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## AGENDA ITEM 8 C

### TALLAHASSEE TO HAVANA TRAIL/ORCHARD POND GREENWAY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND ALTERNATIVES STUDY

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

#### STATEMENT OF ISSUE

An update on the [CRTPA Tallahassee to Havana Trail/Orchard Pond Greenway Environmental Impact and Alternatives Study](#) (“Study”), including upcoming public involvement opportunities related to this Leon County project, will be provided.



#### BACKGROUND

[The Tallahassee to Havana Trail Feasibility Study](#) was completed by the CRTPA in 2022 and evaluated a potential multi-use trail connection between Tallahassee and Havana. Specifically, the study analyzed the potential to construct a 10 to 12-foot multi-use trail between the Orchard Pond Parkway in Leon County and Salem Road in Gadsden County.

Additionally, the Study’s proposed improvements were identified in the [Tallahassee-Leon County Greenway Master Plan](#), adopted in 2015, which noted that the project “*will convert an approximately 3.6-mile segment of Orchard Pond Road to a 12’ wide, paved pedestrian and bicycle (bike-ped) trail.*”

Subsequent to approval of the CRTPA’s Tallahassee to Havana Trail Feasibility Study in 2022, the CRTPA applied for and was awarded [SUN Trails funding](#) to advance the next phases of the trail project. Specifically, the *Leon County* segment was awarded funding (\$976,000) for the development of a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study/Environmental Impact and Alternatives Study (which is being managed by CRTPA). Note: The *Gadsden County* segment was awarded design funding (\$678,000) and that phase is being managed by the Gadsden County.

## THE STUDY

The Tallahassee to Havana Trail/Orchard Pond Greenway Environmental Impact and Alternatives Study was initiated in late summer 2025 subsequent to [CRTPA Board approval](#) of the selection of Half consultants to develop the Leon County study. The Study's limits are from Old Bainbridge Road (CR 153) at the Ochlockonee River to Orchard Pond Greenway at the eastern trailhead, a distance of approximately 4.6 miles, as reflected *below*:



Efforts associated with study development include the following:

- Engineering Analysis
  - Trail and Bridge Alternatives Analysis
  - Drainage Analysis
  - Traffic Analysis Technical Memorandum (Traffic Counts)
  - Preliminary Engineering Report
  - Limited Design Survey

- Environmental Analysis
  - Contamination Screening Evaluation Study (CSER)
  - Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS)
  - Natural Resources Evaluation Report (NRE)
  - Sociocultural Effects Evaluation (SCEE)
  - Section 4(f) Evaluation
  
- Public Involvement
  - Stakeholder Meetings
  - Direct Mailings to Property Owners, Stakeholders and Elected Officials
  - Informational Brochures
  - In-person Alternatives Public Meeting (scheduled for June 4)
  - Trail User Survey
  - Virtual Alternatives Public Meeting
  - Public Involvement Log
  - Comments and Coordination Report
  - CRTPA Board Meeting (Public Hearing) to select the Preferred Alternative

## **PROJECT PAGE**

A [project page](#) for the Study has been developed which includes an interactive [Story Map](#) discussing the project as well as the project's connectivity and context with regards to other regional trail projects. Additionally, a [survey](#) has recently been added to the page seeking public opinion on the project as well as multiuse trails in general.

## **UPCOMING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

An in-person alternatives public meeting, including a virtual option, has been scheduled for the following date and location:

- [Thursday, June 4](#) from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- [Lake Jackson Community Center](#) (3840 N Monroe St, Huntington Oaks Center, Suite 301 Tallahassee, Florida)

**NEXT STEPS**

The Study is scheduled to be completed in late 2026 including a scheduled Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with the CRTPA’s September 2026 meeting.

Subsequent to completion of the Study, the CRTPA will actively seek funding for the next phase (design) of the project, *shown below*.

