

**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** **Thomasville Road Email list**  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 11:24:00 AM

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Jack Kostrzewa  
CRTPA Assistant Director

**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Pam Flynn](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road MUP  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:55:00 AM

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You're very welcome!

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**From:** Pam Flynn <pfflynn57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:45 AM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road MUP

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perfect..thank you...

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 9:53 AM Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

Pam,

The sidewalk from Gardenia to Waverly was an addition to the project that was just added about two months ago. The original sidewalk in the plan (and still in the plan) goes from Waverly to Woodgate Way. So you will be able to use the new sidewalk from Gardenia to Woodgate Way. North of Woodgate Way the sidewalk changes to a shared-use path that is 8' to 12' wide all the way to Metropolitan Boulevard.

Jack

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**From:** Pam Flynn <[pfflynn57@gmail.com](mailto:pfflynn57@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)>  
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Hi Jack..

Completely agree about sidewalk vs that asphalt whatever it is..but the plan as written only covers Gardenia to Waverly. How about from Waverly to Sandhurst? Its the same asphalt. And the part just north of the entrance to Waverly is just as bad as the gardenia strip.

That overgrowth to the north of the intersection does get cut back a couple of times during the growing season but that usually isnt enough. And when it is grown out, we have to pull pretty far out to see what is coming from up the hill. It is all just vines and trash trees/saplings.

Thank you for agreeing with me..i love what y'all are doing.

On Tue, May 9, 2023, 9:35 AM Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

Pam,

I have added you to the project email list. Compared to the sidewalk or asphalt thing that is out there today, the sidewalk will be a great improvement. As for overgrowth and sight lines, it is difficult to say what will occur out there at this point because design plans are two dimensional and whether the fence and bushes are in the right of way will determine what can be cleared for a better sight line. I will be adding the plans to the website today and you can see for yourself.

Thanks for your email.

Jack Kostrzewa  
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When one tugs at a single thing in nature, she finds it attached to the rest of the world.

**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Bret Ingerman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 12:36:00 PM

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Bret,

There will be a sidewalk (6' wide) from Gardenia to Woodgate, then a path (8' to 10' wide) from Woodgate to Metropolitan.

JK

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**From:** Bret Ingerman <bret@blsigroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update

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Jack:

Thank you. So if I understand correctly, there will be a new sidewalk on the west side from Gardenia to Metropolitan? That would be wonderful! Provided, of course, they decide to move ahead with the project.

—Bret

On May 8, 2023, at 11:34 AM, Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

Bret,

Yes, there will be a sidewalk. It was originally from Waverly Road to Woodgate Way, but that was extended south to Gardenia Drive. North of Woodgate Way, on the west side of Thomasville Road, a path will be introduced that is 8' to 12' wide and will terminate at Metropolitan Boulevard.

Jack

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**From:** Bret Ingerman <[bret@blsigroup.com](mailto:bret@blsigroup.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 11:29 AM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)>

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Thank you, Jack.

Can you tell me about the sidewalk on the west side of Thomasville? We live at Savannah Trace and I wonder if there will be a new sidewalk.

—Bret

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Ralph Zimmerman](#)  
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Ralph,

The entrance will remain the same with the exception of the bike lanes being removed and the path moving towards the road. You may see some ground vegetation removed, that is in the right of way, to accommodate the path.

On the north side of Rabbit hill the path will be 10' wide (asphalt). South of Rabbit Hill, to protect the tree, the path will be split into a bidirectional paths (concrete) with the path west of the tree being 5' wide and the path on the east side being 6' wide.

JK

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**From:** Ralph Zimmerman <[rzimmer793@aol.com](mailto:rzimmer793@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 12:04 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)>  
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Hi Jack,

So, what will it look like at the entrance to Rabbit Hills Rd. ? Will the entrance be altered? How about that huge oak tree just south of Rabbit Hills entrance?  
Thanks,

Ralph Zimmerman

On Monday, May 8, 2023 at 11:24:57 AM EDT, Kostrzewa, Jack <[john.kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:john.kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

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**From:** [Robert Seidler](#)  
**To:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 1:08:59 PM

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Thanks for the update and good work!  
Robert

Seidler Productions  
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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [bculpep@earthlink.net](mailto:bculpep@earthlink.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 1:22:00 PM

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Virginia,

1. From Gardenia Drive to Woodgate Way there will be a 6' concrete sidewalk and from Woodgate Way to Piedmont Drive there will be an asphalt path that is 8' wide to 10' wide.
2. We have revisited this option several times to ensure that it is safe to cross the road at this point. We purposefully have the crossing on the south side of the intersection due to the exclusive right hand turn lane from Woodgate Way onto Thomasville Road. The crossing will be controlled through the user pushing the path crossing button which will be timed with the intersection to stop all traffic from accessing the intersection.

