

# APPENDIX B. Public Engagement

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Subject: Fw: Input About Thomasville Multi-Use Path - Waverly Hills Resident

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I have lived in Waverly Hills for over 30 years. My family walks, jogs, bikes and loves using the local parks and businesses in Midtown and the Market District. The proposed improvements to the existing sidewalks and dirt paths along both sides of Thomasville Road (aka the Multi-Use Path) are very exciting. The current sidewalks and paths are insufficient for the walkers, joggers, bikers, stroller, etc. and are, I'm many parts, unsafe. The proposed improvements are long overdue and will be great enhancement to this important corridor.

During the past several months, I have had the opportunity to participate in numerous public events concerning the Thomasville Multi-Use Path. The events that I have participated in include two zoom meetings with the Waverly Hills neighborhood association (one early in the process and one recently), the pop-up event at Waverly Hills Pond, the pop-up event at McCord park, the public hearing at City Hall, and the public meeting at the School for Arts and Sciences.

Let me first commend the CRPTA for the lengths that you have gone to to provide opportunities for input, questions, and general discussion throughout this process. It has been commendable.

I realize that you were in the final stages of completing your report on this phase of the project for consideration by the board. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide some final thoughts that I have about the various segments and the overall project.

In terms of the over overall project, I think improving the existing sidewalk along Thomasville Road would be a tremendous asset to the area. It is a major corridor for people living in the area and provides an opportunity for various options of transport and commuting other than cars. A multi use path that could safely and effectively serve walkers, joggers, strollers, wheelchairs, bikers, etc., would be a tremendous asset.

My other general comment is that I strongly recommend that the board continue efforts towards the creation of this pathway. There have been times when I have heard some suggest that the CRPTA just doesn't proceed any further and stops pursuing this project. THIS WOULD BE A HUGE MISTAKE. I realize there are still many issues and design specifics to be worked out as a part of the implementation. However there has been so much work and discussion done that to not proceed would be a real disservice to all the people that have worked so hard to date. This is needed and the CRPTA should definately proceed to the design phase.

I've looked in detail at each of the segments and wanted to just provide some of my comments.

Segment 1 - Benton Road to Armistead Road - This section is south of Waverly Hills. I understand that the current

proposal is to come up along the east side of Thomasville Rd. This appears to be the most logical approach. I would however strongly urge serious consideration about some way to use right of way behind some of the businesses from Benton Road up to Post Rd. to avoid walkers, bikers etc. from having to deal with the condensed number of businesses, including a gas station and bank in that section.

**Segment 2 - Armistead to Woodgate Way -** It is my understanding that the use of the east side of Thomasville is the most logical section for a multi use path. I also agree that using the Woodgate intersection as a place to cross over to the west side of Thomasville makes sense.

From the Waverly Hills perspective there are two main issues that are critical to the segment of the pathway. The section of the "sidewalk" (more accurately dirt path" on the west side of Thomasville Road from Waverly Road down to Armistead is in deplorable condition, is often unusable and not safe in many sections. For Waverly Hills, it is critical that this section be available so that we have access to the light at the Armistead/Gardenia intersection. I understand that there are some right of way issues along the segment but it is critical that it be addressed. It's understood that it may not be able to be a an 8 foot wide pathway but at least a paved sidewalk is critical. Without a usable, safe segment from Waverly to Armistead on the west side of Thomasville access to the multi use path is problematic. Basically it would mean that people from Waverly Hills would likely continue to cross without a light at the end of Waverly Road to get over to the east side of Thomasville.

I would also strongly encourage a close look at the intersection of Armistead and Thomasville Road. If you are coming from McCord park and turn left onto Armistead the hill up to Thomasville Road is quite steep and the road is narrow. It is a dangerous situation for any walkers or bikers.

The proposed pictures of the multi use path along the segment look like it will be a great enhancement. But again, it is critical that the west side of Thomasville Rd. both north and south of Waverly Rd. be considered for some level of improvement.

**Segment 3 - Woodgate Way to Metropolitan Blvd.** - It is my understanding that the proposed pathway would be on the west side of Thomasville Rd. at this point. That seems like a logical option.

The proposal calls for the path to go up to Metropolitan Blvd.. I would hope that some serious consideration of utilizing Live Oak plantation versus having people cross at the intersection of Live Oak and Thomasville would be considered.

Market District Connection - I realize that this section has not had as much discussion, but it is of particular interest to many of us in Waverly Hills. It will be the main option for Waverly Hills residents and other users of the path to access the Market District area. I have looked at many of the options and I'm concerned about the Metropolitan Boulevard access. It requires that people cross over at the intersection of Live Oak and Thomasville which is a dangerous intersection.

One of the options is to utilize the right of along the south side of Live Oak Plantation and then connect with Timberlane School Rd. and utilize the utility right of way to go along the west side of Gilchrist school property. This appears to be the best alternative. It avoids people crossing over to Metropolitan Blvd. and it avoids people having to deal with the extreme hill at the base of Timberlane School Rd. and Timberlane Rd..

I understand that there may be concern about using Live Oak Plantation. I would hope that the CRPTA does not allow a small number of residents along that stretch to interfere with this option. It is my understanding that the land being considered is in the right of way. Also the homes along that area has a large front yards so a path along the roadway should not be an issue.

I hope these suggestions have been helpful. Again, I applaud the CRPTA members and staff for all the efforts to solicit and consider public input. It is commendable.

I am so excited about the improvements that the Multi-Use Path along Thomasville Road would provide to the area.

I urge the CRPTA Board to move forward with this project - design and implementation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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### THOMASVILLE ROAD MULTI-USE PATH

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CRTPA Board and Staff,

We are writing today to submit the statement below and as well as copies of the petition requesting removal of the McCord Park/McCord Ditch (previouslyTrescott Ditch) option of the Betton to Armistead segment of the Thomasville road Multi-Use Path.

More than 325 users of McCord Park have signed a petition asking that the McCord Park/McCord Ditch option be removed from consideration as a segment of the Thomasville Road multi-use path so the current passive nature of the park would be maintained. Electronic copies have been sent to the CRTPA Board and staff. Updates will be provided.

#### Reasons for opposition to the McCord Park/McCord Ditch

Using McCord Park as part of the Midtown to Market two-way multimodal path would funnel

faster-moving cyclists, electric scooters, etc., on to the park's current path and significantly alter how the park is used, create safety issues and destroy the quiet nature of this urban oasis.

A true gem in the middle of Tallahassee, McCord is a popular passive nature park enjoyed by multigenerational users from throughout the city and county. It offers a safe, quiet place to socialize, enjoy nature, exercise and relax.

There are incompatibility and safety issues associated with adding faster-moving two-way commuter travelers to a path that in places is only about seven feet wide when the recommended multimodal path width is 10-12 feet. The widest portion of this less than ¼ mile path is lined with benches where visitors congregate. We have been told by the CRTPA that the path within McCord Park would not be modified or widened to accommodate this increased traffic and that no signage would be installed.

The path is winding and bordered with thick native vegetation creating visibility issues.

Of the five parks near the proposed path, McCord Park would be the only park directly impacted by adding faster-moving commuter and pass-through traffic on the most-heavily-used portion of this passive park.

#### Review of efforts to preserve McCord Park

In July, residents and the Betton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) organized a meeting about the Trescott Drive/McCord Park option. CRTPA staff participated in the meeting. Forty residents attended and all but one opposed the Trescott Drive/McCord Park option. Exploration of Post Road was suggested as an alternative.

In mid-August, the BHNA formalized a position, which includes: "The BHNA does not support trail options on or beside Betton Hills streets or through McCord Park"

In September, residents and BHNA organized a meeting concerning the McCord Park/McCord Ditch option. CRTPA staff and Commissioner Minor participated in the meeting. Almost all of the 110-120 attendees wanted the McCord Park option to be removed. The study of Post Road as an alternative option was again recommended. A petition was initiated.

Last week, Betton Hills resident Jonette Sawyer attended the City of Tallahassee's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board voted to send a letter to the CRTPA Board stating that they were not in support of the multi-use path through McCord Park. The Parks and Recreation Board requested that if the path was built on Thomasville Road, that every effort be made to minimize potential impacts to the west border of McCord Park.

We respectfully request that the McCord Park/McCord Ditch option be removed from the Betton/Armistead segment of the Thomasville Road multi-use path as there are alternatives that would not impact McCord Park.

Sincerely,

Beth Dolan, Tom O'Steen, Jonette Sawyer, Beau Scott and Patsy Scott



#### The following Tallahassee residents oppose the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency's McCord Park/Trescott Ditch option of the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path linking Midtown and Market.

