

## Greetings!

As you may have heard, the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) is in the early phases of planning for a multi-use path along/near Thomasville Road connecting Midtown to the Market District. This path, if it is built, will allow for a variety of recreation and transportation users - from cyclists to wheelchair users, pedestrians, joggers, and dog-walkers.

As a member of the CRTPA and as the County Commissioner representing District 3, I have been contacted by many residents who have expressed their support for this project. But I also have heard from many neighbors with safety concerns about various route options.

To learn more, the most comprehensive collection of information about the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path can be found on the <u>CRTPA's website dedicated to the path.</u> In addition, WCTV has done news segments which can be found HERE and HERE.

A decision has not yet been made on the path's route and, while options are being evaluated, I'd like to hear from you and as many other residents as possible. Together we need to learn more about the possible path routes, discuss the pros and cons of each one, and determine what is best for the neighborhoods, businesses and other people impacted by the path. We have about two months -- from now until mid-November -- to review the options and collect public input.

## **MONDAY'S MEETING**

A presentation about the path and its possible routes will be made at the **CRTPA meeting this Monday**, **which will be held at City Hall at 1:30 pm**. The public is invited to attend (NOTE that masks must be worn in City Hall). You can also view the meeting's live broadcast on <a href="https://www.talgov.com/cotnews/wcot.aspx">https://www.talgov.com/cotnews/wcot.aspx</a> or Comcast Channel 13 (WCOT-13).

The agenda item for that presentation, which includes maps and other important information, can be reviewed <u>HERE</u>. This presentation will be a project update only; the selection of the final path route will NOT be made by the CRTPA at this meeting.

Citizens wishing to provide input may:

- Provide comments in person at tomorrow's CRTPA meeting. Speakers are
  requested to fill out a speaker's card located inside the Commission Chambers
  when they arrive at the meeting and limit their comments to three minutes; or
- Submit written comments by completing this webform.

## **NEXT STEPS**

After Monday's CRTPA Board meeting, the second round of public engagement will begin. This will include virtual meetings, virtual project materials and planned in-person meetings. From mid-September to the end of October, meetings with neighborhood associations and homeowner associations, businesses, and individuals will be held as well as three virtual Question and Answer meetings. In November, in-person meetings will be held, barring any issues related COVID-19 (locations still to be determined).

After the second round of public engagement is completed (approximately November 15th), the Project Team staff will focus on identifying a recommended route for the

Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path. This final route is anticipated to be presented at the January 2022 CRTPA Board meeting for a vote by me and the other CRTPA members.

## **STAY INFORMED**

As the project moves forward, you can stay updated on developments by following the <u>Facebook page dedicated to the Thomasville Road Path</u> and/or by signing up for my 'Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path' email updates. To sign up for the email updates, please send a message to my Chief of Staff, <u>Jodi Wilkof</u>, at <u>WilkofJ@leoncountyfl.gov</u>.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions, and I look forward to continuing this important dialogue with you regarding this project.

All the best,

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