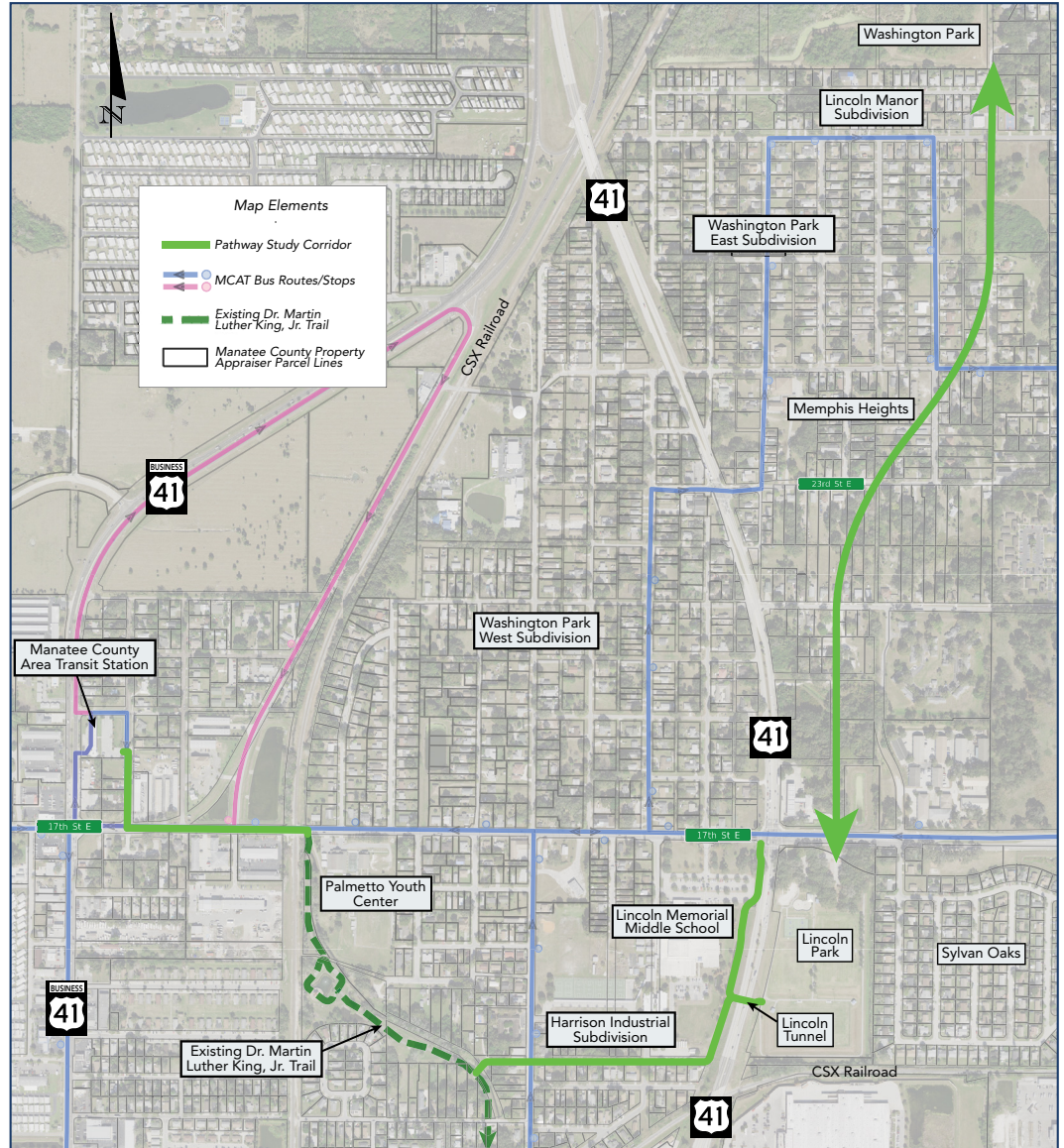


GET INVOLVED TODAY!