McCord Park is a passive neighborhood park used by parents strolling with their children, walkers, joggers, leisure cyclists, dog walkers, bird watchers, people relaxing with friends, etc. A two-way "pass-through" trail with faster-moving cyclists, rollerbladers, electric scooterists, etc., occupying the same path as current McCord Park users is unsafe. A multi-use two-way trail is incompatible with the passive nature of McCord Park, which we request to be maintained in its current design, function and manner of use.

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For these reasons, we believe the McCord Park Trescott Duch option should be removed from consideration.

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From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: <u>Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay</u>
Subject: Fw: Thomasville Multi Use Path

**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:43:41 AM

FYI Jeff McClain #1

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:46 AM

To: Richardson, Curtis < Curtis.Richardson@talgov.com>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Multi Use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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# Hello Commissioner Richardson,

I'm writing you to advocate for the proposed multi use path on Thomasville Rd. I live and work on opposite ends of the path and use it to commute by bike most days. I feel that the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency has good ideas for bettering the road for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

There are some particularly bad sections of sidewalk on the west side of Thomasville near Gardenia Dr. and I would encourage you to check them out. This is also where the bike lane inexplicably ends.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay

Subject: Fw: Thomasville Multi Use Path

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:44:01 AM

FYI Jeff McClain #2

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:45 AM

To: Williams-Cox, Dianne < Dianne. Williams-Cox@talgov.com>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Multi Use Path

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From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay
Subject: Fw: Thomasville Multi Use Path

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:44:29 AM

FYI Jeff McClain #3

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:42 AM

To: Matlow, Jeremy < Jeremy. Matlow@talgov.com>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Multi Use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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# Hello Commissioner Matlow,

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From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay
Subject: Fw: Thomasville Multi Use Path

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:44:46 AM

FYI Jeff McClain #4

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:41 AM **To:** Nick Maddox <MaddoxN@leoncountyfl.gov>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Multi Use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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# Hello Commissioner Maddox,

I'm writing you to advocate for the proposed multi use path on Thomasville Rd. I live and work on opposite ends of the path and use it to commute by bike most days. I feel that the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency has good ideas for bettering the road for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

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Thank you for your consideration.

From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay
Subject: Fw: Thomasville Multi Use Trail

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:45:08 AM

FYI Jeff McClain #5

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:38 AM **To:** Kristin Dozier <DozierK@leoncountyfl.gov>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Multi Use Trail

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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Hello Commissioner Dozier,

I'm writing you to advocate for the proposed multi use path on Thomasville Rd. I live and work on opposite ends of the path and use it to commute by bike most days. I feel that the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency has good ideas for bettering the road for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

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From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn: Slautterback, Lindsay
Subject: Fw: Thomasville Rd Multi Use Path
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:45:38 AM

#### FYI Jeff McClain #6

Jack Kostrzewa

**CRTPA Assistant Director** 

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**From:** Jeff McClain <jeffmcclainjr@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:35 AM **To:** Rick Minor <MinorR@leoncountyfl.gov>

Cc: Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

**Subject:** Thomasville Rd Multi Use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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Hello Commisiner Minor,

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Thank you for your consideration.

# Capital City Cyclists Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Position Statement - November 2021



The Capital City Cyclists Board of Directors (CCC) approves this position statement regarding the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path currently being considered by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)

- 1. The CCC believes that the section of Thomasville Rd from Betton St. north to Metropolitan Blvd is currently not sufficiently safe for bicycles and other modes of active and environmentally responsible transportation.
- 2. In line with typical guidance from the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), traffic volumes and traffic speeds in the Thomasville road corridor call for a separated bicycle facility. CCC strongly supports the implementation of a multi-use path, which has the ability to improve safety and address current and future needs not only for cyclists, but also for pedestrians, joggers, strollers, etc.
- The CCC supports the CRPTA Board continuing with this project beyond the current feasibility study phase. A good design of the multi-use path will make Thomasville Road safer, not only for cyclists, but for all users.
- 4. The need for multi-modal mobility in this corridor is clear from the high ranking in the recent Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. This need has only grown in the current Covid crisis, and the current climate crisis. We feel it is necessary for our community to make it possible for people to choose environmentally responsible and healthy forms of transportation, without jeopardizing their lives.
- 5. The CCC strongly supports the CRTPA efforts to obtain community input during this process and wants to be kept informed as the project continues through the planning, design, and implementation stages.

#### Supporting facts and considerations:

The CCC is aware that Thomasville Road is an important north-south arterial road in Leon County and that the multi-use path in this corridor has been identified as a major multi-modal project in the current Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The CCC is aware that many neighborhoods along the corridor rely on Thomasville Rd as their only exit and entrance point. This currently limits multi-modal choice for these communities, while it also limits the possibility for alternative routes.

Thomasville Road should be maintained as a welcoming thoroughfare to and from the downtown/midtown areas for all modes of transportation, rather than merely an express route for motorized traffic to get from downtown to I-10 and beyond.

This project is of great importance to the rapidly expanding Tallahassee cycling community. The multi-use path would provide a safe linkage from Midtown to the Market District for residents, commuters, and recreational users. It allows non-motorized forms of transportation to more safely and effectively access neighborhoods, community parks, schools, and businesses.

This project enhances the livability of Tallahassee, while making it possible for residents to choose active and environmentally responsible forms of transportation that have a positive impact on air quality, noise pollution, global warming, and health.

CCC looks forward to the design phase of this project, which we believe can be done in a way that increases safety for both automotive as well as alternative/active modes of transportation, and that allows all users of the corridor to get to their destinations safely and harmoniously.

From: Slay, Greg

To: Slautterback, Lindsay; Widness, Katelyn
Subject: FW: Meeting with Betton Hills Reps
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:26:54 PM

From: Slay, Greg

Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:46 AM

**To:** Williams-Cox, Dianne < Dianne. Williams-Cox@talgov.com>

**Cc:** Kostrzewa, Jack < John. Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Betton Hills Reps

Good morning Commissioner,

See below -

I'd be happy to meet w/ you to discuss if you'd like.

Greg

**From:** Williams-Cox, Dianne < <u>Dianne.Williams-Cox@talgov.com</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8:27 PM

**To:** Slay, Greg <<u>Greg.Slay@talgov.com</u>> **Subject:** Meeting with Betton Hills Reps

#### Greg,

I took a few notes from yesterday's meeting with Mike Betzin, Mary Kay and Donna from the Betton Hills Board. Here are my notes and I am happy to explain them when opportunity permits:

• They are in favor of the alternative loop to the old Post Road to Thomasville Road. They want to know who owns Post Road...City, County or Private.

The City owns the right-of-way on Post Road from Thomasville Road to Trescott Drive. The property south of Post Road down to Betton Road is privately owned.

• They are not in favor of the route that includes the ditch.

There are some challenges on the Trescott Ditch option. We met with Underground Utilities on-site in late September to review the plans for covering the ditch. They will be including essentially a sidewalk along the improvements they will begin making after the first of the year. We're not sure we would be able to add the necessary width to make it a multiuse path due to right-of-way constraints so we're still looking into that. The swale on top of the ditch covering makes adding a multiuse path a significant challenge. One thing we learned on the site visit is that a good portion of the heavily treed area behind the businesses along that stretch is privately owned.

• How difficult is to get a proposed design for people to react to it instead of speculating in their minds how things will look?

In order to get any decent level of detail, we would have to initiate the design phase to at least 30-60% completion (design has three major review points: 30%, 60% and 90% of completion). Since we'd have to do survey, traffic data collection/analysis, and a significant amount of work to get that far, I'm guessing we would be in the range of \$200-400,000 based on a \$535,000 budget (FDOT current estimate for the design).

• They ask if several scenarios may be provided to show potential options...such as a board walk around the tree...

We are working on some renderings that will show before/after images of the path. They should be completed next week. We don't have one showing a boardwalk around any tree since we're not proposing anything like that at this point.

• They assure me that they are trying to help find potential solutions...

I don't doubt that a bit. Mike was responsible for arranging our first in-person meeting with residents of Betton Hills and had talked extensively with Jack throughout the project. Mary Kay has been in constant communication w/ Jack and myself throughout as well.

