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Dear Friends:

As part of my February newsletter, I promised you a project update after the February 21st Blueprint 2000 meeting.

Last week the Leon County Commission and Tallahassee City Commission met jointly, sitting as the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) Board ([see meeting agenda here](#)). The IA is responsible for governing the project management structure and project planning and construction of all Blueprint projects. At our meeting we received updates on the Blueprint projects currently underway in the County, and I wanted to be sure I shared these updates with you.

Please look for future emails like this with information about some of the other boards that I am appointed to serve on as a County Commissioner.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Blueprint Projects Update

Blueprint funding was originally approved by voters in 1989 to provide a local option one cent sales tax to fund road projects and address public safety needs. During the first 10 years some of the completed projects included: **the expansion of Thomasville Road, the widening of Mahan Drive, the widening of Capital Circle NE, improvements along Park Avenue and Orange Avenue and the Blair Stone Road extension. The tax also paid for the building of the new Leon County Jail.**

During the fall of 2000, voters approved the extension of the penny sales tax through 2019, with the emphasis on a series of critically needed community initiatives focused on stormwater and flood control projects, greenspace acquisition and parks/recreation improvements, and additional transportation projects. **Several projects that have already been completed include: flood control and infrastructure improvements along Franklin Boulevard and the addition of Martha Wellman Park/Stormwater facility. Most would agree that the crown jewel project is Cascades Park/Amphitheater and Pedestrian Bridge and the other amenities included in the park.**

Current Blueprint 2000 (BP2000) Projects Nearing Completion

There are still a few projects currently under construction and I wanted to provide an update on their progress.

Magnolia Dr. Multi-Use Trail and Improvements (South Adams St. to Apalachee Parkway)

Meridian St. to Pontiac Dr. – This segment was completed in January 2017 and includes a 10-foot wide multi-use trail along the south side of Magnolia and upgrades to the stormwater drainage system.

The remaining segments, Pontiac Dr. to Chowkeebin Nene and Circle Dr. to Apalachee Pkwy., and currently in the design/permitting and right-of-way acquisition phases. A construction bid will be advertised for Pontiac Dr. segment in spring 2017.

Capital Circle Northwest-Southwest from Tennessee St. to Orange Ave.

This 2.76 mile project includes expanding the two lane road to a six-lane thoroughfare, inclusion of a multi-use trail, two (2) parks and extensive stormwater improvements to prevent pollutants from entering nearby waterways. The project is still underway from nearing completion.

FAMU Way

The FAMU Way Extension Project creates a new east-west roadway between the current end of FAMU Way at Wahnish Way and Lake Bradford Road. The entire project is being completed in three (3) phases and includes round-a-bouts, sidewalks, on-street parking, a playground, misting stations and a bike repair station. Phase 1, between Wahnish Way and Pinellas Street was completed and opened last summer.

To read about the progress of more BP2000 projects, click [here](#).

Blueprint 2020

In November 2014, voters again approved the extension of the penny sales tax that begins in 2020 and extends through 2039. Voters also approved to expand the use of the funds to include projects that:

- Improve local roads
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Add sidewalks near our schools
- Reduce neighborhood flooding
- Expand green spaces, parks and other natural areas
- Create and promote jobs in our community through Economic Development

[Read more about the Blueprint 2020 Projects](#)



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