Jack

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**From:** bculpep@earthlink.net <bculpep@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 1:14 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
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Hi Jack, I appreciate this update. Two requests:        1) Give me the brief sidewalk plans from Piedmont Drive south to Waverly on the west side without my having to wade thru the documents.

2) Living as I do between the stoplights at Woodgate Way & Hermitage on Carriage Road, the unique daily observations of both intersections leads me to request your experts revisit where you have the bike crossing. Doing it in the middle of the downhill at Woodgate Way is adding peril to drivers, bikers & walkers. The concept may be the ideal, but the reality is that there are vision & speed issues not as relevant at the Hermitage light. I hope you will present this item for further review.  
Virginia Culpepper

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Randie Denker](#)  
**To:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 1:15:22 PM

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Sounds like you have done as good a job as possible given the constraints. Thank you. I look forward to reviewing the actual plans.

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Alexandra Copeland](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 2:31:00 PM

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Ms. Copeland,

The project is in the Design Phase of the project. There are four (4) phases for the design including:

Phase 1 – 30% design plans are completed (for Thomasville Road these were submitted to FDOT on December 19, 2022)

Phase 2- 60% design plans are completed (for Thomasville Road these were submitted to FDOT on April 21, 2023)

Phase 3 – 90% design plans are completed (anticipated submittal in mid-July 2023)

Phase 4 – 100% design plans completed (anticipated submittal in late-September 2023)

Multi-use means that any non-motorized transportation can use the path including pedestrians, bikes, roller blades, scooters, strollers, etc... This also includes e-bikes and electric scooters, but no golf carts.

Jack

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**From:** Alexandra Copeland <[andracopeland@gmail.com](mailto:andracopeland@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 2:10 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)>  
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Mr. Kostrzewa,

Thank you very much for this information. We were wondering what the status is of this project. Could you please clarify: what will be the use for this "Multi-Use Path"? What kind of wheels will be able to use the path? What is the multi-use?

Thank you

Best wishes for this project.

Alexandra Copeland

Sandhurst Drive 32312

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Gail Holman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 3:18:00 PM

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Ms. Holman,

These are all great questions with many discussed during the development of the Feasibility Study. Below are my responses to your questions.

1. Am I to assume correctly that the pathway will be along east side of Thomasville crossing in front of Tallahassee Nurseries?

Yes, the path will cross in front of Tallahassee Nurseries and all residential and business access along Thomasville Road from Betton Road to Woodgate Way where the path will cross over to the west side of Thomasville Road and cross in front of all access points and roads connecting to Thomasville Road.

2. As I live in Braemore Way next to the nursery, how will all the traffic coming and going to the nursery be accommodated?

Traffic patterns will remain as they are today, the same as it is handled with the existing sidewalk. Vehicles are required by law to ensure that their path to any driveway or business is clear before turning into or out of the business or residence.

3. Who will have the right of way along the entire pathway? Will it be vehicles on Thomasville Rd. or those using the pathway? I'm thinking especially of road vehicles turning onto or off of the road.

Users of the path do not have to stop at any access point with the exception of signalized intersections that are controlled by an actuated pedestrian signal. The same as the users of the sidewalk today. Again, vehicles are required by law to ensure that their path to any driveway or business is clear before turning into or out of the business or residence.

4. Safety of all persons involved and preserving all the beautiful trees along this area are my concerns.

Safety is our main issue as well, and it is the responsibility of all users, not just cars, to ensure safe conditions. As for trees, all the significant beautiful trees that citizens enjoy will remain since no tree greater than 4" will be removed to accommodate the path.

Lastly, the path is for more than bicycles which includes any non-motorized users such as pedestrians, rollerblades, runners, strollers and also, e-bikes and e-scooters, but no golf carts. You can always find out more about the path by visiting the project page at [Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path](#).

