



Capital City Cyclists  
Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path  
Position Statement – January 2022

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)

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.

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 finalized feasibility study. The design phase can address the concerns raised and result in a design of the multi-use path that will make Thomasville Road safer, not only for cyclists, but for all users.

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.

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.

On behalf of the board of Capital City Cyclists,

Jane Fletcher, president



January 17, 2022

*Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path*

*Dear CRTPA Board Members:*

*The Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association (TMBA) whole-heartedly supports the proposed Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path. TMBA's events, trail work, and advocacy benefits thousands of mountain bikers, trail runners, and hikers.*

*As a primary connector between Midtown and Northside, Thomasville Road is not currently safe for cycling to and from businesses and recreation facilities, and therefore residents are forced to drive or simply stay home. The proposed path creates a safe corridor that will allow thousands of residents to leave their cars at home and commute to work or play by bicycle.*

*It is well recognized and proven that parks and recreation have a direct, positive economic impact on communities, and data also shows that high quality parks and recreation facilities also attract residents to a community, which in turn attracts more businesses. Because the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path provides bicycle and pedestrian access to, and is an extension of, numerous high quality city, state, and county parks, the data indicates that it should stimulate economic development.*

*Recognizing the broad importance of supporting cycling, parks, and other recreation, the City's 2020-24 Strategic Plan contains the following objectives that will be met by this multi-use path:*

- *Objective 4D: Enhance the City's network of roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks.*
  - *Target: Become a "Gold Standard" Biking Community by 2024.*
- *Objective 7A: Maintain a safe, **accessible**, well-maintained network of parks, recreational facilities, greenways, and trails.*

*Similarly, the County's Strategic Plan contains a Strategic Initiative to "further promote Leon County as a biking community, pursue the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Designation." This path will improve Leon County's status as a biking community, and may assist with an IMBA designation.*

*The multi-use path will also create a safer walking and cycling commute to Gilchrist Elementary and The School of Arts & Sciences.*

*The Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association applauds the efforts of the CRTPA, its staff and consultants, and we urge the approval of Feasibility Study and the ultimate construction of this well thought out multi-use path. We are happy to assist as you move forward.*

*Sincerely,*



*Jimmy Cord, President*

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November 18, 2021

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 Commissioner Curtis Richardson, City of Tallahassee

Dear CRTPA Board members:

RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been following the development of the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Feasibility Study closely. As advocates for the citizens who use and enjoy the City's Parks and Recreation facilities and programs, we have been particularly interested in the potential impacts it could have on McCord Park.

CRTPA staff attended our meeting on October 12, 2021 and presented information to the board about the proposed project. At our meeting on November 9, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the project. The Board expressed concerns as it relates to potential routes for the path from Betton Road to Armistead Road. By unanimous resolution, the Board voted to provide the following comments for your consideration:

- The Board does not support the path going through McCord Park.
- The Board recommends that if the east side of Thomasville Road is the recommended path from Betton Road to Armistead Road, that every effort be made during the project's design phase to minimize any negative impacts to McCord Park, including the loss of trees.

One of the guiding principles adopted by our board is that "Existing parks and recreation facilities, natural resources and assets should be preserved and maintained." Vibrant neighborhood parks like McCord Park enhance the quality of life for citizens and are part of the

historic fabric of our community. As you evaluate the feasibility of constructing the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path, we hope that you will consider our recommendations.

Thank you again for your consideration. We stand ready to assist you as you move forward in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Messer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jo" being more prominent than the last name "Messer".

Jo Messer, Chair  
Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

- c: Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members  
Ashley Edwards, Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs  
Mayor John E. Dailey  
Commissioner Jacqueline "Jack" Porter

**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Widness, Katelyn](#); [Slautterback, Lindsay](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Input About Thomasville Multi-Use Path - Waverly Hills Resident  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:47:12 AM

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FYI

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CRTPA Assistant Director  
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**From:** Meg Bates <megbates@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 5:41 PM  
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**Subject:** Input About Thomasville Multi-Use Path - Waverly Hills Resident

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

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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 definitely 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 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

