

Floresta Corridor Master Plan







Application of a "Complete Street"



Southbend to Prima Vista – Update May 14, 2018



Meeting Agenda

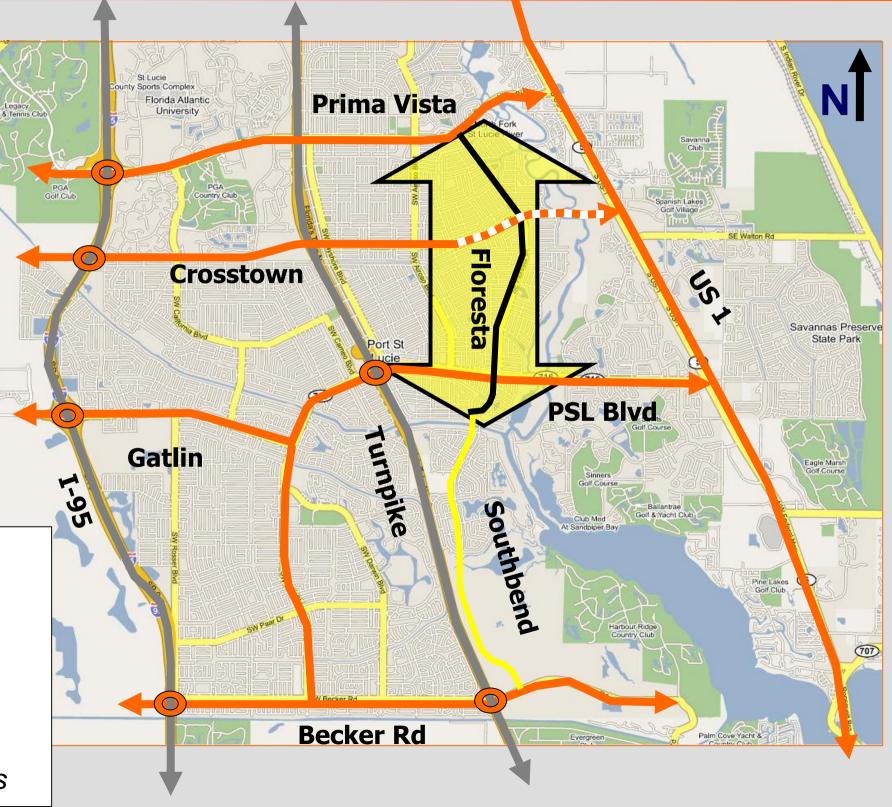
- Corridor Perspective and History
- Public input received
- Typical sections being considered
- Presentation of the 2-lane master plan by segment
- Next Steps





Floresta Corridor

- Improvements to the Floresta Corridor have been discussed for many years
- The Outstanding question has been, what kind of improvements are most appropriate?



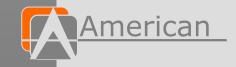
Legend

- Current Interchange
- Future Major Arterial
- Current Major Arterial
- Floresta Corridor
- Freeway
- Minor Arterials/Collectors



Goals for Corridor

- Accommodate projected traffic volumes while minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and neighborhoods
- Provide improvements to the corridor that facilitate safe and efficient flow of traffic and minimize points of conflict
- Preserve the residential nature of the corridor
- Strengthen a sense of neighborhood along the corridor through implementation of a Complete Street Concept
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle movements and strengthen their connections to the school
- Introduce landscaping and lighting schemes that are in harmony with the community
- Meet Goal 5 of the City of Port St Lucie Strategic plan,
 "High Quality Infrastructure and Facilities"





Corridor Challenges

- Narrow 80' Right-of-way
- Numerous Residential Driveways
- Small mix of Commercial & Institutional
- Elementary School
- Bridge over the Elkcam Waterway
- Utilities





Historical Perspective

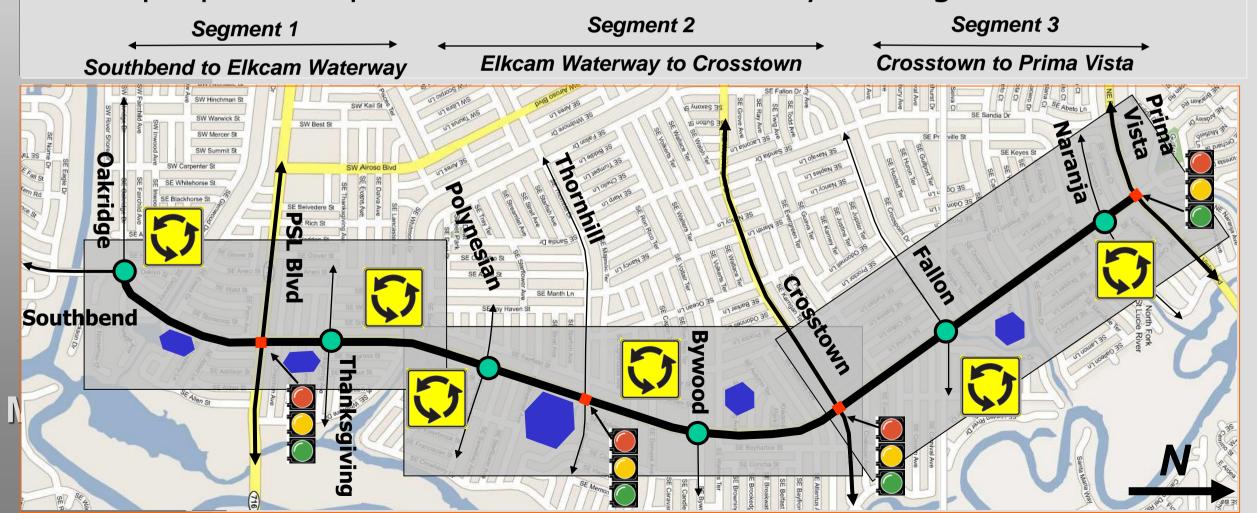
- Crosstown EIS assumed a future 4-lane Floresta corridor in the development of the projected traffic volumes for 2037
- Conceptual Analysis quantified future traffic volumes based on 2-lane scenario rather than a 4-lane corridor
- Impacts due to different traffic patterns quantified
- Conceptually approved the Floresta Drive Corridor from Southbend Blvd. to Prima Vista Blvd. as a 2-lane residential collector integrating the three typical sections where applicable to promote a safe and efficient complete street with traffic calming amenities
- Conceptually approved a lower speed limit of 35 MPH
- Authorized staff to hold workshops with the community to refine the conceptual master plan