Jack

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**From:** Gail Holman <[gail.force1@gmail.com](mailto:gail.force1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 2:55 PM



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I have lived at my present address since 2017 but haven't seen the bike being used at all. Considering the cost of the pathway, I hope it will be used more than it is now.

Thank you again for your email. I look forward to your response to my questions.  
Gail Holman

Sent from my iPad

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**To:** [CHARLES COOK](#)  
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12' wide asphalt like the other sections of the path.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

----- Original message -----

From: CHARLES COOK <cook05@comcast.net>  
Date: 5/8/23 7:08 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Kostrzewa, Jack" <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
Subject: Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update

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What does "the path" from Live Oak Plantation to Metropolitan Boulevard look like? Please describe.

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**From:** [Fred Springer](#)  
**To:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 7:57:45 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
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Danny,

Thank you for your email.

Jack

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**From:** kirbymanager@gmail.com <kirbymanager@gmail.com>  
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A completely unnecessary project.

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Jeff,

I will be uploading the Selective Clearing and Grubbing Plan today which will provide you additional information. As for future landscaping, that is a component of post-construction. You really don't want construction crews doing landscaping. It is typical to first get the facility in place, see where there are areas that can be improved upon with landscaping and then develop a plan to address those areas.

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Jack

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**From:** Jeff VanderMeer <[jeff.vandermeer@outlook.com](mailto:jeff.vandermeer@outlook.com)>  
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(Replaced with cabbage palms, rather.)

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I hope the palms will be replaced with sago palms in better locations. I appreciate the tree update. I guess the main loss is going to be the amazing wealth of native plants along that corridor given the additional width.

Can you confirm you are not already using herbicide on that stretch, by the way, during the initial phase? And that any undergrowth removal will not be via herbicide?

Jeff

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Jack

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**To:** [Patricia Martin](#)  
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**To:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
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I am looking forward to using the new path you are developing.

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Mark Chandler

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**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:13:00 AM

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Mr. Wadsworth,

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Just want to provide you a quick update.

The sidewalk on the eastside of Thomasville Road from Betton Road to Woodgate Way will be removed with an improved path for the same variety of users that utilize the sidewalk today. The asphalt path on the westside of Thomasville Road will be replaced with a sidewalk from Gardenia Drive to Woodgate Way to provide access to the path via the intersections at Gardenia and Thomasville and at Woodgate Way and Thomasville.

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The roadway and path are designed to meet the FDOT Design Manual for all standards including safety for all users.

Jack

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:34 AM  
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Then take the rest of the money and improve or add sidewalks to other parts of the city.

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**Bcc:** Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 Design Plan Documents  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:53:00 AM  
[44886815201-ProjectKMZ-P2.kmz](#)

**Subject:**  
**Date:**  
**Attachments:**

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- Phase 2 (60%) Design Plan Engineering document
- Phase 2 (60%) Design Plan colored to illustrate the path and sidewalk enhancements
- Typical Section of the path
- Selective Clearing and Grubbing
- Signing and Marking
- Sight Triangles

Additionally, I have attached **a Google Earth Pro** KMZ file of the Phase 2 Design Plan.

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Jonette Sawyer](#); [Slay, Greg](#); [Jodi Wilkof](#); [Edwards, Ashley](#)  
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**Subject:** Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path  
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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Will Hanley](#)  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 2:58:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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FDOT Design Manual

January 1, 2023

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<b>Notes:</b> (1) Table 212.12.3 assumes perpendicular intersections. For skewed intersections, establish radius using AutoTurn or turning templates. (2) Confirm the actual curb radius using AutoTurn or turn templates.		

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**From:** Will Hanley <whanley@fsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:47 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
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Jonette,

To add to Jack's response below, we met on-site with the design consultant and FDOT's arborist for District 3 to look at this location as well as several others. We discussed the possibility of a boardwalk running the length of McCord Park (more or less) behind the trees along Thomasville Road. The arborist was concerned about the potential impact to the root systems from the pilings required for the boardwalk and there were also concerns about adequate right-of-way. The decision was made to keep the path next to Thomasville Road and to include direction on how to minimize impacts to the root systems as part of the final plans.

Hope this helps.

