

## Who to Contact

The approved final *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study* documents may be viewed on the study's website at:

<https://www.fdot7studies.com/good-neighbor-trail/>  
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## Non Discrimination Laws & Regulations

Public participation was solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns may do so by contacting: **Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator** Phone: (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220  
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## Comuniquese Con Nosotros

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre este proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto, por favor ponerse en contacto con el señor Manuel Flores al teléfono (813) 975-4248, Departamento de Transportación de Florida, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612, o correo electrónico [manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us).

## Right of Way Acquisition Procedure

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns.

To better inform you about the right of way acquisition process and your rights, the FDOT has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. Copies of the brochures may be found on our website: <https://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/documents.shtm>, or call (813) 975-6000 for information.

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAIL GAP

Project Development and Environment  
(PD&E) Study

From SR 50/Cortez Boulevard to the Good Neighbor Trail  
in Hernando County

Florida Department of Transportation District Seven  
WPI Segment Number: 437264-2

## Study Approval Notification

On February 19, 2020, the **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the FHWA and FDOT, granted Location Design Concept Acceptance for the Good Neighbor Trail Gap Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from SR 50/Cortez Boulevard to the Good Neighbor Trail (see project location map inside). The project involves constructing a shared use path ("trail") which is expected to range in width from 10 to 12 feet (12 feet in most areas), constructed mostly within existing roadway right of way, using a combination of state and local roads. This project will now proceed to the next phase of development.

## Public Hearing Results

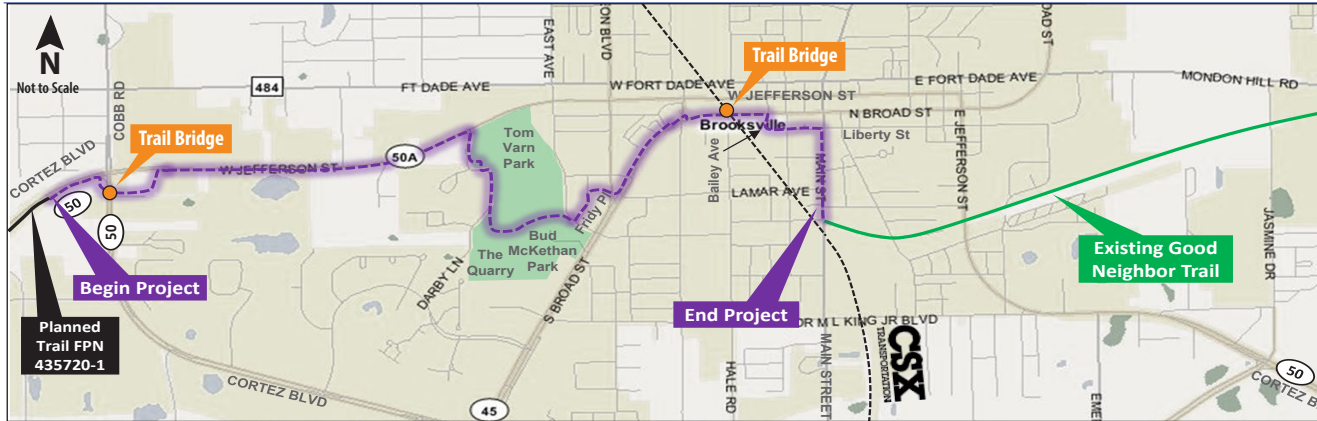
A public hearing was held for this project on March 14, 2019, at the Jerome Brown Community Center, 99 Jerome Brown Place, Brooksville, Florida 34601.

A total of 29 people signed in at the public hearing. Four comments were received. Three comments were written and one was a verbal statement during the formal portion of the public hearing. Based on input received, the trail alignment was adjusted to run along Bailey Avenue instead of Orange Avenue.

