



North Merritt Island HOA February 3, 2025

Transportation Network of Tomorrow





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More About the Space Coast TPO



What is transportation planning?

We continually monitor the conditions of our transportation system's modes.

We carry out planning at the regional level.

We work with our citizens, local governments, transportation agencies, and elected officials, to help address our needs.

A TPO is created to look at the big picture of transportation planning.



















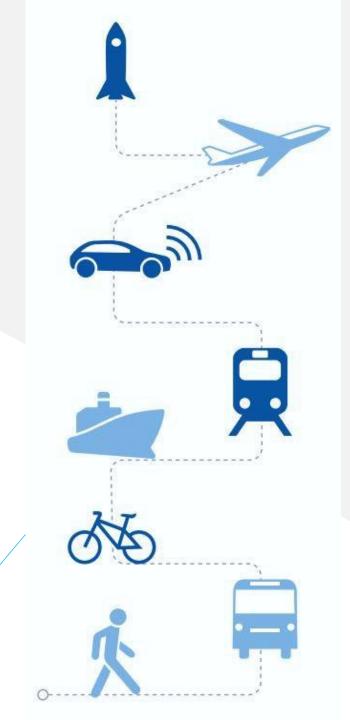
Things that drive WHAT road projects TPO undertakes

- Connectivity
- Economic Competitiveness
- Growth
- System Performance / Safety
- Cost Feasibility
- Public Acceptance



Long Term Vision

- Invest in ports (Space, Sea, Air)
- Continue high tech focus
- More walkable communities
- Less reliance on autos
- Wider variety of housing
- More travel options (Transit, Rail, Rideshare, Walk, Bike, Trails)



Leverage Intermodal Connections

Diverse Transportation Portfolio









Leverage High Tech Industry

Changes in Workspace and Transportation









Balance Environment and Growth

Provide Choices Reduce Urban Footprint











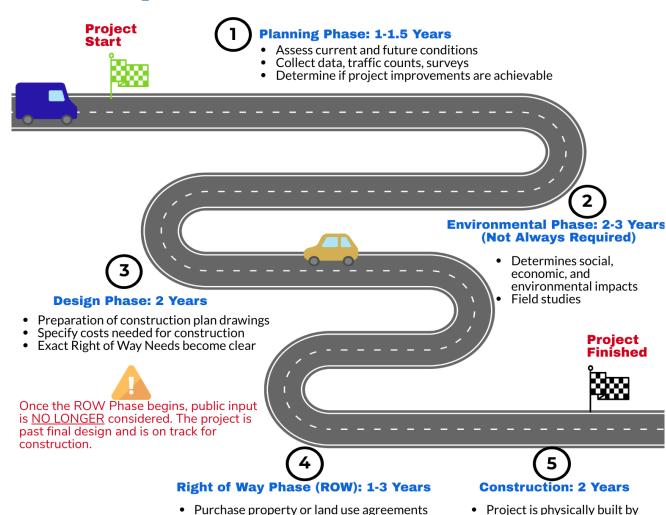


Work program

5 Steps to Project Implementation

- 1. Feasibility
- 2. Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)
- 3. Design
- 4. Right of Way
- 5. Construction

Projects may take **15-20** years or more to complete!



needed to construct the project

the contractor
Traffic impacts may occur during this phase

Priority Projects



NASA Causeway Bridge Replacement Space Commerce Way Widening





Bridge Construction Underway:

