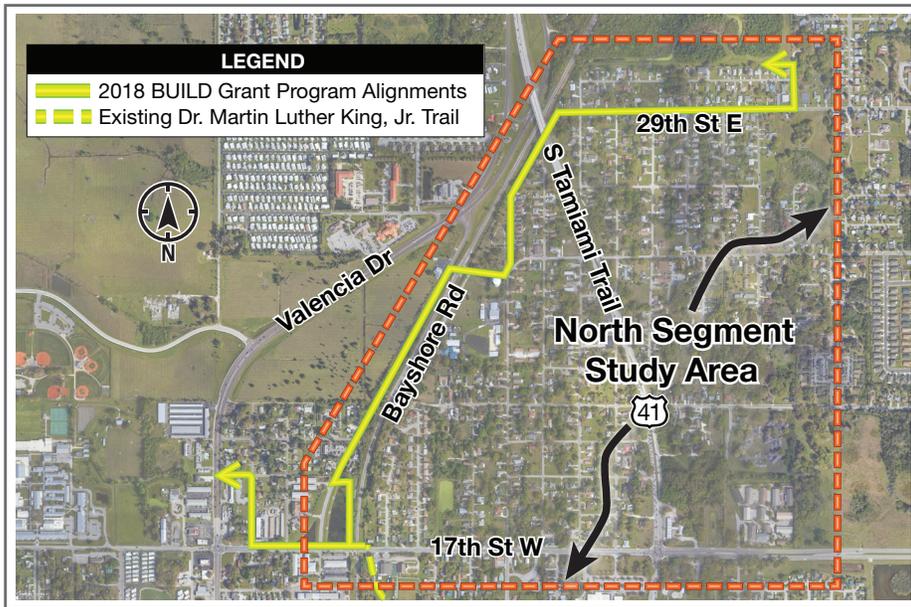
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MANATEE COUNTY BUILD GRANT

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

Manatee County articulates in their BUILD grant application the goal to ultimately provide 3.6 miles of an interconnected trail network, 65 lighting fixtures to enhance trail safety, 15 transit stop improvements, nine new or enhanced trail/pedestrian crossings, seven new connections between schools, parks, and activity centers, two additional connections between adjacent neighborhoods and Lincoln Community Park, two enhanced underpass treatments to convey the trail alignment under the heavily traveled US 41, one signature/gateway bridge (not included in this PD&E study), and one trail/pedestrian bridge.



Get Involved TODAY!

It's your community and this is going to be your trail! Your feedback and participation will play an important role in the study process. Please share your comments and suggestions with us throughout the duration of the study either by mail or online. Use the QR code below to complete the online survey.



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Please answer the following two groups of questions. As you answer, assume features such as lighting and security are similar to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Trail. For each row, please mark an "X" in the one column that most applies to you or your household.

How often would you use the Palmetto Trails Network for the following activities?	Every Day	Several Times a Week	Several Times a Month	Rarely	Not at All
Traveling to/from Work					
Traveling to/from School					
Traveling to/from Church					
Traveling to Community Resources/Centers					
Traveling for Groceries/Shopping/Errands					
Traveling to Parks/Athletic Fields					
Using Trail for Personal Exercise/Recreation					
Visiting Friends/Family					

How important would the following considerations be to you and your household in deciding whether or not to use the Palmetto Trails Network?	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not at All Important
Amount of Shade					
Connections to Transit					
Natural Surroundings					
Separation from the Roadway and Traffic					
Separation from Nearby Homes or Businesses					
Visibility of Trail to Passers-by (eyes on the trail)					

Please provide any additional feedback, comments or suggestions for the proposed trail network:
