

# SALES TAX PROJECTS

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**Project Number:** 4  
**Project Name:** Southside Gateway Enrichment (Widening of Woodville Highway)  
**Total Project Cost:** \$29,700,000

**Total Project Cost Notes**

This project cost includes right of way costs.  
\$18,500,000 for Woodville Highway upgrade to 4-lane roadway  
\$10,600,000 for Crawfordville/Woodville Highway Gateway feature

The primary expense for this project is associated with the transportation improvements, with the balance directed to landscaping along Crawfordville Highway and sidewalks along Shelfer Road.

**Executive Project Summary:**

The Southside Gateway Enrichment project enhances regional mobility, increases the viability of this southern commercial gateway corridor, and supports the goal of economic revitalization to the southside of Tallahassee.

This roadway also has a significant regional impact as it is a crucial north/south evacuation route from the coast. The project enhances transportation capacity by widening Woodville Highway (from Capital Circle to Gaile Avenue) to four lanes. The project includes widening the medians for landscaping, pedestrian refuge, and safe turning movements, and increases opportunities for public transit. In addition, the interconnection of Woodville and Crawfordville Highways, via a looped roadway, enhances the operation of the corridors and provides a large greenspace to establish a gateway into the southside of Tallahassee. The project replaces a grey landscape of asphalt and concrete along Crawfordville Highway with landscaped medians and roadsides and adds greenspace for stormwater ponds improvements.

Finally, the project promotes multimodal connectivity by building bike connections along Ross Road, linking Woodville and Crawfordville Highways, and constructing sidewalks along the eastside of Shelfer Road in order link the high density residential to the surrounding multimodal connections.

**Actions Taken by the Committee:**

- March 28, 2013: Moved the project to a second round for consideration.
- April 26, 2013: Moved the project to Priority Level 2.
- June 13, 2013: Moved the project to Tier 1.

**Themes**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility/Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Vitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Water Quality                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Infrastructure      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gateways          |

**Detail Project Description**

This project proposed improvements include the following:

- Establish a “gateway” feature entering the southside of the County (Woodville /Crawfordville Highways). This project is consistent with the regional mobility plan by providing additional capacity and linkage to complete a major corridor connector from downtown to the south.
- Widen Woodville Highway to four lanes between the improved Capital Circle and Gaile Avenue; The

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- Construct sidewalks, bike lanes, and wide medians for landscaping, pedestrian refuge and adds sidewalk on eastside of Shelfer Road between Ross and Crawfordville Highway to link high density residential to area amenities. The Southside Gateway Enrichment project promotes multimodal connectivity, enhanced roadway capacity, landscaping, and possible gateway features advancing redevelopment potential of the surrounding area of the southside of Tallahassee.
- Reconstruct Crawfordville and Woodville Highways between Gaile and Tram to create an extended roundabout and greenspace for enhanced connectivity between these two main north south routes.
- Reconstruct a portion of the St. Marks Trail. The St. Marks Trail will be preserved and its usage enhanced with increased connectivity to existing sidewalk and trail networks.
- Provide greenspace allowing for water infiltration and stormwater ponds. This project replaces a grey landscape of asphalt and concrete with landscaped medians and roadsides. Additional greenspace for water infiltration and stormwater ponds enhances the livability of roadway segment. The new stormwater treatment facilities will improve the water quality leaving the roadway corridors.
- Landscape the stormwater ponds and roadway along Crawfordville Highway.
- Establish bike connections on Ross Road to connect Woodville and Crawfordville Highways.

**Cost By Themes**

\$18,500,000	Regional Mobility/Transportation
	Sense of Community
	Environmental/Water Quality
\$600,000	Connectivity
	Economic Vitality
	Ecotourism/Parks
	Vertical Infrastructure
\$10,600,000	Gateways

# Southside Gateway Enrichment

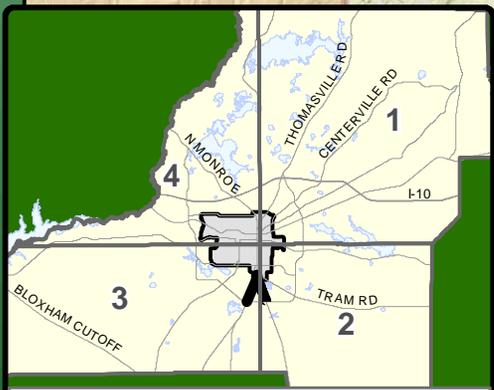
Widen to four lanes with sidewalks, bike lanes, St. Marks Trail landscaped medians  
Evacuation route - capacity enhancement



Stormwater Pond Improvements

Sidewalks

Landscaping Improvements



Quadrants: 2 and 3

Project #4



Previous Project Information for:

# **Project #4**

## **Southside Gateway Enrichment**

Note: Based on direction from the Committee at the March 28, 2013 Sales Tax Committee meeting, below is a list of previous project(s) that were merged or modified to create a holistic project for the Committee's consideration.