\$126 Million

Space Commerce Way

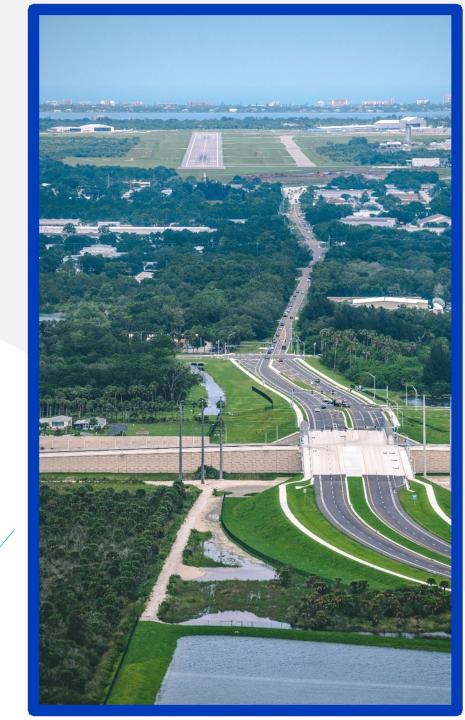
Construction: \$24 Million

Ellis Road Widening

- ✓ Right of Way Acquisition83 parcels to acquire (total)
 - ✓ Certified by January 29, 2025
- ✓ Early clearing and grubbing contract July 2025
- ✓ Construction fully funded 25/26

Fully Funded:

\$58 Million



SR 528 (Beachline)
Widening and Bridge Replacements





SR 401 Bridge Replacement



Cocoa Multi-Modal Station

✓ Federal State Partnership Grant (Final Design & Construction) Submitted
 December 16, 2024

- Similar in design to Brightline's Boca Raton Station (7,500-9000 sf)
- Parking to accommodate 400 spaces
 - Surface Parking for station opening
 - Structured Parking during later phases
- Public transit and kiss-and-ride facilities at station
- Access to/from property from local roadways; opportunities to connect to multiple access points
- New rail infrastructure west of station (double track main line)
- Double-sided platform









Transportation Take Aways

Transportation Impacts Everyone

Most citizens do not realize:

- How expensive transportation projects are
- How long it takes to implement major improvements
- There is a process to identify, agree upon and fund important projects and programs.

Providing transportation in the US involves:

Federal, state, and local government

Decision-making process begins with TPO board of elected officials



Where do you see our transportation system in 25 Years?

SPACE COAST
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

- Connected
- Futuristic
- Multimodal
- Safe
- Resilient





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North Merritt Island Home Owners Association

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Agenda



- 1. Project Introduction
- 2. Schedule Overview
- 3. Purpose & Need Overview
- 4. Alternative Analysis
 - 1. Potential Alignments
 - 2. Recommended Alignment
- 5. Next Steps
- 6. Open Discussion

Project Introduction

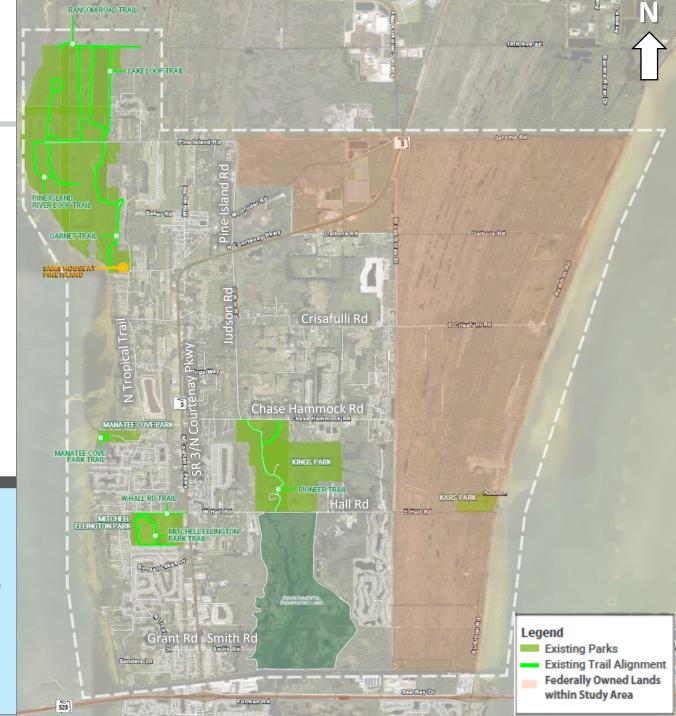
N MI Pioneer Trail Feasibility Study

- FDOT SUN Trail program funding Study; application submitted by Brevard County
- SCTPO in conjunction with Brevard County Parks & Recreation and FDOT
- Identified on the SCTPO Showcase Trail Network
- Essential spur for the East Coast Greenway