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.*

May 2020

## Project Location Map



## Planned Improvements

The project involves constructing a shared use path ("trail") which is expected to range in width from 10 to 12 feet (12 feet in most areas), constructed mostly within existing roadway right-of-way, along both state and local roads. Additional right-of-way will be required in several areas and will be acquired in accordance with applicable procedures and policies. Trail bridges are proposed at two locations: across Cortez Boulevard south of West Jefferson Street (SR 50A) and over the CSX Transportation Railroad at Broad Street just west of uptown Brooksville. The proposed path runs through both Tom Varn and Bud McKethan Parks and also connects to downtown Brooksville. The total length of the proposed trail is 3.2 miles. The trail surface is proposed to be primarily asphalt with concrete aprons on either side of a street crossing. Required accommodations of drainage conveyances will be determined during the design phase.

## Selected Alternative

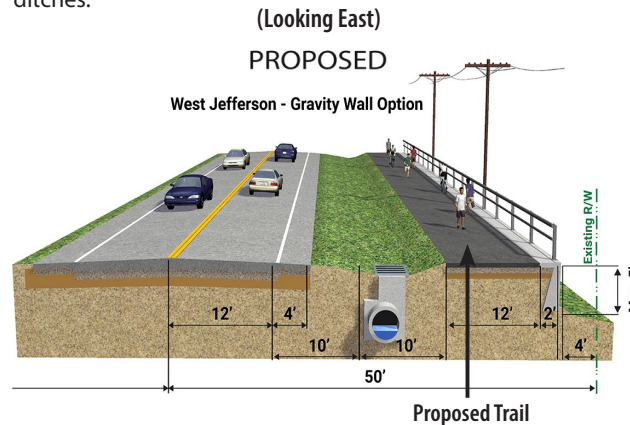
Following the public hearing, the Preferred Build Alternative was selected. This selection was based on a determination that the No-Build Alternative did not meet the purpose and need of the project, which is to complete a missing link in the statewide Coast to Coast Trail. This project will help provide safe, non-vehicular transportation and recreation to residents and visitors traveling within and beyond the study area. Potential project benefits include increased business activity and tourism, improved quality of life, and improved public health.

### PROJECT WEBSITE

For more information on this study, go to  
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## Trail Typical Sections

Below is an example of rural trail typical section, which will be used along West Jefferson Street, east of Cobb Road, where the existing right-of-way is wider and drainage is handled by ditches.



### Bridge over SR 50/Cortez Boulevard

The trail is proposed to cross Cortez Boulevard on an overpass south of the intersection of SR 50 and Cobb Road at Whitfield Avenue. The proposed trail bridge structure will carry the 12 foot wide trail over SR 50.



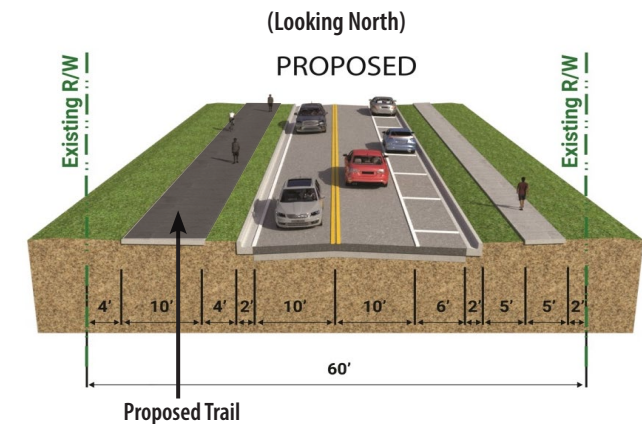
## FDOT Adopted 5-Year Work Program Fiscal Year 2020-2024

The design phase is currently underway. Right-of-way acquisition is funded to begin in this fiscal year (2020) and the construction phase is funded in fiscal year 2022.

Phase	Fiscal Year(s)
Design	Currently Underway
Right-of-Way	Funded to Begin 2020
Construction	Funded in 2022

### Typical Section on Main Street South of Liberty Street

On Main Street south of Liberty Street, the existing parking lane on the west side of the roadway is proposed to be eliminated to accommodate a 10 foot trail.



### Steel Truss Bridge Structure

Computer rendering of how a steel truss bridge structure might look at this location. (Proposed view looking east at South Broad Street and Hale Avenue).