• Let folks work together and maybe the businesses will give some of their properties to help

That's always an option but is usually easier said than done. One of the things Utilities mentioned during our site visit was that the business along the service road, especially Centennial Bank, were adamant the access road coming up from Betton be maintained/improved so I'm not sure how receptive they would be to giving up that right-of-way. Another concern I would have is the impact to the trees. The Trescott Ditch project will already have an impact to the tree canopy. We would probably be looking at clearing another significant swath of trees if we were put a path on the private property along that stretch.

• They believe that Underground Utilities and the Parks and Rec folks should be involved also.

We have coordinated extensively with both Departments since we began the project. As I mentioned earlier, we've met with Utilities on-site and actually began coordination with them last year when we first learned of the project covering the ditch. Parks and Rec was one of our first stakeholder meetings when we began the project and have been continuously involved. Jack gave a presentation on the project to the Parks and Rec Advisory Board last week. I know Ashley Edwards has reservations about the path going through Mccord Park so we've been discussing that option guite a bit with her.

• There are other issues that may need to be addressed such as dumpsters near the nature trail that is a mess

I'm not sure who might be responsible for that but will pass it along to both Parks and Rec as well as Public Works.

• Suggests that collaboration with Blueprint on marketing and working with visuals might be considered.

Thanks,
Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox. MBA, CPM
850.891.8667
Dianne.Williams-Cox@talgov.com

# Dangerous Situation at Entrance to Waverly Hills Improvements Needed Along Thomasville Road North and South of the Entrance to Waverly Hills

# Prepared by Meg Bates, 721 Kenilworth Road October 2021

I have prepared this brief overview to address the critical need for improvements for pedestrians traffic on the west side of Thomasville Road both north and south of Waverly Road. It includes a description of the current situation, along with pictures showing the problems described.

While there are entrances to Waverly Hills at both Thomasville and Meridian Roads, it is the one at Thomasville Road that is generally considered the "main" entrance, and the one that deals with more traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian.

There are sidewalks on both the east and west sides of Thomasville Road. On the east side is a standard paved sidewalk. However, on the west side, the "sidewalks/paths" going both north and south from Waverly Road are in a significant state of disrepair making it extremely hazardous and unsafe for any pedestrian, jogger, stroller, wheelchair, bicyclists, etc.

The CRPTA is currently assessing the Multi-Use Path project along Thomasville Road from Midtown to Market District. As a part of this project, or as a separate issue, the City of Tallahassee needs to repair and upgrade the sidewalks/pathways along the west side on Thomasville Road north and south of Waverly Road to make them useable and safe for any pedestrian, jogger, stroller, wheelchair, bicyclists, etc.

In order for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclist, strollers, etc. from Waverly Hills to access the sidewalk on the east side of Thomasville Road, it is necessary to cross Thomasville Road. The light at Armistead/Gardenia is the closest traffic light to Waverly Road - just south about a 1/4 mile. If a person wants to walk, jog or bike on the west side of Thomasville Road down to Armistead/Gardenia, it is a challenge, at best, and dangerous at worst. In its current state, this section of "sidewalk" is basically unusable. This section must be improved to make the surface such that it can be used to safely get from Waverly Hills to the light at Armistead/Gardenia.

It is equally bad for any person trying to head north. This section is quite treacherous with varying elevations and a slope down to Thomasville Road. If you want to stay on the west side of Thomasville and head north to walk, bike, push stroller, etc., the ability to do so safely is not possible in some sections.

The other problem is entering into Waverly Hills from either the north or south as a pedestrian, jogger, stroller, wheelchair, etc.

If you enter Waverly Hills from the south, there is a short sidewalk that ends at a drainage ditch and a blindspot in the curve on Kenilworth Road.

If you enter from the north, the very narrow sidewalk is routinely overgrown requiring any person to go into Waverly Road and risk being in the way of cars that may be turning into Waverly Hills from Thomasville Road.

If the CRPTA project to improve and upgrade the sidewalk/path along Thomasville Road from Midtown to the Market District goes forward, the improvements on the west side of Thomasville Road and entering Waverly Hills should be a high priority.

However, regardless of whether the Thomasville Road Mulit-Use Path project occurs, this section on the west side of Thomasville Road - north and south of Waverly Road - needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Below are pictures of the "sidewalks/pathways" on the west side of Thomasville Road and the entrance into Waverly Hills. The first set of pictures show the horrible, unsightly and UNSAFE condition of these "sidewalks" or "pathways" - they really qualifies as neither. The second set show the hazards and obstacles for pedestrians, bicyclists, etc. face when trying to enter Waverly Road from either the north or south.

**Set 1 Pictures:** The "sidewalk/path' on the west side of Thomasville Road both north and south of Waverly Road.













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**Set 2 Pictures**: Hazards for pedestrians, bicyclists, etc. entering Waverly Hills from either the south and north on the west side of Thomasville Road.





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# Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Feasibility Study CRTPA October 19, 2021 meeting at City Hall

Emphasis should be on keeping the route on Thomasville Road
Private homes should be disturbed as little as possible. Do not intrude into neighborhoods
No oak trees should be cut down

Crossing over at Woodgate to the west side of Thomasville Road. It is not a good choice since there are only two private houses on the east side of Thomasville Road all the way to I-10. Those two are well sheltered from Thomasville Road. On the west side there are at least seven private homes with narrow sidewalk areas. The east side has empty lots, the parking lot of Thomasville Baptist church and many banks and businesses that are set way back from the Road, have buried power lines and are mostly empty on evenings and weekends. There is plenty of space to do the path. It is a flat, straight shot under I-10 and there is plenty of space to improve safety. It takes people directly from Betton to Market Place.

Putting the path down Live Oak Plantation is a terrible idea. First, it is the prettiest road in Tallahassee. You know that. The late great J. Carrol Dadisman had the city to agree the allow only the Live Oak Plantation home owners vote a few years ago about whether to add sidewalks. They rejected the proposal by around 95%. Secondly, Timberlane School Road is not a good choice for the path. The road ends up at Timberlane Road that is very steep and curves with many, many driveways—ballet, music school, dentists, eye doctors, beauty shops, businesses, etc. During the school year from 2:30 till 3:30 pm, cars are lined up bumper to bumper for picking up children from Gilchrist School. I presume it is the same in the morning for drop off.

Not doing the Path is an option. Please remember that. Second, perhaps anyone who gets on a bus between Betton Road and McClay Blvd. with a bike rides for free. Just a thought.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan and Marilyn Marshall
1321 Piedmont Drive (SW corner of Piedmont and Thomasville Road)
Tallahassee, FL 32312

850-386-7376 marilynjmarshall@comcast.net

From: Slay, Greg

To: Kostrzewa, Jack; Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay

Cc: <u>Burke, Greg; Lex, Suzanne</u>

Subject: Fwd: Thomasville Road Multi-Modal Path Through McCord Park

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:17:25 PM

#### Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Suzanne Haines <steviekatts@embarqmail.com>

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 1:21:24 PM CDT **To:** "Slay, Greg" < Greg. Slay@talgov.com>

Subject: Thomasville Road Multi-Modal Path Through McCord Park

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Dear Mr. Slay,

Thank you for the time you and your fellow CRTPA members have spent attending meetings to discuss the Thomasville Road Multi-Modal Path with those of us affected by it. I appreciate your willingness to do that. I am writing you to express my concerns about the proposed Thomasville Road Multi-Modal path going along the ditch and into McCord Park, and explain why I wish to see the McCord Park routing option removed from consideration.

I live at 2126 Trescott Drive, and have for the last 49 years. My concern about running the path along the ditch is that, contrary to assertions that have been made, I believe that the increased traffic in that area will lead to more crime, litter, and noise. Further, a comment made by Mr. Kostrzewa at one of the meetings with the BHNA board, seemed to indicate that we would be subjected to bright lights in our backyards 24/7, which will be pretty disruptive to our existence and that of wildlife.

As far as crime is concerned, my neighbor, Dan Markel, was murdered by two people who used the ditch to access his backyard to case his house prior to returning to murder him. They also spent some time at or near McCord Park where, I was told by a juror from their trial, they managed to shoot a hole in the floorboard of their car. Although the box culvert will not extend to my house, it

will make it easier to access the backyards of neighbors on my side of the street, which concerns me.

I am very concerned, too, about wildlife habitat and the effects paving this path along the ditch will have on an already strained ecosystem. Many of us enjoy seeing the bunnies, birds, and other wildlife that inhabit that area, the park, and our yards. I am further concerned about the effects on the gopher tortoises that are protected under both Federal and Florida law.