Critical local connection for residents and the recreational

areas





Project Process Overview



Long Range Transportation Planning Efforts

Operational Analysis/
Planning Study

Design

Right-Of-Way (If Necessary)

Construction

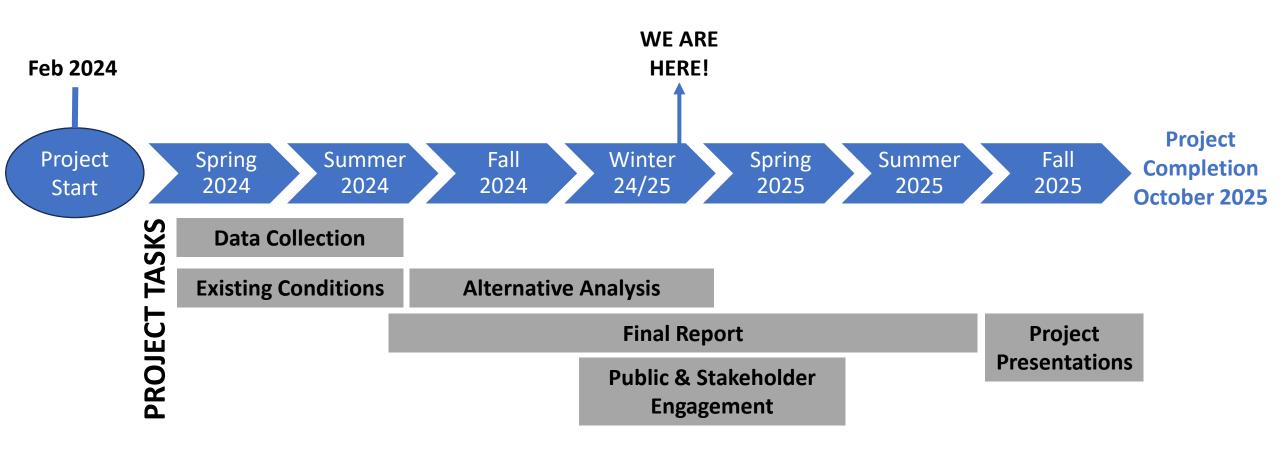


Feasibility Study is an early step in the planning process to decide if a proposed project is viable and worth pursuing.

It helps identify potential challenges, benefits, and whether the project should move forward to more detailed planning and design phases, like a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study.



Schedule Overview



Purpose & Need Overview



Purpose – Provide a safe trail connection from S.R. 528 to the Pine Island Conservation Area

Need -

- System Linkage: Provide continuous trail connection on North Merritt Island as part of the larger SUN Trail network in Brevard County
- Safety: Provide a physically separated facility for nonvehicular travel for local residents and recreational uses
- Economic Development: Trails increase property values, has local business/employment benefits, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and boosts tourism
- Modal Interrelationships: Provide safe/comfortable recreation facility for North Merritt Island









Potential Alignments

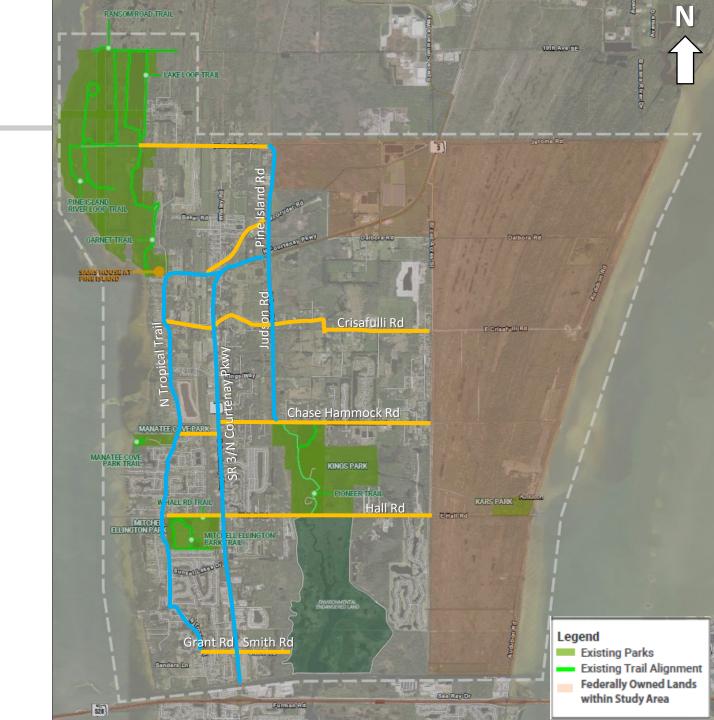
N/S Alignments represented in Blue

- N Courtenay Parkway
- N Tropical Trail
- Judson Road

E/W Alignments represented in Orange

- Grant Road
- Smith Road
- Hall Road
- Chase Hammock Road
- Porcher Road
- Crisafulli Road
- McGruder Road
- Pine Island Road

Trails and parks represented in Green



Recommended Alignment Summary

Area to Explore

 Pine Island Conservation Area connection via Sams House

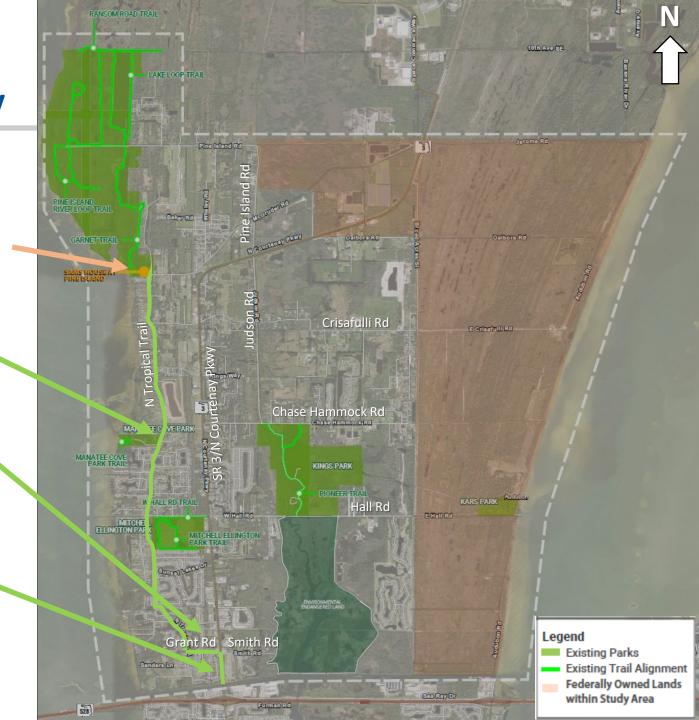
Recommended N/S Alignment in Green

N Tropical Trail

Recommended E/W Alignment in Green

Grant Road

N Courtenay Parkway in Green



N Tropical Trail Typical Section

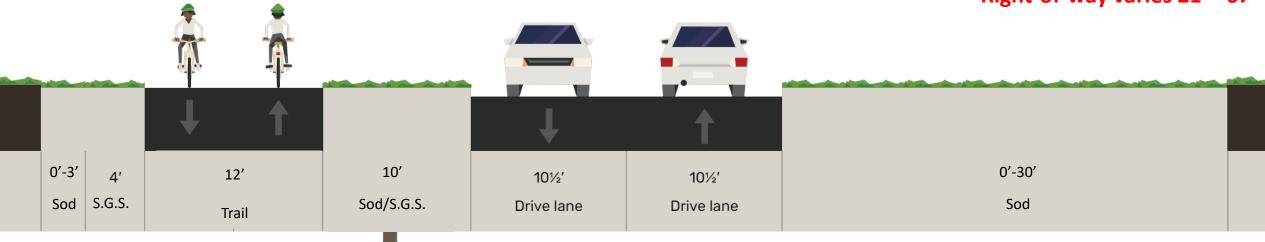
Alternative 1 – West Side of N Tropical Trail