Project Name: Southside Gateway Enrichment (*Previously Project #61*)

## Proposed Project for the Sales Tax Extension

**Project #6: Southside Gateway Enrichment**

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$29.7 million

### **Project Criteria:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Enhancements & Green Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenway Master Plan       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Capacity Improvements              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Infrastructure                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complements BP2000 Project |   |

### **Project Description:**

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This project proposed improvements include the following:

- Widen Woodville Highway to four lanes between the improved Capital Circle and Gaile Avenue;
- Establish a “gateway” feature entering the southside of the County (Woodville /Crawfordville Highways);
- Construct sidewalks, bike lanes, and wide medians for landscaping, pedestrian refuge;
- Reconstruct Crawfordville and Woodville Highways between Gaile and Tram to create an extended roundabout and greenspace for enhanced connectivity between these two main north south routes;
- Add sidewalk on eastside of Shelfer Road between Ross and Crawfordville Highway to link high density residential to area amenities;
- Enhance opportunities for public transportation;
- Reconstruct a portion of the St. Marks Trail;
- Provide greenspace allowing for water infiltration and stormwater ponds;
- Landscape the stormwater ponds and roadway along Crawfordville Highway;
- Establish bike connections on Ross Road to connect Woodville and Crawfordville Highways.

### **Project Criteria Detail:**

**Comprehensive Plan:** This project supports the Mobility Element Policies of the Comprehensive Plan by identifying and programming of new road projects or substantial improvements to existing roads shall be consistent with the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically the

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Urban Service Area strategy to promote urban infill and discourage urban sprawl. The areas that the project complies with are listed below.

- Mobility:
  - Policy 1.1.8 Development projects shall contribute to providing a safe, convenient, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing transportation environment that promotes walking, cycling, and transit use.
  - Objective 1.4 Connectivity & Access Management: Reduce vehicle trip demand, increase access, and safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and preserve the integrity of the transportation system with effective connectivity and access management programs.
  - Policy 1.2.2: Safe and convenient facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users shall be evaluated for all new road and road widening projects. Specifically, all road projects, including resurfacing projects, shall be evaluated for the addition of bicycle lanes or paved shoulders, and transit shelters where they did not previously exist
  - Policy 1.2.7: Require that all new or rebuilt multi-lane (four or six-lane) arterial and major collector streets be constructed with grassed and/or landscaped medians where sufficient right-of-way can be obtained, unless limited by environmental constraints.
  - Policy 1.3.4: Design, construct, and maintain transportation facilities to prevent flooding, minimize pollution, and maintain natural stormwater quantity, timing, rate, and direction of flow characteristics consistent with the adopted Stormwater Level of Service Standard.

Regional Mobility Plan: This project is consistent with the regional mobility plan by providing additional capacity and linkage to complete a major corridor connector from downtown to the south.

Greenway Master Plan: This project enhances the St. Marks Trail and provides multimodal connections to Cascade Park and existing trail system. The project connects directly to the Campbell Connector and Karst Pond Greenways.

Connectivity: The Southside Gateway Enrichment project promotes multimodal connectivity, enhanced roadway capacity, landscaping, and possible gateway features advancing redevelopment potential of the surrounding area of the southside of Tallahassee. Constructing the bike lanes along Ross Road will link Woodville and Crawfordville Highways and the sidewalk addition on Shelfer Road links high density residential to the surrounding multimodal connections

Complements Blueprint 2000 Project(s): The Southside Gateway Enrichment project complements the following Blueprint 2000 Projects: Capital Circle Southeast, Capital Circle Southwest, Capital Circle trail system and Capital Cascades Park and trail system.

Water Quality Enhancements and Green Infrastructure: The Southside Gateway Enrichment project replaces a grey landscape of asphalt and concrete with landscaped medians and roadsides. Additional greenspace for water infiltration and stormwater ponds enhances the livability of roadway segment. The new stormwater treatment facilities will improve the water quality leaving the roadway corridors. The St. Marks Trail will be preserved and its usage enhanced with increased connectivity to existing sidewalk and trail networks.

Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements: The existing roadways were constructed without stormwater management facilities, which will be addressed during the proposed reconstruction of the Woodville Highway and the Crawfordville/Woodville greenspace feature.