I am also very concerned about the effects on drainage. That ditch was not there when my parents and I moved into this house in 1972. It was subsequently put in to alleviate flooding on Mitchell Avenue. The City subsequently looked at closing Cline Street because of flooding there and along part of Trescott. After a walkthrough with the neighbors, the City decided to leave Cline open and buy the houses that had been, or might be, affected by flooding. Several people who did not want to move sold their houses to the City, fearing that if their houses did flood, they would have no recourse. The owners of one of the houses on Trescott chose not to sell and, to my knowledge, it has never flooded. Another was torn down and, several years later, the lot was advertised as "build to suit," and several years after that, was sold, and a large house now stands on it. Additionally, at least two of my neighbors have recently spent upwards of \$10,000 each, to alleviate drainage issues on their lots. Anytime you pave over an area that absorbs water, the water has to run somewhere else to be absorbed. This neighborhood has enough existing drainage issues that we really don't need to create any more.

With regard to sending additional traffic through the park, we have a lot of rude people on bikes, scooters, and hoverboards, utilizing this street. We also have rude runners. On a recent Sunday night around 9:30 I was walking my dog when a late-teens or early-20's guy on a hoverboard came from across the street, got on the sidewalk at the corner of Cline and Trescott, and proceeded to ride the hoverboard on the sidewalk. My dog and I were forced to move onto the street to prevent being run over by the hoverboard. Several weeks ago, I witnessed a little girl, probably eight or 10 years old, on an e-scooter, riding as fast as she could down the sidewalk on Armistead toward a woman who was walking on the sidewalk. The woman had to step off the sidewalk, into the grass, to allow the e-scooter to go past. The little girl never slowed down.

Since Betton has been closed I have seen people in their personal vehicles driving into the park where they have to either turn around to come back out, or back out. I have personally been run off the sidewalk on Trescott by people on

bicycles, and run off the path in the park by runners who were coming toward me, three abreast, and saw no reason to yield right-of-way to anyone else. Over the past few months, there have been ATV's riding around in the holding ponds behind the ditch.

Paving a path through the park will not modify bad behavior, and increasing the traffic through there will only exacerbate the problems that already exist, especially, if there is no enforcement. Therefore, I strongly oppose removing the prohibition of motorized conveyances in the park, especially since it is already not being observed or enforced.

My final concern is about legal issues. One of the BHNA Board members mentioned in the first meeting with the CRTPA folks, that he thought that the property for the park was donated by the Winthrops, contingent upon there being no motorized conveyances allowed in the park. If this is correct, would a violation of that contingency cause the property to "revert" to the Winthrop's heirs? And, on a less theoretical level, there are children and older people who walk along the ditch and through the park. Sooner or later, a child or older person will be injured by a person blasting through on their bike, scooter, or hoverboard, and there will be lawsuits. Additionally, until recently, the city did very little maintenance in the park. I'm now trying to get a portion of the fence at the back of my yard that was damaged during Hurricane Michael, repaired. The state (DOT) said it isn't their fence and they believe it's the City's. The City is looking into whose fence it is. If there's no maintenance of the path along the ditch and through the park, that will also encourage injuries.

Finally, while the proposal is said to seek to connect several local parks together, there has been no discussion of carving a path through the middle of any of the larger parks, only through McCord Park, the smallest and most passive of all the affected parks. This does not make any sense to me and will destroy the present manner in which the park is used by both humans and wildlife.

In short, I believe that if this path is to be constructed, Thomasville Road, where a lot of the needed infrastructure already exists, is the only sensible place for it. I would support dropping the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph, as it used to be. However, with no regular traffic enforcement on Thomasville Road, it really doesn't matter what the posted speed limit is, it will continue to be ignored.

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.

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#### **Questions for Jack:**

1. Can you briefly explain the total Midtown-Market multi-use trail and where it will run from and to? Where / what does it connect to in Midtown? What proposed changes are expected on Thomasville Road as part of the City's Midtown Mobility Plan and when? What is the cost of that project? Is this a Blueprint funded project?

As you know, people here are interested in -- and most are concerned about -- the multiuse trail going through McCord Park as we believe a "through trail" is incompatible with a passive neighborhood park and is a safety issue for current McCord Park users and the cyclists. We also want to understand the totality of the proposed changes.

- 2. Can you explain how the route moves from Thomasville Road / Betton Road through McCord Park and back onto Thomasville Road and why this is an option? Can you give us some insight into that decision? Specifically identify what the constraints are that led to this option.
  - Give us a very specific description of where the trail hits Betton Road, how it would cross Betton Road and where the trail would continue north. Similarly, please provide a very specific description of how the trail would transition into McCord Park physically, what this would look like, and if you expect the McCord Park path to be rebuilt in a different location or size?
- 3. Why is the City's ditch project not reflective of a trail? Where would a trail go relative to the ditch portion that is being covered? What is the cost of retro-fitting this ditch improvement? Has the City agreed to the trail being put on or adjacent to their covered ditch?
  - There is confusion about this segment of the proposed option what is the anticipated outcome? Has the City agreed to provide this area for the trail?
- 4. Has the City of Tallahassee approved using their Drainage easement behind Trescott or McCord Park (a City property) as an option? Does the drainage easement allow for this kind of use? Who has to approve the change?
  - Does their approval/ disapproval carry any weight or taken into consideration?
- 5. Why not look at the possibility of using Post Road to move travelers back to and from Thomasville Road instead of having a two-way multi-modal trail go through McCord Park. Now that the CRTPA is in the feasibility stage, why isn't this option being addressed? All the options have limitations this one should be studied in detail.

#### September 3, 2021

#### Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency Board Members Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee Members and

**Technical Advisory Committee Members** 

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path Feasibility Study. We have been residents in the Leewood Hills neighborhood since 2002 and walk, run and bike regularly along this corridor and throughout Tallahassee. In general, we support this project and think that the feasibility provides some good options that are safe for pedestrians and cyclists. There are some specific aspects of the preferred options we would like considered and incorporated into the project design moving forward. Also, we invite any Committee Member or CRTPA employee to come ride bikes with us along this corridor to experience firsthand pros/cons of some of the options presented. I have included on pages 3-5 "Cyclist Heat Maps" showing the current routes often taken along the corridor for consideration.

#### Betton Road to Armistead

The Trescott Ditch alignment option is the safest and preferred route. The improved path could mimic the character of Goose Pond segments (Potts/Hermitage) that connect to other features/paths in Tallahassee. Furthermore, cyclists and runner already use McCord Park as a through-trail, and the Trescott Ditch would provide an alternative for users for at least half the distance in the park. This would alleviate some of the through-traffic in McCord for at least half of the length of the park.

#### Armistead to Metropolitan

We strongly oppose the elimination of bike lanes, particularly southbound between Woodgate and Waverly Roads. As a cyclist, we do not typically use the bike lane to travel north on Thomasville Road up to the Tallahassee Nurseries driveway since it is uphill (we use the existing sidewalk or cut across from Winthrop Way to through the Waverly neighborhood). Generally slow bike speeds where the vehicle speed limit is high is considered unsafe. However, when traveling southbound/downhill from Woodgate, the bike lane is always used until turning left on Winthrop Way. A bike lane from Woodgate to Waverly must be kept intact as downhill speeds upwards to 30 mph will be a major safety issue on an east-side multi-use path from Woodgate to Armistead. It would likely not be used by most cyclists traveling southbound and they would remain in a narrowed lane with traffic if the bike lane is removed. Since there the multi-use path is planned for the east side, there is no ROW need on the west side and the bike lane should be able to remain.

Related to this section, we urge you to upgrade the currently unmaintained asphalt path on the west side of Thomasville Road to standard cement sidewalk. The current path is not only non-ADA compliant; it is a liability due to its unmaintained and unlevel surface. Providing a standard sidewalk transitioning from the multi-use path at Woodgate Road south to Waverly would provide residents who live on the west side of Thomasville Road an option that wouldn't require crossing Thomasville Rd. (likely at un-signaled locations).

## Woodgate Way to Metropolitan

We agree with and support the alignment option occurring on the west side of Thomasville Road.

#### **Market District Connection**

The option presented in Figure 16 is preferred as it avoids having to cross the dangerous Live Oak/ Thomasville Road intersection. It also follows the route cyclists currently take so it is more likely to be used (see heat map below).

#### Timberlane School Road

The preferred route in figure 20 utilizing the utility easement is nice. We generally ride bikes on the sidewalk from right after I-10 around and up Timberlane Road on the steep sidewalk to Gilchrest Elementary. This utility easement will add a nice enhancement to the route.

#### In summary:

#### **Betton Road to Armistead Road**

SUPPORT - 2. Trescott Ditch McCord Park

#### **Armistead Road to Metropolitan Boulevard**

OPPOSE - Removing bike lanes (both sides)

KEEP SOUTHBOUND BIKE LANE BETWEEN WOODGATE AND WAVERLY

SUPPORT - Crossover east side to west side at Woodgate Way

SUPPORT - Armistead Road to Woodgate Way - east side of the road

SUPPORT - Woodgate Way to Metropolitan Boulevard - west side of the road

ADD – Standard sidewalk to replace old crumbing asphalt path on west side from Waverly to Woodgate.

#### **Market District Connection**

South of Interstate 10

SUPPORT - 1. Live Oak Plantation Road

#### North of Interstate 10

SUPPORT - Timberlane School Road to Timberlane Road

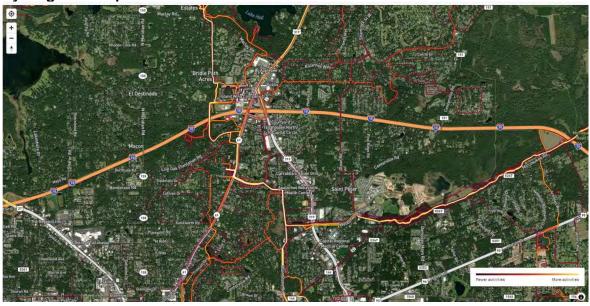
SUPPORT - Timberlane Road (Timberlane School Road to Maclay Road

REQUEST that the installation of a standard sidewalk on west side of Thomasville Road from Woodgate to Waverly be completed to avoid west-side residents from crossing Thomasville at un-signaled locations, reduce liability by providing a safe level surface for all, and to provide an alternative for walkers on the west side alleviating congestion on the east side multi-use path.

Thank you for your consideration,

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# **Cycling Heat Maps**







From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay

Subject: Fw: More Input on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path

**Date:** Monday, July 26, 2021 8:11:54 AM

FYI

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

From: Mary Kay Falconer <drmkbikes@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2021 3:06 PM

**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack < John. Kostrzewa@talgov.com>; Lex, Suzanne < Suzanne.Lex@talgov.com>; Slay,

Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>

**Subject:** Re: More Input on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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Thanks so much for attending the meeting in Betton Hills this morning. Your presence and answers to resident questions helped address some concerns and helped educate people about transportation planning.

I will be continuing to work with a couple of residents on other options for the path from Betton Road to McCord Park. I will encourage them to share their ideas with you. I think my comments below reflect a lot of what you heard today. I have lived in this neighborhood for 18 years. I know the mix of views that exist. This is not the first time we have had to chart a course that has a bumpy beginning! Thanks again for being responsive and reaching out. Mary Kay

From: Kostrzewa, Jack < John. Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 23, 2021 7:24 PM

To: Mary Kay Falconer <drmkbikes@hotmail.com>; Lex, Suzanne <Suzanne.Lex@talgov.com>

**Subject:** Re: More Input on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path

Mary Kay,

Thanks for your observations, I will make sure to include with the other comments that we have received on the project.

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director From: Mary Kay Falconer <drmkbikes@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 6:05 PM

**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack < John. Kostrzewa@talgov.com>; Lex, Suzanne < Suzanne.Lex@talgov.com>

**Subject:** More Input on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

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Hello Jack and Suzanne. I can be available to discuss or walk through some sections for path development. Also--maybe I can add my suggestions during CMAC meetings as appropriate.

The content below should be submitted as citizen input on the Thomasville Road Multi-use Path.

My support for this path remains at a very high level. While creative thinking and design will be necessary, I am confident this can become an exemplary model of how to bring safe and attractive multi-modal features into older transportation infrastructure corridors. Below I share my thoughts on the segment between Betton Road and McCord Park, through McCord park, just north of McCord Park, the remaining corridor up to Metropolitan Blvd, and general features of the path that will be discussed in the design phase.

**Between Betton Road and McCord Park-**-At this time, I see several possibilities. Current option 3 (Use of ROW on east side of Trescott) is ideal for a number of reasons but it does not have the support of the residents and should be dropped. While there was resistance expressed to option 2 (path along the ditch behind the west side homes on Trescott), it has potential. As long as security could be part of the design with the culvert and other improvements to the ditch, I think the path could allow for several enhancements that would improve property values and serve a lot of residents in that area. It is city property. At this time, it is underutilized and parts of it are unsightly and very difficult to navigate.

Through McCord Park--The current thinking (as I understand it!) has been to direct the path through McCord along the current path in the park. While I could support this, I am concerned about whether the current path has sufficient capacity and whether pedestrians will accept that potential increase in bike and scooter traffic. I think other options are needed. I know that we (Betton Hills residents that use the park daily) do not want asphalt paths through other sections of the park. But--there are other options for trails--crushed limestone paths is one. I think there could be a path (maybe 6 feet wide) with crushed stone that extends from the current asphalt path to a beautiful path that runs parallel to Thomasville Road. From that path, there could be a couple of options to connect to a path along

Thomasville Road. This option could help minimize the climb that cyclists and walkers experience on Armistead road up to the intersection. This part of the park is used but minimally. I see residents walking and walking their dogs from the small subdivisions along Thomasville Road (Thomasville Trace and the Betton Brook) and from neighborhoods across Thomasville Road, but a path to divert some of the traffic off the current asphalt path might be a welcome addition. I ride on the crushed stone paths often at Miccosukee Greenway and they have been great. The other advantage is that they slow down bike and scooter traffic--a big sell in a park with a lot of pedestrians (dog walking)!

Just North of McCord Park--There is thinking that there could be an extension of the path up Armstrong to Winthrop Way and then over to Thomasville Road. That certainly is a possibility and I use the route myself often. Those who ride that route, however, know that there is a kick of a climb on Armstrong right before reaching Winthrop Way. The roads are wider and traffic can be minimal but I walk my dog on those streets often and the traffic can speed down Wintrhop Way because it is used as a cut through and there are no speed humps. That's another reason I shared the options in McCord Park. It might be safer to get to a well-designed path on Thomasville Road sooner.

Remaining Corridor up Thomasville Road--As the path goes north, I continue to be optimistic about its potential. I see the section around Oven Park as a real challenge and think the path should not run along that side of the corridor at that location. There is not enough ROW (as your maps show). I think the path should move to the west side of the corridor at Woodgate Way or Hermitage Road. I have already submitted this suggestion in earlier comments. From that point further north, the ROW looks to be sufficient. There are some low ditch areas that would need to be raised but it is s good platform for a multi-use path and it is sorely needed. The old asphalt that was put there is in terrible condition with roots and other hazards. I have almost been thrown off my bike when riding on it--extreme danger.

**General Features of the Path-**-I guess the design phase will offer several options but I'd like to share my 2 cents at this time. Again--asphalt might be preferred throughout but I am really fine with crushed limestone trails in places where it is appropriate. Protection of tree roots might be better with crushed stone in some parts and the speed of cyclists and scooters could be reduced with crushed stone. In sections that have no shade, I think trees should be planted in large numbers along with nice landscaping. When I see the medians on Thomasville Road being re-planted again and again with crepe myrtles and other plants, I think why is this being done? While they look pretty for a short period of time, no one is actually able to enjoy them. They do not provide shade for anyone. I would like to see trees and landscaping moved to the path--increasing its appeal and desirability as an alternative mode of transportation. The lighting for the trail (anywhere) should be low--near the ground. There should also be some type of low physical barrier between the road and the path that can protect people. We want to keep motorized traffic from hitting people and from people

moving toward traffic. This is where advanced and creative design can help. Maybe KH can research possibilities! I like the use of shade sails to help when trees cannot be planted and when path users need to wait for lights at intersections. This might even work for some transit stops. I know visibility is key but I think this can be done with the right engineering. The sails could be removed in the winter months or when hurricanes are headed our way. Its doable. Adding attractiveness adds appeal and will signal that other modal is respected and the the way to move.

This is all I have to share at this time. Mary Kay

#### Status of Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) & Thomasville Road

Report as of June 11, 2021:

We Rose Hollow folks learned that Thomasville Road is a high priority for this path on the BPMP agenda. At the June 8<sup>th</sup> hearing that made the plan 'consistent' with our community's Comprehensive Plan, we learned that the group that decides on such priorities is planning to move ahead soon with Thomasville Road, although their own printed materials (posted online) admit there has been "no public input" on the plan. We learned that the groups that have been consulted include "avid cyclists," local government staffs, and the universities, and other such entities. No ordinary citizens, to our knowledge, have had this plan explained to them or invited to share their views. At the June 8<sup>th</sup> hearing, Carol Peck spoke asking the two Commissions to delay a vote. Larry Gonzalez from Thomasville Trace (Greenbrier Street) asked that it not be located along Thomasville Road per se. Nancy Hough and Jan Bennitt submitted similar requests online ahead of time or through a ZOOM call.

We were disappointed by the response. County Commissioner Kristin Dozier declared that this was all approved long ago and is in the Greenways Plan and, if I recall correctly, Blueprint. (She implied that it's way too late to be objecting.) She focused on the importance of "connectivity" which means that, in my interpretation, she and others want a bicycle trail from the Keys to Georgia. Honestly, one of their documents says the trail along Thomasville Road will run to the Georgia line. Jeremy Matlow and Jack Porter of the City Commission tried to obtain answers for us but Mayor John Dailey asked a staff member for the BPMP project to reply and we were more or less tuned out. In short, no receptive comments were made in response to our concerns; they were treated as irrelevant. It seemed as if we were the not too swift kids who should have talked to our teacher moons ago!

I include here one point from my comments to the joint Commission meeting on June 8 that I planned to make but was unable to owing to an unforeseen circumstance. The comment concerns the BPMP that has been implemented in Gainesville.

I'd like to begin by talking about Gainesville. We all know this town/university. Compared to FSU/Tallahassee, it is as flat as a pancake. A friend asked me yesterday, knowing my concerns about the "multi-use path" proposed for Thomasville Road, if I had been there lately. I said no. The kind of path you mentioned is everywhere [in Gainesville} and NO ONE IS ON IT, no one is using it. Furthermore, it has made driving there impossible! It is an awful mess.

It is vital that citizens along Thomasville Road from Betton Road to Metropolitan become informed and involved on this issue. We Rose Hollow folks know a good deal about the project now (due to hours upon hours of computer research by Jan Bennitt and Carol Peck) and we promise to keep others informed. We urge Rose Hollow folks to take an active role going forward. Let's assume that our voice, if heard clearly and loudly, will make a difference.

Submitted by: Pat Martin

#### Questions for Greg Slay re. BPMP, from July 7, 2020 meeting with Carol Peck and Pat Martin:

One. What methods will you employ in the next round (starting in August/September) to inform the public about the BPMP and its implications for Thomasville Road (and other) residents? Other methods than your prior ones are necessary to reach the affected public about this project. (See comments on a later page on neighborhoods along TR.)

Two. What does **your feasibility study** entail? Please explain what feasible means in regards to which issues or problems and in regards to whom? Who creates criteria for a feasibility assessment and **how are the criteria created?** Who **specifically** evaluates the criteria (names and positions, please) relative to the criteria, using what methods?

If already done, please provide us with a copy of the report. [I think you said the feasibility study was already done; Carol Peck thinks you said it would soon be done. Which of us is correct?]

In regards to criteria already used to rank order projects, I was amazed to learn that your team says 25% of residents from First Avenue to Metropolitan are below the poverty line. When I expressed amazement over that figure, you said senior citizens are included in the number you came up with. Can you document that senior citizens along this route are poor? Many whom I know are affluent, far from poverty. This decision, if a basis for your plans, insults seniors and the poor. Many Tallahassee seniors grew up in the halcyon days when solid wages/salaries were paid and are receiving excellent pensions as well as income from investments.

Three, if you create a 10 to 12 foot wide ASHPHALT path along Thomasville Road, does that mean our current 5 to 6 foot wide sidewalks will be replaced? People whom I see and know who walk along Thomasville Road seem to enjoy the sidewalk as is and they feel relatively safe. You told Carol Peck and me that you cannot rehab the asphalt trail on the west side of Thomasville Road—which, incidentally, was created for bicycles. (I saw three bicycles on it this past weekend.) Why not? Such a situation exists now along Blairstone, to wit: Blairstone has a concrete sidewalk on both sides of road for one stretch and a concrete sidewalk PLUS a narrow (er) asphalt trail on other side. This resembles what we have on Thomasville Road (albeit the asphalt, having been neglected, has deteriorated.)

Four, why is Thomasville Road is at the TOP (now in second place) of the 42 projects on your list? Its numerical rating (on spreadsheet) is the same as several other areas and if you alphabetized the projects, it would not be at the top. In short, something moved TR to the top? What prompted the move? Please be specific. Who is pushing Thomasville Road as a priority? Let's wait to see how other less heavily travelled areas respond your BPMP structure before launching into Thomasville Road. Who cares if a cyclist can bike from Betton Road to "the market district" on a wide asphalt path? Who created this "goal"?

Five, in September 2020, you said the CRTPA will present the "alignment." What is the alignment and where did it originate and by whom and with what purpose(s)? To whom will it be presented? What is the expected result of your 'presentation' to whatever entity? What does the alignment signify?

Six, you said the public shows up only when the bulldozers arrive, implying that the problem is us--the "uninformed" public. What if the public is uniformed with no idea about what is happening or why? What will you do to assure that "the public" is truly informed and invited to weigh in well before January 2022? Your team seems secretive about this project; do you fear public awareness & reactions?

Seven, if one reads the 500 pages of "documentation" your group posted on the web, it is clear that the Leon/Tallahassee constituents who will benefit from the multi-use path are cyclists, not pedestrians—walkers and runners. To wit, your reports report a concern for BCL.. not a PCL, that is a Bicycle Comfort Level but not a Pedestrian Comfort Level. Your focus on cyclists' safety ignores major issues: for example, the risks bicycles pose to pedestrians. Cyclists are rude on our county and city hiking/walking/bike/horse paths now so what are we to expect on a paved pathway? (A former county commissioner's mother was killed by a bicyclist; did you know that?) If the multi-use path allows e-bikes, e-scooters, and skateboards, and if they can go both ways on the path, pedestrians will be at risk of serious harm. The enthusiasm your group shows for this project is, it seems, due to the **organized and** "avid" cyclists in our county.

How many AVID cyclists are there in Leon County? You admit you do not know nor do you know how many use the bicycle paths and sidewalks we have currently. Let's say there are 1,000 avid ones; we have a county total population of 293,000. Do the math: .0034%. Let's be generous and say there are 5,000 avid cyclists who are going to bike from Killearn to downtown or from downtown to "Market Square." That would be .017% of the public, less than 2 %. How many pedestrians "walk out of their homes" and use a sidewalk for a stroll or aerobic walk or run? While most pedestrians are not "organized," I estimate that the figure for pedestrians is far higher than for bicyclists who ride along major thoroughfares like Thomasville Road.

Eight, if you allow—as you say you will—e-bikes and e-scooters on the path, it will be dangerous for pedestrians, both walkers and runners. You acknowledge that there are no plans to monitor nor even to post rules for its use(s).

Nine, you told Carol Peck and me: That such a trail as you propose for TR exists now on Blair Stone and Highway 90 East (the newly side-walked area). I drove all the way out both of them yesterday . . until the point where sidewalks disappeared. I did NOT see one 10-12 foot wide asphalt path. Thus, either you are mis-informed or something is awry. Also, in all that way (about 15 miles), I saw one skateboarder on the street's 3-foot bicycle path, one pedestrian on sidewalk, and one bicycle on sidewalk. No cyclists on the 3-foot lane.

Ten, please be clear—about where is the "demand" is emanating for this project.

Eleven: Why will the path **not be monitored**? If it has walkers, runners, bicycles, ebikes, e-scooters, and skate boards on it, pedestrian safety will become a serious issue.

Twelve: The increase in safety your CRTPA documents laud is for cyclists, not pedestrians. Your proposed BPMP will decrease safety for pedestrians. How do you justify this change to and for us/them?

Thirteen: And perhaps most important of all--COST: At what financial cost to tax payers? If we consider the hypothetical 5000 avid bikers in Leon County and the \$90 million in (possible) costs for 42 proposed pathways, the cost per cyclist is \$18,000. If we consider the hypothetical 1,000 AVID cyclists, the cost is \$90,000 per cyclist. And at what human cost . . to pedestrians and vehicle drivers who must confront cyclists, scooters, and skateboards as they enter and leave their neighborhoods.

#### **NOTES & LISTS:**

During Covid, when Rose Hollow owners could not meet, our Board president Nancy Hough took three steps to enhance communication: We sent PRINTED newsletters via USPS to all owners and renters (72 in all); we posted signs and notices on our common mailboxes; we sent emails to ALL who have access to or use the internet. You need to consider such options. HOA and NA boards or leaders can provide individual email lists. If they understand what you are doing and how your plans can affect them, they might send out your notices to all owners/residents in their neighborhoods. Please be explicit and transparent about what you are proposing in order to make sure our/their voices heard.