North

Merritt
Island

Pioneer Trail
Feasibility Study

Right-of-way varies 21' - 67'



Alternative 2 – East Side of N Tropical Trail

• S.G.S.: Stabilized Grass Shoulder

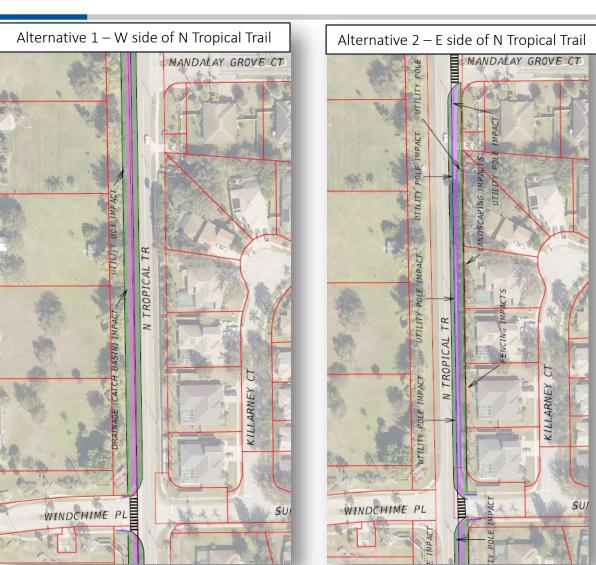
Abbreviations



N Tropical Trail from Grant Road to Sams House

Alternative 1:West side of N Tropical Trail
Alternative 2: East Side of N Tropical Trail