## ATTACHMENT E

We are opposed to the construction of the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL
Lori Guido	1328 Peacefield	850-274-0696	loriguide@gmail.com
Comments: Unsafe for vehicles - cars, bikes, etc.			
Ruth Anne Glisson	1307 Peacefield Pl	850-631-2192	raglisson@gmail.com
Comments: Unsafe for vehicles - cars, bikes, etc.			
Andrew Stone	1303 Peacefield Pl.	3105708705	
Comments: unsafe for vehicles & removes trees that help sound barrier			
Patricia Cennov	1313 Peacefield Pl	3109228241	
Comments: UNSAFE; WE WOULD NEED MANY MORE TRAFFIC LIGHTS; NEED TREES FOR SOUND BARRIER			
NEIL CHARNESS	1325 PEACEFIELD PL	850-385-0500	NEILCHARNESS@HOTMAIL.COM
Comments: UNSAFE TO MIX PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS			
Jimmy Glisson	1307 Peacefield Pl.	850-933-6531	jrglisson12@gmail.com
Comments: Unsafe for vehicles & bikers			
Christy Glisson	1307 Peacefield Pl	850-933-5823	christyglisson@hotmail.com
Comments: Unsafe for vehicles & Bikers			
Williams, Davis	1332 Peacefield Place	850-933-1064	shuford.davis@comcast.net
Comments: accidents waiting to happen, multiple wrongful death suits, dumb idea			
Faye Davis	1332 Peacefield Pl	850-701-9070	fayedavis@outlook.com
Comments: Too many negatives to even begin to list. Very bad idea!!			
Laura Martin	1300 Peacefield	850-744-8883	veranadfern1958@aol.com
Comments: Not safe!			
Doreice F. Hunt, MD	1300 Peacefield Pl		
Comments: Traffic is currently a nightmare Do not make it deadly.			
Cecelia Smith	1333 Peacefield Pl	850-228-2340	schoenwalder@aol.com
Comments: City planning in-fill created 44 cuts into state highway - Be consistent. Don't create danger at these intersections			
Frances Jordan	1324 Peacefield Pl.	850-694-0123	sassyt@comcast.net
Comments: unsafe for both bikers and vehicles - Money not spent wisely - Cyclists need to follow state safety laws on road			
Yermu T. T. T.	1324 Peacefield Pl		
Comments: unsafe & a traffic nightmare!			
Gloria Deison	1311 Peacefield	850-531-0257	loriadeison@gmail.com
Comments:			
Bob Guido	1328 Peacefield Pl	850-510-1214	Bobguido1@gmail.com
Comments: Unsafe for residents in the area, dog walkers, vehicles - especially high # of seniors			
WAYNE BLANK	1319 Peacefield Pl.	850-926402	blankw@schools@gmail.com
Comments:			
Sandra Cartee	1319 Peacefield P	850-591-7546	Sandracartee@gmail.com
Comments: unsafe for everyone			
Felicia Stokes	1340 Peacefield PL	850-339-5127	feliciastokes@comcast.net
Comments: Unsafe for residents			
Clifford Stokes Jr.	1340 Peacefield PL	850-339-5900	cliffordstokesjr@gmail.com
Comments: Adds an unsafe element to traveling into and out of our neighborhood			



**ATTACHMENT E**

**We are opposed to the construction of the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.**

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# THOMASVILLE ROAD MULTI-USE PATH

**ATTACHMENT F**

We are opposed to the construction of the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL
V. Culpepper	1117 Carriage Rd	850.386.4411	
Comments: Too busy of hiway for this project. Need up graded sidewalk. Terrible place for cross over. No vision for people looking north as cars come over hill toward light.			
B. Culpepper	1117 Carriage Rd Rd	850.567.0077	
Comments: FAR better routes for more people - (capital circle)			
Susan Skelton	1100 Carriage Rd	850/5102161	
Comments: Just fix sidewalk and more people will be happy.			
C. Tillotson	9035 Winged Foot	850 510 2954	
Comments: Cyclists do not belong on Thomasville Rd - too dangerous			
Cheryl Van Ostrand	452 Timberland	850-238-8270	
Comments: Wrong place!!! Ride on other bike trails we have			
Margaret Morrison	4019 Kilmartin	850 906-0543	
Comments:			
Ginger Andrew	2939 Bay Shore Dr	850-893-2068	aging.it@yahoo.com
Comments:			
Pat Willis	3982 Meandering Ln	(850) 386-5460	
Comments:			
Jana Boyter	3528 Elfyden Dr 32309	850 893-3576	
Comments:			
Trish Wilhoit	2307 Charles Court	850-385-6237	
Comments:			
Anne Boynton	2135 Miller Landing Rd.	850-893-6254	anne.r.boynton@gmail.com
Comments: Far too much traffic for safe way to have more than a nice sidewalk			
Jane Harding	3987 Meandering Lane	(850) 386-1498	
Comments:			
Debra O'Neil	1114 Carriage Rd (RD 2)		debra.o'neil@gmail.com
Comments:			
Mike 2 Har	2358 Welaka Tr	850-264-1983	
Comments:			
JG	1132 Conroe Rd	850 766 8587	
Comments: not enough room - need better sidewalk instead			
Ray O'Neil	1114 Carriage Rd		
Comments:			
TJ	1112 Carriage Rd	850-545-7277	tjmaida@gmail.com
Comments:			
Comments:			