

SOUTHERN SECTION PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend the Palmetto Trails Network Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Southern Section Public Workshop in-person on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, and live online on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

This study will evaluate alignments of a proposed shared use pathway and alternative facilities to address the need to reestablish connections lost through the construction of US 41 through the heart of Palmetto.

The Southern Section Public Workshop is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides an opportunity for the public to express their views about the project.

You can participate in the workshop live online or in-person. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings and will be posted on the project website.

IN-PERSON OPTION:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Anytime between 5 – 7 p.m.



Veterans' Hall
Manatee County Fairgrounds
1402 14th Avenue W.
Palmetto, FL 34221

The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance: fdot.cc/Palmetto-Trails-Registration
Thursday, February 27, 2025
6 – 7 p.m.



This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team.

Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event: (swflroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork).

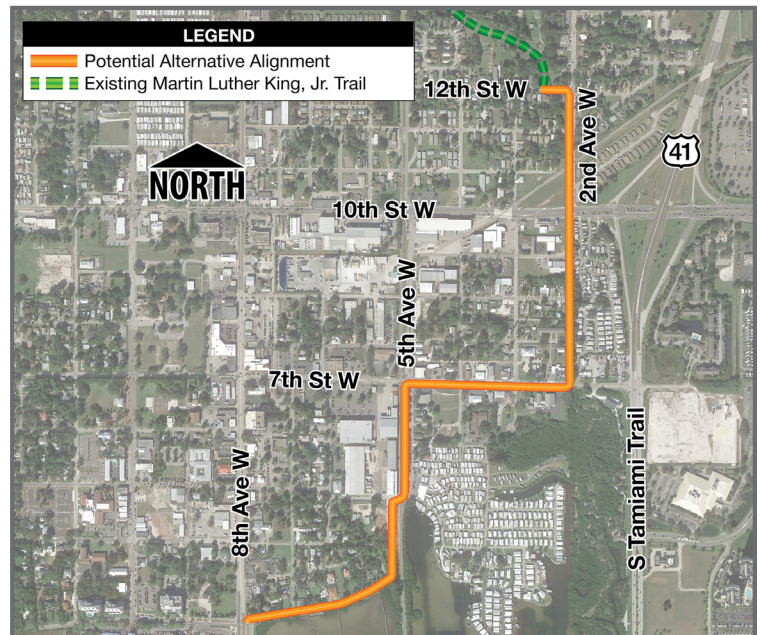
Materials will be posted online by February 12, 2025.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in spring 2020 to evaluate the Middle Section which includes trail segments between the Manatee County Area Transit Center, Palmetto Youth Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Trail, Lincoln Memorial Middle School, and Lincoln Park (Coach Eddie Shannon Park), as well as the Northern Section which includes the development of trail segments connecting Lincoln Park (Coach Eddie Shannon Park) and Washington Park through the neighborhoods just east of US 41 in Manatee County.

In summer 2024, the study limits were expanded to include the Southern Section (see figure at right) which involves the evaluation and development of trail segments and "complete street" facilities (traffic calming, shared bicycle markings on the road, and sidewalks) between the Green Bridge at US 41 Business, Connor Park, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

The purpose of the project is to reestablish multimodal, community connections throughout the City of Palmetto and Manatee County. Other goals of the project are to provide safe and viable travel options for the community to access area destinations and support quality of life and economic objectives of the surrounding area.



REGISTER TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY

Visit the link provided above or scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public meeting online.






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CONTACT INFORMATION

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the Palmetto Trails Network PD&E Study Southern Section Public Workshop. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Michelle Rutishauser at:

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WHILE COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT ARE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME, THEY MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 10, 2025, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORMAL RECORD.

**Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español
Por favor contacte a Karina Della Sera para información en español:
(Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us o 863-519-2750).**

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

For more information, visit our website at: www.swflroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork