



September 19, 2017

AGENDA ITEM 6 C
**SOUTH MONROE STREET
COMPLETE STREETS
UPDATE**

TYPE OF ITEM: No Action Required

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

At the March 21, 2017 CRTPA meeting, efforts related to initiating development of a Complete Streets concept for South Monroe Street (Gaile Avenue to Tennessee Street) in Tallahassee were discussed by Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department (TLCPD) staff. Subsequently, coordination efforts between TLCPD, CRTPA and FDOT staff have occurred and an update related to these efforts will be provided.

As a background, at the January 11, 2017 City of Tallahassee Commission Retreat, City staff presented on investment and redevelopment in Tallahassee's South Side community. This presentation included a discussion of the application of complete streets principles on the South Monroe corridor. The presentation noted, "South Monroe is currently a suburban roadway that does not conform to a context-sensitive design for pedestrians, bicyclists, and mass transit users." Instead of trying to apply street design during site plan approval, "staff is seeking to work with FDOT to transform South Monroe Street to a complete street."

The discussion of complete streets for Monroe Street is timely in that the Florida Department of Transportation is currently developing a Complete Streets Handbook. The Florida Design Manual (FDM), a replacement of the Plans Preparation Manual (PPM), will follow the release of this handbook. The FDM will include roadway design elements, such as design speed, lane widths, lateral offsets for street trees, and sidewalk widths, based on context classification. The proposed context classifications include C1 Natural Zone, C2 Rural Zone, C2T Rural Town, C3R Suburban Residential Zone, C3C Suburban Commercial Zone, C4 General Urban Zone, C5 Urban Center Zone, and C6 Urban Core Zone.

As noted at the City Commission retreat, staff is seeking to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to apply the complete streets principles, context classifications, and updated design guidance to the South Monroe Corridor (also referred to as the Monroe-Adams Corridor).