

Presentation to CRTPA Committee January 10, 2012

- CRTPA general planning consultant (RS&H)
- Limits: John Knox Rd to s. of Magnolia Dr
- CRTPA Board Kickoff: January 23, 2012



Study builds upon existing CRTPA Monroe corridor efforts:

<u>Tallahassee-Leon Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan</u> adopted in 2004, identifying North Monroe Street at Lake Ella as a pedestrian emphasis intersection;

<u>CRTPA Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Priority Projects List</u> designation in 2009 & 2010 of N. Monroe at Lake Ella as the agency's number one TSM priority (funding for these improvements, scheduled to be constructed in 2015, was ultimately identified in 2010 and is part of the study);

North Monroe Street Design and Safety Study, accepted by the CRTPA in September 2010, was developed for the agency by FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning Master's students and provides recommendations for the North Monroe corridor;

<u>E. Sixth Avenue Sidewalk Project</u>, identified for funding in 2010, this project was included in the agency's Regional Mobility Plan and will improve pedestrian connectivity between Monroe Street and Thomasville Road (scheduled to be constructed in 2016).

Study builds upon Monroe corridor efforts of transportation partners:

<u>Sense of Place</u> initiatives (Midtown and Monroe-Adams) initiated in 2010 and 2011 by the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department include the Monroe corridor and identify support for improvements to facilitate increased pedestrian safety and economic development;

<u>Frenchtown/Southside Redevelopment Area and Downtown Redevelopment Area are</u> both located along part of the Monroe corridor. The community redevelopment areas have funded improvements in the corridor including facade, streetscape and sidewalk improvements;

<u>Downtown Tallahassee Pedestrian Connectivity Plan</u> was prepared for the Downtown Improvement Authority and completed in 2005. The plan identifies proposed improvements in downtown Tallahassee, including proposed medians for a portion Monroe Street in downtown Tallahassee where right-of-way is sufficient.

Study will provide a comprehensive assessment to address vehicular and pedestrian safety. As name implies, two parts to study:

Entire Monroe Corridor (John Knox to s. of Magnolia): Access management study to include a strategy to ultimately install medians (Corridor Action Plan);

Lake Ella Portion (Tharpe Sreet to E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave): Project funded in FY 12/16 TIP; to address first phase of TIP project (planning study) and provide detailed access recommendations from which funded TIP project can proceed to next (design) phase.

**Access Management Benefits** 

<u>Safety</u> – Improved pedestrian safety due to reduced automobile/pedestrian conflicts; improved automobile safety (fewer and less severe accidents) as a result of reduced vehicular conflicts;

Efficiency – Higher corridor level of service for automobiles; less stop and go traffic;

<u>Aesthetics</u> – Less asphalt and more attractive corridors. Increased corridor landscaping opportunities. With regards to Monroe Street, a more attractive corridor assists with furthering the redevelopment efforts of businesses currently occurring.

#### A Closer Look: Lake Ella

#### WHY?

- Pedestrian Safety
- Almost ½ mile distance between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Tharpe Street
- Surrounded by neighborhoods and commercial uses
- Lake Ella is a unique (and popular) amenity in Tallahassee





#### North Monroe/Lake Ella