Greg

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:37 PM  
**To:** Jonette Sawyer <jonettesawyer@gmail.com>; Slay, Greg <Greg.Slay@talgov.com>; Jodi Wilkof <WilkofJ@leoncountyfl.gov>; Edwards, Ashley <Ashley.Edwards@talgov.com>  
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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Patricia Martin](#)  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:00:00 AM

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Pat,

If you have any other questions, Please ask.

Jack

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**From:** Patricia Martin <patriciaymartin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:16 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
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Jack,

Thank you for the clarification re. trees. Will read all your emails now. Was away from home all day .  
. and just now seeing things.

Thanks much,  
Pat

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Comcast](#)  
**Bcc:** **ect:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:19:00 AM

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Chip,

The [Feasibility Study](#) incorporated the a number of projects from several different transportation partners including the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, FDOT and the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency because these organizations have projects that link the bike and pedestrian system from Meridian Road through the intersection of Monroe Street and Thomasville Road. The CRTPA's effort was to determine if there was a linkage between the Market District and Thomasville Road along with the section of Thomasville Road from Metropolitan Boulevard to Betton Road. The Live Oak Plantation connection to the Market District is a separate project that is being led by the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency and they have not initiated the design of that segment. You can contact Mike Alfano ([Michael.Alfano@Blueprintia.org](mailto:Michael.Alfano@Blueprintia.org)) for any questions that you have regarding the project.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 8:50 PM  
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Where are details for path on Live Oak Plantation located in plan set?

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On May 9, 2023, at 3:59 PM, Kostrzewa, Jack <[John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

For clarification on Table 212.12.3:

Under Operational Characteristics

P – Passenger Vehicle

SU – Single Unit truck – approximately 30 feet in length

WB-40 – Tractor-Semitrailer, the WB stands for wheelbase with the truck length being approximately 45 feet.

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[Kostrzewa, Jack](#)

["deb burr"](#)

RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
9:25:00 AM

Ms. Burr,

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**From:** deb burr <rpcvdeb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:04 PM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Douglas Bell](#)  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:35:00 AM

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Mr. Bell,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 6:27 AM  
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Doug

-Douglas S. Bell, Attorney At Law  
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119 S Monroe 32301

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Kyle Crilow](#)  
**Cc:** [Bill Nichols](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:43:00 AM

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Mr. Crilow,

I have added you to the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path email list. Using the list below you should be able to “catch up” with where we are with the project. If you do have any questions please contact me.

Jack Kostrzewa  
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**From:** Bill Nichols <billnichols52@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 7:49 AM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
**Cc:** Kyle Crilow <sheesley.crilow@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update

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Mr. Kostrzewa,

Please add Mr. Kyle Crilow email to any future updates as he is the new President of Rosemont Subdivision (Asbury Hill). I have copied Mr. Crilow on this email.

Thanks,  
William Nichols

On 05/08/2023 11:24 AM Kostrzewa, Jack <[john.kostrzewa@talgov.com](mailto:john.kostrzewa@talgov.com)> wrote:

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Beau Scott](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:52:00 AM

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Mr. Scott,

As a fellow planner, you are aware that it would be difficult to determine an anticipated number of users and I am not aware of any non-motorized facility, including the St. Mark's Trail, that identified anticipated users upfront. However, that is a good suggestion to consider for a pre and post analysis. I have found that on the St. Mark's Trail, users (walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters, strollers, families, dog walkers, etc..) are extremely courteous and friendly, which I wouldn't expect to be any different on the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path. As for the landscaping of the project, that is a post-construction effort based the availability of right of way to have plantings whether it is a tree or low-level plants, and you really don't want construction and landscaping occurring at the same time.

Jack Kostrzewa  
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**From:** Beau Scott <beaus27@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:42 AM  
**To:** Kostrzewa, Jack <John.Kostrzewa@talgov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update

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Good morning Jack.

Thank you for the update on this mobility project.

What anticipated volume of users is the CRTPA expecting to utilize this mobility project? How many walkers, joggers, cyclists, etc., per day, weekly, monthly? Something akin to the St. Mark's Trail?

I cycle on the SMT on a regular basis, I suspect the average Tallahassee walker will not appreciate cyclists zipping by them doing 15MPH.