Some deviations to avoid homes, cemeteries, and swales

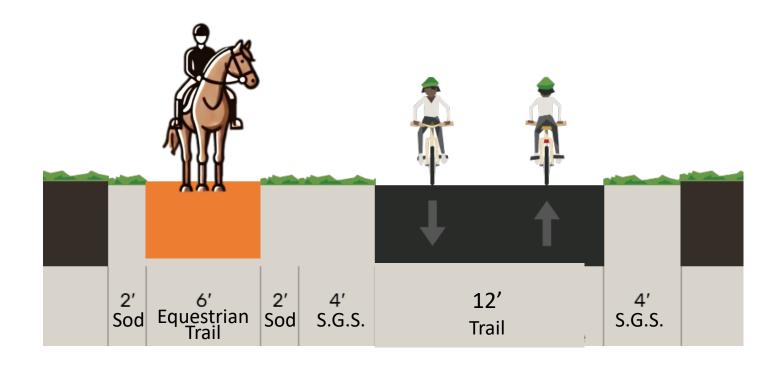




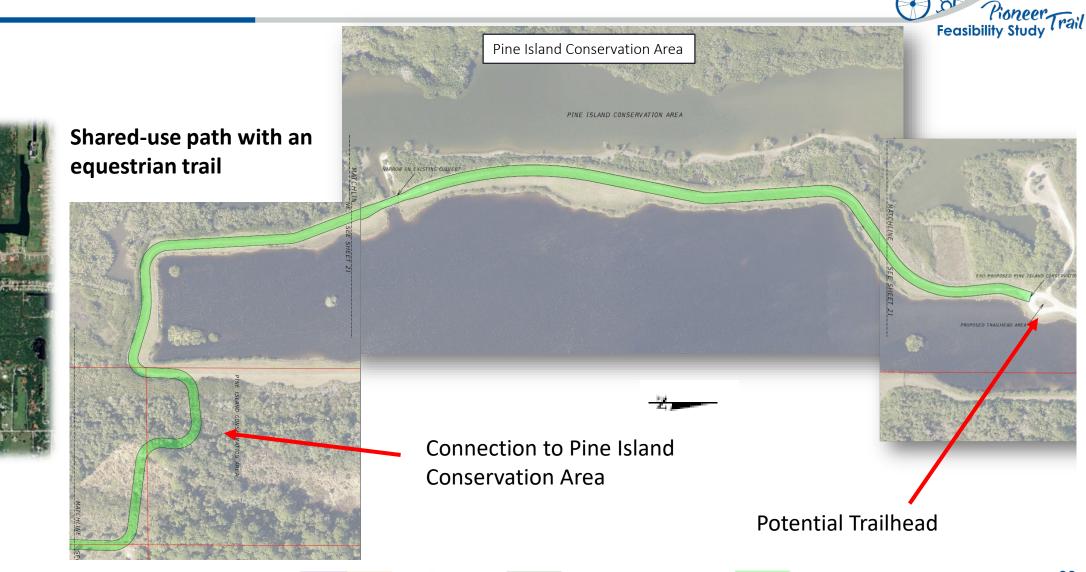




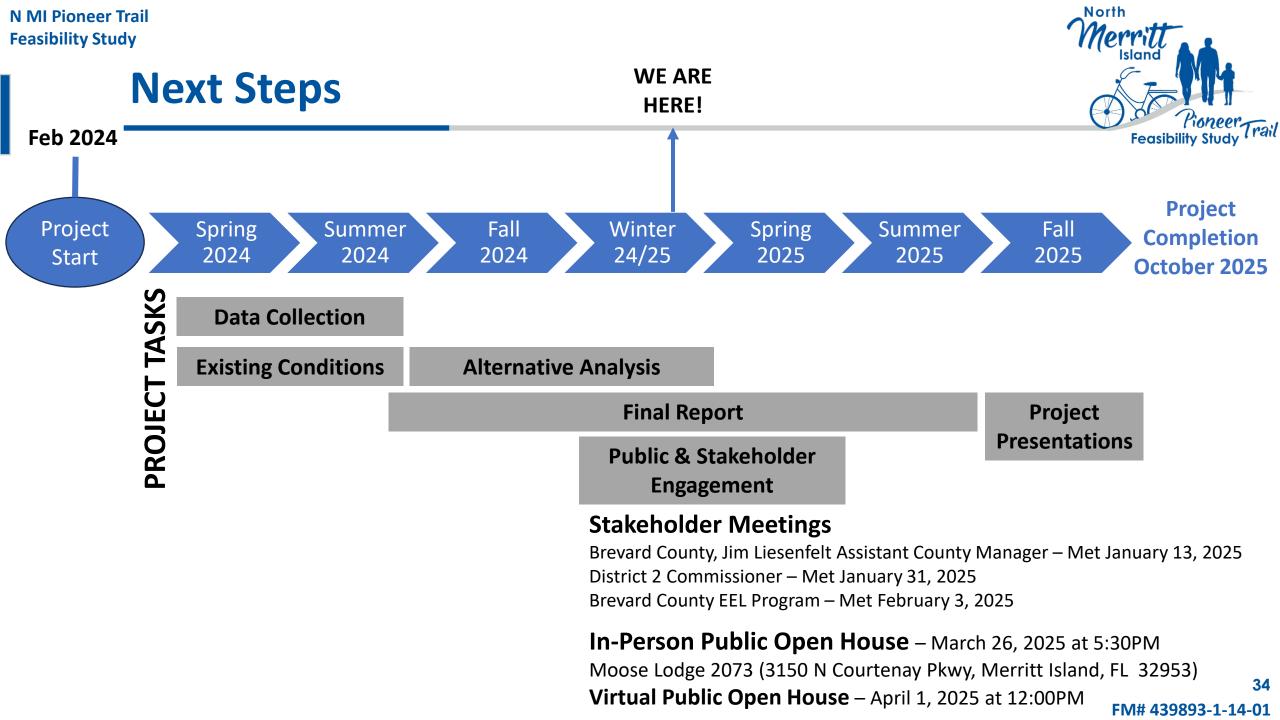
Pine Island Conservation Area



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Merritt Island



Project Process Next Steps





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Construction

Feasibility Study WE ARE HERE

Tentative Timeline* PD&E Study (1-2 years) **Next Steps** Design (1-2 years) Right-Of-Way (1 to 3 years) Construction (1 to 2 years)

> *Does not account for the time it takes to secure funding



Questions?