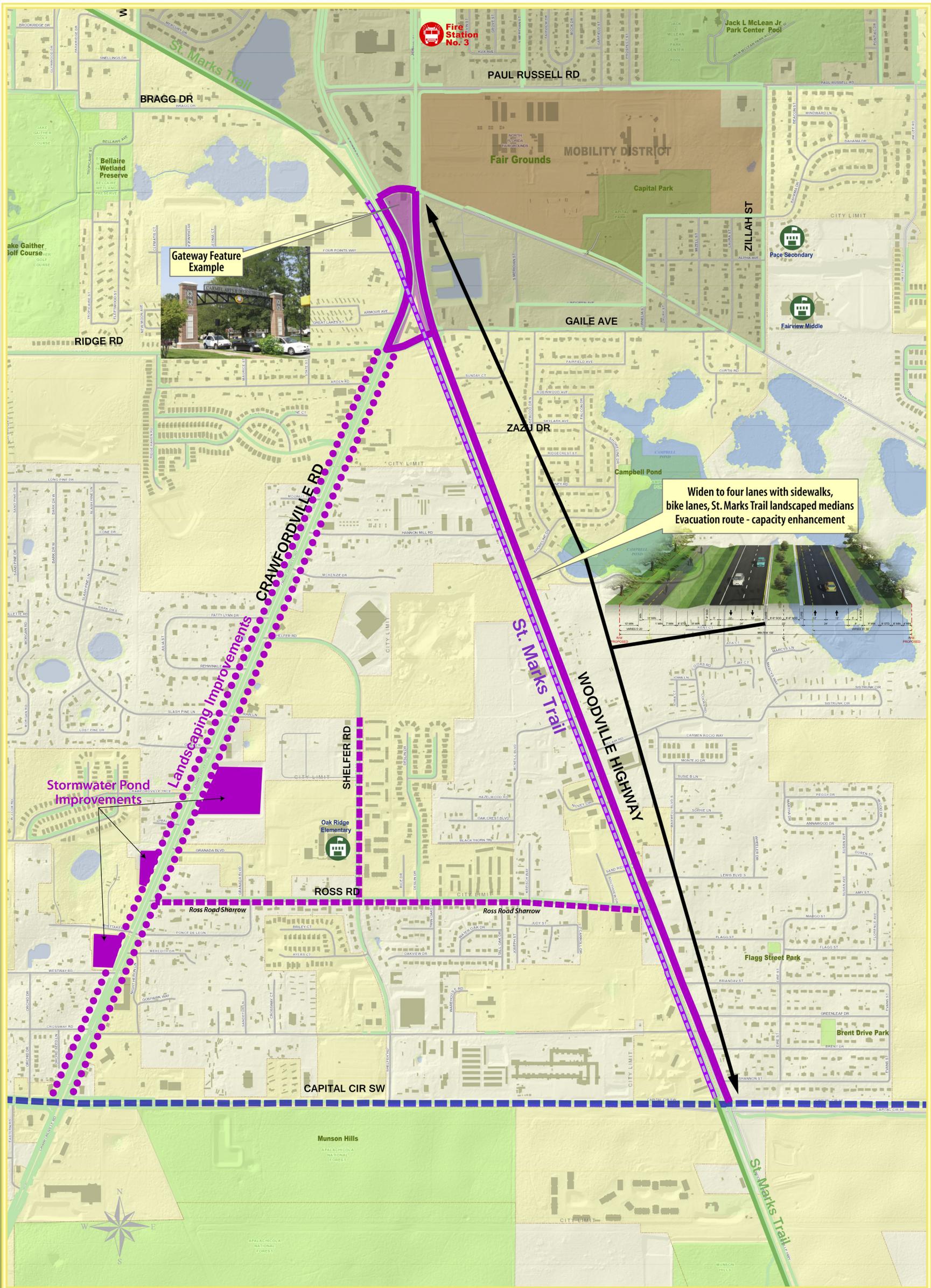
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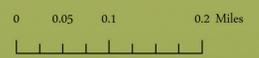
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Transportation Capacity Improvements: The Southside Gateway Enrichment project enhances the roadway capacity by widening Woodville Highway between Capital Circle and Gaile Avenue to four lanes. This roadway also has a significant regional impact as it is a crucial north/south evacuation route from the coast. By increasing the capacity it will help decrease the evacuation times from the coastal areas. The project includes widening the medians for landscaping, pedestrian refuge, and safe turning movements, enhanced opportunities for transit. In addition the interconnection of Woodville and Crawfordville Highways, via a looped roadway, enhances the operation of the corridors and provides a large greenspace to establish a gateway into the southside of Tallahassee. To date the Capital Regional Transportation Authority has spent approximately \$2.1 million to complete the Woodville Highway preliminary design and engineering study. Final Design, permitting and right of way acquisition work will need to be completed before construction can begin on this transportation corridor.

Core Infrastructure: The Southside Gateway Enrichment project is considered a core infrastructure project due the fact that Woodville Highway has a significant regional impact as it is a crucial north/south evacuation route from the coast. By increasing the capacity it will help decrease the evacuation times from the coastal areas. In addition, this project promotes multimodal connectivity, enhanced roadway capacity, landscaping, and possible gateway features advancing redevelopment potential of the surrounding area of the southside of Leon County.



# Southside Gateway Enrichment



## Legend

- Existing Sidewalks, Bike Routes
- Park Trails
- Woodville Hwy Southside Gateway
- Proposed Bike/Sidewalk Project
- Landscaping Improvements
- St. Marks Trail ( Existing )
- Blueprint 2000 Projects
- Parks
- Fair Grounds

## Southside Gateway Enrichment Project Criteria:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Regional Mobility
- Greenway Master Plan
- Connectivity
- Complements BP2000 Project
- Water Quality Enhancements & Green Infrastructure
- Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements
- Transportation Capacity Improvements
- Core Infrastructure



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