I recently met Betton Hills' NA President who said she knew little about this project and "is interested in knowing more." Some of your documents claim you have 'informed' the following neighborhoods: Betton Hills, Betton Woods, Waverly and Woodgate and a few smaller ones (Rachel Lane, Rabbit Hill). Why them and not us? Not others?

I have emailed or talked with one or more leaders in the following areas of TR who had not heard of your project: Woodlands (41 homes), Breamore Park (28), Thomasville Trac (12), Preakness Point (12), Leewood NA (40), Rose Hollow (61), Live Oak Plantation HOA (22 homes) and Live Oak Plantation Neighborhood. [Wilmon Court has 12 homes but no association; another on east side is inoperative (Peacefield Street) but I have spoken to individual owners who want to know more about the project so they can develop an opinion about it and express any concerns.]

#### NAs and HOAs on East side (15 total, with 8 trapped):

Betton Woods NA Betton Hills NA

Woodgate NA

- \*Rose Hollow HOA
- \*Lucerne at Denholm Drive HOA
- \*Woodlands of Tallahassee HOA
- \*Rabbit Hills HOA
- \*Preakness Pointe HOA
- \*One Charleston Place NA (Peacefield Street but inactive, I am told)
- \*Wilmon Court NA (inactive or none)
- \*Braemore Park HOA

Williams Street (these 4 last ones are likely NOT organized; but they are within 300 feet of TR)

**Beard Street** 

Ninth Avenue

Colonial Drive

#### HOAs and NAs on West side (16 total, 2 trapped):

Los Robles South Ride Neighborhood North Ride Neighborhood Glendale HOA Waverly Hills NA Savannah Trace HOA Penny Lane HOA

\*Leewood Hills NA

\*Windsor Chase Condominium

Piedmont Neighborhood

Live Oak Plantation Neighborhood (not organized)

Live Oak Plantation Property Home Owners Association (Millstream)

Gardenia (Again these 4 are abutting streets; no idea if they have HOA or NA status.)

Mimosa

Renae Way

Ashbury Hill Drive

\*Neighborhoods with only one way in and out of their development—& it is via Thomasville Road.

FINAL POINTS: Greg Slay is the Director of a five-person unit called Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency. He has lived in Tallahassee for five years. He and his team report to a "Board" comprised of the following: Three City of Tallahassee Commissioners, three Leon County Commissioners, four county commissioners from Jefferson (1), Gadsden (2), and Wakulla (1) Counties, and one Leon County School Board member. If you go to their website, you will see that 3/4ths of the voting power belongs to Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. This means that the following people are critical to this decision: Curtis Richardson, Dianne Williams-Cox, Jeremy Matlow, Kristin Dozier, and Rick Minor (who is the current President of the Board, I am told). Roseanne Wood, Leon County School Board member, has one vote. Decisions made by the CRTPA Board are then cleared with Florida Department of Transportation. Thus the CRTPA is basically an arm of FDOT because FDOT has the final say about many roadway issues in Leon County, in particular the "right of way" on Thomasville Road. This point is very likely the driving element in the decision to make Thomasville Road the PILOT project among the 42 that the CRTPA has in its sights. If you 'google' CRTPA and look at their material online, you can find the members.

In short, the CRTPA is not responsible to nor does it report to our city and county commissions; nor has it an obligation to work with our parks and recreation and neighborhood associations in making plans or recommendations. Contact with the CRTPA Board (listed above) is critical in efforts to influence a decision, whatever that decision may be. Greg Slay's email address is: <a href="mailto:greg.slay@crtpa.org">greg.slay@crtpa.org</a>
I'll be frank: Pedestrians are worried about this path fearing it will increase their risk of serious accidents when walking on the "path." I happen to have that worry myself.

The author of these notes is Pat Martin, a homeowner in Rose Hollow (behind Oven Park, next to Thomasville Road Baptist Church). I can be contacted via: <a href="mailto:patriciaymartin@gmail.com">patriciaymartin@gmail.com</a> or through voice or text at 850 228 3835.

From: Kostrzewa, Jack

To: Slay, Greg; Widness, Katelyn; Slautterback, Lindsay; Burke, Greg; Lex, Suzanne

Subject: Fw: Thomasville Road Multi Use Project

Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:55:30 AM

Attachments: Bicyle Pedestrian Master Plan report June 11 2021.docx

FYI

Jack Kostrzewa CRTPA Assistant Director 850 891 8625

From: CHARLES COOK <cook05@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:13 AM

To: Kostrzewa, Jack < John. Kostrzewa@talgov.com>

**Cc:** Christopher Campbell <a href="cc:campbell@cgimgmt.com">cc: Christopher Campbell@cgimgmt.com</a>

Paula Cook <cookpk@gmail.com>

Subject: Thomasville Road Multi Use Project

#### \*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL\*\*\*

Please report any suspicious attachments, links, or requests for sensitive information.

Jack,

Attached is an email from Ms. Patricia Martin in opposition to your project.

Skip Cook

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Campbell <cgi007@gmail.com>

To: Skip Cook <cook05@comcast.net>

Date: 06/12/2021 8:27 PM

Subject: Fwd: Please forward to Christopher . .

Skip,

Pat had expressed her HOA's concern for the path. The attached document explains their issues.

It appears the decision has been made to proceed. Do you feel they can have any impact at this point?

Thank you your time to address this issue.

Talk to you soon.

Christopher

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Fred Chappell <fchappell@fsu.edu> Date: June 12, 2021 at 8:24:05 AM EDT

**To:** Christopher Campbell <cgi007@gmail.com> **Cc:** Patricia Martin <patriciaymartin@gmail.com> **Subject:** Fwd: Please forward to Christopher...

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

#### Dear Christopher:

I apologize for calling you Charles in my last email. Truly; I just goofed. But I want you to see what is happening so that folks in your HOA will know the score.

I've asked Fred to forward this short report to you, if he will.

Many thanks for your indulgence. Again, I apologize! Pat Martin

Fred: Can you please forward this email to Christopher Campbell for him and your neighbors? You all may want to know what is going to happen IF we do not stand up and make noise.

Thanks so much and sorry to bother you in North Carolina,
Pat

Patricia Yancey Martin Daisy Parker Flory Emerita Professor of Sociology Florida State University Tallahassee FL 32306

# Rose Hollow Homeowners Association June 2, 2021 Via Email

The Honorable John E. Dailey, Mayor, City of Tallahassee
The Honorable Jeremy Matlow, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Tallahassee
The Honorable Rick Minor, Chair, Leon County Commission
The Honorable Bill Proctor, Vice-Chair, Leon County Commission
City Commissioners:
Commissioner Jacqueline "Jack" Porter
Commissioner Curtis Richardson
Commissioner Diane Williams-Cox
Leon County Commissioners:
Commissioner Jimbo Jackson
Commissioner Brian Welch
Commissioner Kristin Dozier
Commissioner Carolyn Cummings
Commissioner Nick Maddox

Regarding the proposed Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path and the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to be heard on June 8, 2021, as noticed in the Tallahassee Democrat on May 28, 2021:

Dear Mayor Dailey:

In April of 2021, the residents in Rose Hollow first learned of a proposed multi-use path that would run from Betton Road to Metropolitan Boulevard, with future connections to the Market District via Live Oak Plantation Road. Having many questions, representatives of Rose Hollow attended all three Q&A sessions facilitated by staff of the Capital Region Planning Association.

Members of our Board visited the websites and studied all of the information about the proposal, but we have found it difficult to get definitive answers to our questions from staff. Without this information, we cannot come to an informed position on this proposal.

We now find that there are critical time-sensitive actions, including what appears to be a joint commission hearing to amend the Comprehensive Plan through an ordinance that will summarily adopt the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency's Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which includes the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.

At the third Q&A, Rose Hollow requested a "walk-through" with members of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency staff on the proposed route on Thomasville Road from Betton to Metropolitan. We asked that staff schedule an opportunity to walk it with us to point out the current vision for the path along this route. Since that session, we have heard nothing from staff, and it seems our request is being ignored.

We have reached out to many of our neighborhoods and stakeholders along this corridor and have found them to share many of our questions and concerns. Since our questions remain unanswered and our request for a walk-through has had no response from staff, we now turn to you, our elected officials in

the hope that you can find answers before we must ask them at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. I enclose some questions from residents along Thomasville Road including Rose Hollow residents.