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



With these community benefits in mind, our project team met with focus groups within the study area this past spring to gain input to shape an initial trail study network, particularly in the areas north of 17th Street. We now invite you to access a quick online questionnaire and other related information, maps, and updates by scanning the QR code or accessing the project website.



Palmetto Trails NETWORK | PD&E STUDY

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NETWORK

The Palmetto Trails network is part of a RAISE Grant application (previously BUILD Grant) initiated by the County and civic leadership. The depicted alignment will connect Washington Park, currently under construction since its groundbreaking on July 28, 2021, to Lincoln Park, which is undergoing renovations for additional and improved facilities since its groundbreaking on November 19, 2020. The Lincoln Tunnel is another prominent feature of the network which connects important destinations along the trail. The tunnel's background is an important part of the community's history and this project will study ways to restore it in commemoration of this history.

	WEB LINKS
RAISE Grant	https://bit.ly/Palmetto_Trails_Network_Plan
Washington Park	https://fdot.cc/Washington_Park
Lincoln Park	https://fdot.cc/Lincoln_Park
Lincoln Tunnel	https://palmettohistoricalpark.com/lmhs-integration-article/

IN-PERSON PUBLIC WORKSHOP MEETING: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 PALMETTO YOUTH CENTER, 501 17th STREET WEST, PALMETTO, FL

At this meeting, in a relaxed open house format, you will have an in-depth opportunity to view, consider, and comment on the refined alignment corridors. Study team members will be available in person to answer your questions and listen to your insight and ideas regarding the trail network study.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP MEETING: 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

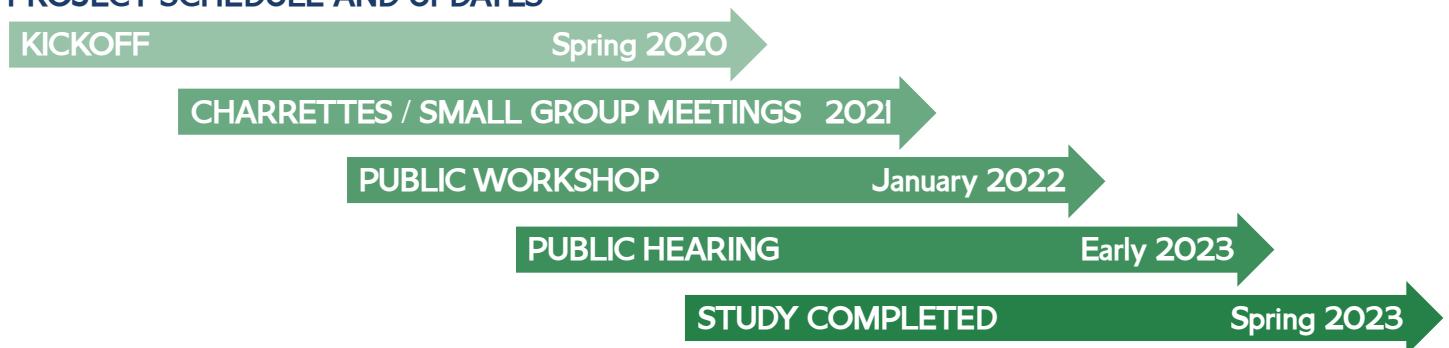
You can register for the virtual event at bit.ly/Palmetto_Trails_Public_Workshop_Registration. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar. The event is also available in listen-only mode by phone. Call 1 (877) 309-2074 and enter access code 641-192-945.

The workshop will also enable all interested persons an opportunity to express their views regarding the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the alignments. More information will be provided in early January. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at this meeting! See also the project website, located at: www.swflroads.com/palmettotrailsnetwork.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROJECT SCHEDULE AND UPDATES



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

Public participation is solicited 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 Cynthia Sykes, Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.