One last question, does mobility plan include adding additional shade producing trees and plants?

I recall Jeff Speck's TED Talk on creating a walkable city using his four criteria: a reason to walk, a safe walk, a comfortable walk and an interesting walk.

To make this mobility project a success, I would suggest adding more shading producing trees

to the landscape plan associated with this mobility project. Come June, July and August, Floridians will be less incline to use this proposed facility if it is not comfortable: too sunny and too hot.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and hard work.

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Mark Chandler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Public Meeting Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:44:00 PM

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Mark,

Glad the notification was beneficial. Always helps to see a visualization of the project.

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Love it. Those before and after renderings really explain it.

I am a sidewalk cyclist. I am always deferential to pedestrians, but my number one rule is: don't get hit by a car.

Taking sidewalks rather than unprotected bike lanes helps me follow that number one rule. Shared use paths give a viable alternative to driving everywhere.

Thanks,  
Mark

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**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:54:00 AM

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**From:** [Kostrzewa, Jack](#)  
**To:** [Pep Culpepper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path Update  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:58:00 AM

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Virginia,

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The drawing shows a concrete path on the westside and an asphalt path on the eastside from Waverly to Woodgate Way.

Jack

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**From:** Pep Culpepper <bculpep@earthlink.net>  
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I have used the asphalt pathway (it was NEVER a sidewalk; it was a meager narrow path that quickly filled with weedy grass & potholes) on the west side of Thomasville Road from Waverly Pond as far north as it goes since its inception when it was first put down when the road was widened in 1980-81. I also watched it slowly erode and deteriorate so that it became unsafe. Tripping and falling were frequent happenings. I chose to walk on the east side sidewalk and always wondered why the west side got the 'cheaper' treatment. The reason was explained as a state/city installation issue at the time. My question to you is why with all the funds available could not a matching sidewalk like the east side is getting be put on the west side that could go from Waverly Pond north to the Woodgate Crossing? I believe the drawing shows that a concrete sidewalk is illustrated on both sides of Thomasville Road going north from Waverly Pond. Is that a mistake in the rendering?

Virginia

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Sent: May 8, 2023 1:31 PM

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Virginia,

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Jack

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Jack

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Virginia Culpepper

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Wed 5/17/2023 3:15 PM

All,

Please see my responses below.

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Hi Greg and Jack,

I spoke with Ashley Edwards about the impact of the MUP on McCord Park. I want to make sure my understanding of the plan is correct before I share with others in Betton Hills who have expressed an interest.

Here is my understanding:

1. The Arborist CRTPA hired to assess the impact of the MUP on the McCord Park trees along Thomasville Road Advised Against extending the path into the park because of damage to the root systems.

Let me clear up part of this question. The Arborist that was providing guidance is the FDOT District Landscape Architect and was not a part of the design team. He was providing assistance independent of the project. The CRTPA did not hire either the design team or the FDOT Arborist, we have **no** contract with the design component of any project. However, on every project that we move forward into design whether it is a trail, or roadway or intersection, we want to meet with the design team to ensure that the CRTPA Board's message about the project details from a planning perspective are conveyed.

During the development of the Feasibility Study, we had several suggestions about building an elevated path, as well as those that were opposed, on the back side of the trees in FDOT right of way. So as the project moved into design, we asked to have that evaluated as a component of the project before any design took place. In these conversations, and in the field, we discussed this alternative at which point it was noted that there would be damage to the root systems, but there was an alternative that pushed the path closer to the park which would minimize the impact to the trees. The design team provided a cost of the design and the cost of the elevated path, and we felt that it was unnecessary to pursue given the potential damage to any of the trees and the cost of the path.

2. He also advised against building an elevated path within the park for the same reason. Cost was an issue with this idea as well.

See above.

3. The current plan is to remove the existing 4 foot concrete sidewalk and replace it with a 10 foot asphalt path with the additional six feet extending from the location of current sidewalk into Thomasville Road.

The Phase 2 Design Plan calls for the replacement of the concrete sidewalk, which I believe is 5' wide, with a 10' wide path that will utilize most of the current space, leaving 2', between the back of the curb (which will also be reconstructed) and the path. Within the Phase 2 Design Plan engineering document, it is difficult to determine the difference between the curb and gutter, the green space and the path because all the lines are black and white. That is why you should have a better idea of how the path will fit into this space using the colorized version of the plan.