- 1. Why are residents who live along Thomasville Road denied commitment from CRTPA staff for a walk-through to review plans for the path?
- 2. Who is behind this project—elected officials, "planning" staff, organized cyclists?
- 3. For whom is the "multi-use" trail on a major thoroughfare like Thomasville Road a priority and why is it favored over other community needs (e.g., safe sidewalks on the south and west sides of our area)?
- 4. Why were citizens along Thomasville Road not consulted or notified about the plans until now?
- 5. How much money has already been spent on the proposed trail along Thomasville Road and what was its source?
- 6. How many citizens has the CRTPA surveyed and what are the results of that survey?
- 7. What percentage of Tallahassee/Leon County residents regularly bike on Thomasville Road for purposes other than recreational? For recreation?
- 8. What evidence does the "planning association" (CRTPA) have that such a trail is needed?
- 9. How much will the trail cost Tallahassee/Leon County, thus, our citizenry?
- 10. Is a multi-use trail in an affluent part of town the best use of scarce public funds when pedestrian access on the south and west parts of town are critically needed?
- 11. How does the trail affect residents along the way, particularly those who must enter and exit their development via Thomasville Road (that is, no other access in or out)?
- 12. Who/what will be allowed to use the path?
- 13. Will users go both ways on one path (e.g., bicycles, scooters, skateboards, e-bikes, pedestrians)?
- 14. How safe will the path be for residents, cyclists and drivers of vehicles that must cross the path to go anywhere?
- 15. What will happen to our beautiful old trees along the way?
- 16. On which side of Thomasville Road—east or west—will the path be located?
- 17. How did CRTPA gauge the need for a multi-use path on Thomasville Road between Betton and the Market District?
- 18. Who proposed the idea?

- 19. Who will yield to whom on a bi-directional path that is designated for cyclists, scooters, skate-boarders, walkers and joggers?
- 20. Who has the right-of-way at designated driveways and entrances?
- 21. Will there be signage along the path warning walkers and bikers of right-of-way?
- 22. Will motorized bicycles or electric scooters be allowed on this path?
- 23. How much of an increase in usage does a multi-use path create for pedestrians and cyclists?
- 24. What is the membership of the Citizen Multimodal Advisory Committee? Are non-cyclists on the committee? Please provide their names and residential areas?
- 25. What in the current Comprehensive Plan fails to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan?
- 26. Must each phase of the project be approved by the CRPTA before moving to the next phase?
- 27. What is the safety plan for pedestrians, bicycles (motorized and pedal), golf carts, three-wheelers, joggers, children, senior citizens?
- 28. What plans have been made for ingress and egress driveways along the way, particularly for neighborhoods with only one access to the wider world (via Thomasville Road)?
- 29. How will drivers safely turn off Thomasville Road into their neighborhoods when they must come to a full stop to wait for a break in traffic on the path? Currently it requires vigilance to avoid rear-end collision when they must only slow down to make the turn.
- 30. Will you narrow Thomasville Road to accommodate the path/trail and buffer?
- 31. Has the 45-mile speed limit on Thomasville Road been re-considered by the CRTPA and by FDOT?
- 32. What will you do about Oven Park's "wall" that is situated very close to the sidewalk?
- 33. How do Betton Hill residents view the plan to run the trail through McCord Park?
- 34. What entity is going to monitor and control use of the multi-use path?
- 35. What are the planned phases for installing the multi-use path?
- 36. Where and when does each phase start and stop?
- 37. How much money has been spent planning for this project?
- 38. How do the improvements to Betton Road tie into the multi-use path and other elements of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan?

- 39. Is there truth to the rumors that Betton Road's traffic lanes will be narrowed from twelve feet to ten feet wide and that four traffic-slowing islands will be installed.
- 40. Is there any truth to the rumor that bike lanes will be installed in the space captured from narrowing those lanes of traffic? Do Betton Hills residents and other Tallahassee citizens know and approve of these concepts?
- 41. What data have been collected from residents in good faith efforts at outreach?

While the tone of our questions may seem to suggest that we object to the multi-use path please be aware: we have not made up our minds. But without far more information and public discussion, we do not know even what is being proposed, much less whether we favor or oppose it. What we seek is true civic engagement with our elected officials in considering these proposals.

Thank you for responding to our queries. I am readily reachable by phone and email.

Nancy Hough, Board President, Rose Hollow Homeowners' Association 3126 Brockton Way Tallahassee FL 32308

Tel: 850 671-2514 Email: <a href="mailto:nhough10@gmail.com">nhough10@gmail.com</a>

CC: Rose Hollow Board of Directors & Residents

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Tallahassee City Manager, Reese Goad
Leon County Administrator, Vince Long
Greg Slay, Executive Director, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
Jack Kostrzewa, Assistant Director, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
Mary Kay Falconer, Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee

October 18, 2021

Subject: CRTPA Thomasville Road Project

Mr. Jack Kostrzewa, CRTPA Assistant Director, and To All Whom It May Concern:

I continue to be concerned about the proposal to create a 10- to 12-foot-wide pathway along Thomasville Road from Betton to Live Oak Plantation Road. The proposal concerns me for many reasons, most expressed in earlier correspondence to you, and summarized below.

Of particular concern is the seeming inadequacy of advertising in multiple types of media to advise and hence allow for input by affected citizens. It is unreasonable to assume that the earlier electronic notification or the postcard at such a late date adequate to reach or provide sufficient detailed information so recipients would be able to engage in the process.

I remain amazed by the "findings" used to determine this area in need of such a multi-use path as is proposed. If this area of Thomasville Road is, as stated in the evaluation criteria, populated with old and persons of low income, then it seems likely that they (we) are not routine users of electronics, so electronic notification is ineffective. Additionally, the materials on the web-site are voluminous and do not offer in summary format the possible implications on residents along this road nor the thousands that use it five days a week as a route to reach work environments.

It is obvious that the creation of such a path will require altering Thomasville Road. Several spokespersons have acknowledged that the lanes on Thomasville Road will have to be narrowed from 12 to either 11 feet of 10.5 feet wide with no buffer for cars. The plans do say that some lanes will be closed, but do not specify where or which lanes. It has also been stated that some of the connectors will be eliminated, and again, these are not specified. How can citizens be asked to comment on or support such a plan where so few of the details are available to them?

None of the above speak to the most serious concern, and that is public safety, particularly for those of us who must exit our neighborhoods via Thomasville Road. Traffic on Thomasville Road is horrendous for approximately six hours a day. Those of us who live along this road avoid the road, whether on foot or in a vehicle, during these hours. The speed, volume, noise and fumes from the traffic make it not only unsafe but unpleasant as well. I find it hard to believe that any of the persons that use this road to travel to or from work would be comfortable with the proposed pathway for the reasons mentioned. No one wants to see anyone hurt, and no one wants to spend more time sitting in traffic or behind a slowdown or jamb due to lane narrowing or closures. I'm also certain the majority of drivers using this route do not know of the proposed changes to the road, and hence have not had the opportunity to comment.

My guess is none, or perhaps only one of you who will be making a decision on the pathway live where you must routinely turn on to or cross Thomasville Road when leaving home or work. It is risky now, and the likelihood of injury to some person or persons will increase significantly if a variety of riders, skaters, runners, whomever, are also added to the confusion and congestion. It should be noted that my automobile insurance rate increased when I moved just three miles from my prior residence on the also dangerous Lakeshore Drive.

I'm objecting to the removal of any of the beautiful old trees which align this right of way. Removing these will further add to the fumes and detract from one of Tallahassee's most frequently used access roads. I brag frequently to everyone that Tallahassee is one of the few cities in Florida where you can fly in and not see the town until near the city center. No one wants to see this route become like North Monroe or west Tennessee. Tallahassee cannot afford to destroy its trees.

With the addition of more unshaded asphalt, narrower lanes, auto fumes and noise no walker will choose to use this path. What parent would choose to push a stroller in such dangerous, harmful and unpleasant circumstances? While there may be a biker or two who choose to try such a path, must that happen over the objection and inconveniencing of such a large number of others? I would think the answer should be No.

Please know that I am in favor of options for alternative modes of travel, but not in hazardous locations nor at the expense of the great majority of persons using the same route. I strongly urge you to relocate this project to a more appropriate location. Consider the will of the majority of those to be impacted, not solely the voice of a small segment of our local population.

Thank you for what I hope will be your reasoned consideration.

Patricia Culbertson





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