Plant City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
Project Update - March 2, 2017
PROJECT TIMELINE AND MILESTONES
Plant City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

NOV
Project Kickoff

DEC/JAN
Plan Review/Field Work

FEB/MAR
Public Meeting/Coordination Meetings
Develop Draft Plan

APR/MAY
Finalize Plan
Public Meeting
February 2nd, 2017
4:30 - 7:30 PM, Bruton Memorial Library

WHAT WE HEARD - PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY
Plant City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
• ~40 attended, 30 signed in
  – Majority from Walden Lakes area and central/downtown Plant City
• Maps: 3 Points of Interest added
  – Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Strawberry Festival Grounds
• General Comment Map:
  – High traffic areas, connect Walden Lakes to Downtown, lighting improvements, trails and trail heads
• What does Plant City mean to you?
  – Friendly, Community
• What are the top 3 places you go to?
  – Downtown, Church, Park
• Biggest concern w/bicycle and pedestrian mobility?
  – Lighting, safety, connectivity
• #1 bicycle/pedestrian priority project?
  – Lighting, crosswalks, trails
• Comment Forms
  – Connectivity points
  – Difficult to find places to run
  – Lack of sidewalks and sidewalk connectivity
  – Need for connecting north Plant City to downtown
Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Draft Outline
Introduction

- Vision
  - Goals

- Executive Summary
  - Community Priorities
  - Existing Conditions
  - Recommendations (By Walking, Biking, Trail)
  - Action Plan
Community Priorities

- **Key Themes**
  - Maintain the city character
  - Concern for bicycle and pedestrian safety
  - Connect residences with destinations
  - Build a functional network
• Existing Conditions
  
  – Community Profile
    
    • Age, Commute to Work, Crashes
  
  – Walk Friendly and Bike Friendly Evaluation and Achievement Steps
  
  – Where are sidewalks, bikeways, trails?
• **Recommendations**

  – **Programs and Policy**

    • Adopt Complete Streets Policy
    • Participate in regional Vision Zero initiative
    • Alert Today Alive Tomorrow
    • Safe Routes to Schools
    • Wayfinding Program
    • Downtown Bicycle User Map
    • Bike Share
Overall Bicycle Network
 Proposed Bicycle Network

DRAFT BICYCLE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
Plant City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
Priority Projects Identification
Key Elements

• Map highlighting project extents
• Project description
• Key issues
• Photo simulation
• Implementation strategy
**Voorhees Road**

**AT A GLANCE**  This important street provides a direct connection from Voorhees College and Denmark Technical College to downtown Denmark. The corridor also functions as an important pedestrian link between the Denmark-Olar Elementary School and nearby neighborhoods.

**Key Issues**  There is a perceived divide between downtown and the colleges in Denmark that discourages residents and students from walking between these two local anchors. Fast-moving cars, few crossings, and limited sidewalks make this an unsafe space for pedestrians and bicyclists. A lack of lighting makes the area particularly uninviting at night.

**Implementation Strategy**  Coordinate with the local colleges for a corridor improvement project. Phase 1 may include interim traffic calming solutions such as lane narrowing, temporary bulbouts, raised crosswalks, and speed trailers. Phase 2 of improving this corridor should include reduced speed limits, permanent installations, and further enhance accessibility for pedestrians.

**PROPOSED CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

**TRAFFIC CALMING EXAMPLES**

- *RAISED CROSSWALK*
- *TRAFFIC CIRCLE*
- *CURB EXTENSION & TURNING RADIUS*

**RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS**

- Traffic Calming
- Curb Extensions
- Wayfinding Signage
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- Pedestrian-Scale Lighting
- Street Furniture
- ADA Compliance
- Crossing Improvements

(SEPTEMBER DRAFT)
• **Create** minimum on-street **BIKEWAY GRID** to the **CORE OF PLANT CITY**

• **Connect** to **MAJOR DESTINATIONS**

• **Connect** all four quadrants of **NEIGHBORHOODS** adjacent to Downtown Plant City **TO DOWNTOWN**.
Priority Project #1: Minimum Grid for Bikeways

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• **Create** beginning of **LARGER TRAIL NETWORK**

• **Enhance** **NETWORK CONNECTIVITY** from Frontage road to **DOWNTOWN PLANT CITY** - attract area cyclists from Lakeland and Tampa

• **Create** **LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION**
Priority Project #3: Pedestrian Safety Improvements

- **Focus** Pedestrian Improvements where they are *NEEDED TODAY*
- **Address** top 3 bike/ped crash cluster locations
Next Steps

• Complete Walking & Bicycling Assessments
• Identify bicycle network facility recommendations
• Steering Committee Meeting to finalize recommendations & policies
• Complete draft document
• Present to Plant City City Commission
• Finalize document
• Present to Hillsborough MPO Committees & Board