4. There is not a roadway bike path on this section of Thomasville Road, so I assume the extra six feet would come from the 1-2 feet of grass between the road and current sidewalk and by narrowing the traffic lanes by approximately four feet?

See answer to question 3 above.

Additionally, correct, there is no bike lane in this section of Thomasville Road. The travel lanes are currently 11' in width so there is no space to take from the road.



Thank you in advance for confirming and/or correcting my understanding of the plan.

Best, Jonette Sawyer

From: [Jim Gray](#)  
To: [Lynn Maitmore](#)  
Subject: [Fwd: Thomasville Rd Multi-use](#)  
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 9:29:27 AM

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The first thing to note is here:

## Recommendation: Crossing Treatments and Signage

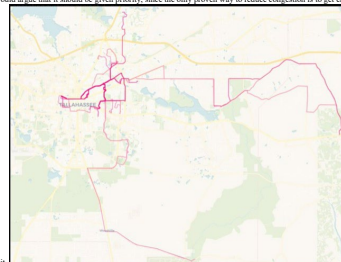
Evaluation of every driveway and road crossing along the corridor will be completed in the Design phase. However, some treatments that are recommended for these driveways include the following:

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- MUTCD appropriate signage on the path to stop path users before proceeding into the crosswalk, including yield signage detailing trail user etiquette, and trail speed limit signs. This would be addressed following construction to identify areas of high conflict.

As noted in the existing conditions section of the Feasibility Study, there are numerous driveways along both sides of the corridor. In order to address this and maintain safety for both path users and motorists, it is important that crosswalk treatments are targeted and innovative. Crossing treatments

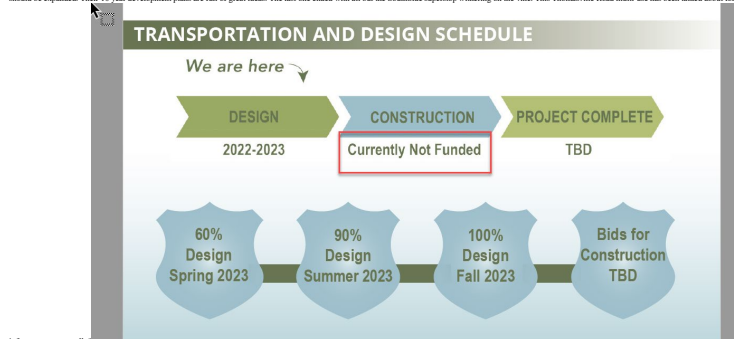
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Secondly, please make a conscious effort to use language that reflects cycling, walking and micro-mobility as valid transportation options. The multi-use and other bike/ped infrastructure is not (or should not) be constructed with the primary goal of being a recreational amenity. It's not just a "nice to have". If it does become a recreational amenity, so much the better (after all, people go for recreational joyrides in their cars, too), but it must be regarded as serious of transportation infrastructure as any other roadway. Given the ongoing concerns about traffic congestion in Tallahassee, I would argue that it should be given priority, since the only proven way to reduce congestion is to get cars off the



road. There is no "just one more lane" that will solve motor vehicle congestion. Please see below for what a typical month of cycling for transportation looks like and note that most of this is despite the present infrastructure, not because of it.

Lastly, I've seen many really nice studies over the years about non-car transportation in Tallahassee, and they are the place where good intentions go to die, it seems. What do we need to do to make these projects happen and happen in a timely manner? This bit from the May agenda is not encouraging. StarMetro is doing great efforts on a shoestring but should be expanded. Their 10 year development plans are full of great ideas. The last one ended with all but the SouthSide superstop withering on the vine. This Thomasville Road multi-use has been talked about for years now. How long will it be until it's constructed and what is the CRTPA doing to expedite mass transit expansion and bike/ped



infrastructure generally.

To sum up, please use your position on the CRTPA to make the changes we need in order to get cars off the road. Electric vehicles aren't going to cut it. The Thomasville Rd. multi-use is a drop in the bucket and shouldn't take as much debate as it has, so please use the upcoming meeting as a chance to reset the tone around it and do whatever it takes to get it and other non-car infrastructure built and online.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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