Proposed Roadway Configuration

- 4.1 miles of 2-lane roadway improvements
- 4 signalized intersections and 6 roundabouts
- Enhanced sidewalks, multi-use paths and bike lanes
- Street trees and landscaping where possible
- Pedestrian and FPL street lighting
- Multiple ponds to provide treatment of roadway drainage





Public Comments

Overall Concept Plan comments:

- Majority preferred 2-lanes rather than 4-lanes
- Lowered speed limit supported by many
- Pedestrian/ bicyclist features needed
- Questions raised regarding garbage/mail service backing up traffic
- Some questioned the need for the roundabouts
- Concerns about the congestion at PSL and Prima Vista Blvds
- Access to and from corridor raised with introduction of median
- Impacts to front yards discussed by those living along the corridor





Public Comments

Meetings with Agencies:

- St. Lucie County
- WaWa
- St. Lucie County School Board
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)





Complete Street Initiative

- FDOT's new Florida Design Manual went into effect in Nov 2017
- A new approach to roadway classifications has been included in the document which focuses on context rather than just operations
- The Florida Green Book is also being updated
- These changes provide more flexibility in the design of streets and focuses on "putting the right street in the right place"

FDOT CONTEXT CLASSIFICATIONS



C1-Natural

Lands preserved in a natural or wilderness condition, including lands unsuitable for settlement due to natural conditions.

C2-Rural

Sparsely settled lands; may include agricultural land, grassland, woodland, and wetlands.

C2T-Rural Town

Small concentrations of developed areas immediately surrounded by rural and natural areas; includes many historic towns.

C3R-Suburban Residential

Mostly residential uses within large blocks and a disconnected or sparse roadway network.

C3C-Suburban Commercial

Mostly non-residential uses with large building footprints and large parking lots within large blocks and a disconnected or sparse roadway network.

C4-Urban General

Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. May extend long distances. The roadway network usually connects to residential neighborhoods immediately along the corridor or behind the uses fronting the roadway.

C5-Urban Center

Mix of uses set within small blocks with a well-connected roadway network. Typically concentrated around a few blocks and identified as part of a civic or economic center of a community, town, or city.

C6-Urban Core

Areas with the highest densities and building heights, and within FDOT classified Large Urbanized Areas (population >1,000,000). Many are regional centers and destinations. Buildings have mixed uses, are built up to the roadway, and are within a wellconnected roadway network.

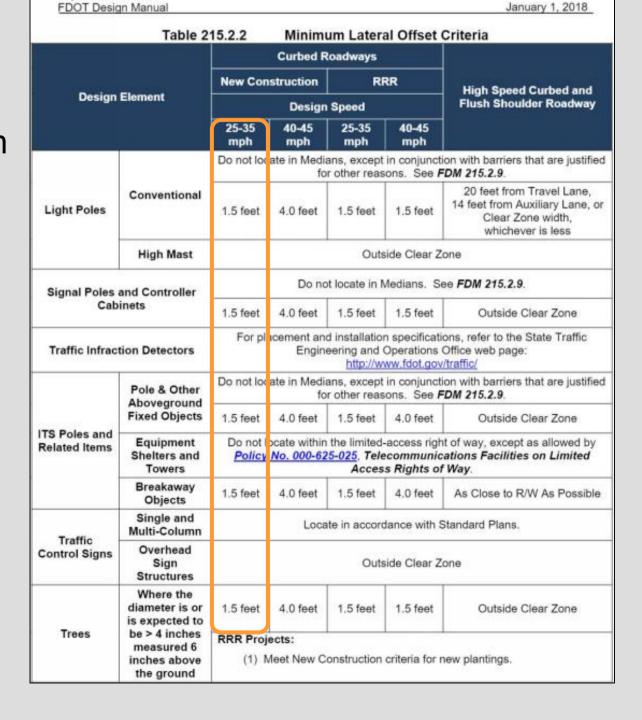


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- If one were to use the new Florida Design
 Manual, the criteria for the clear zone offset from the edge of a curbed roadway with a speed of 35 MPH would be 1.5 ft
- Using the new criteria would allow for the introduction of trees in grass areas between the roadway and the sidewalk

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Revised Typical Sections



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OPTION 1: 2-lane Divided Roadway with: bike lanes, turn lanes at intersections, landscaping in median and strip between curb & gutter and sidewalk



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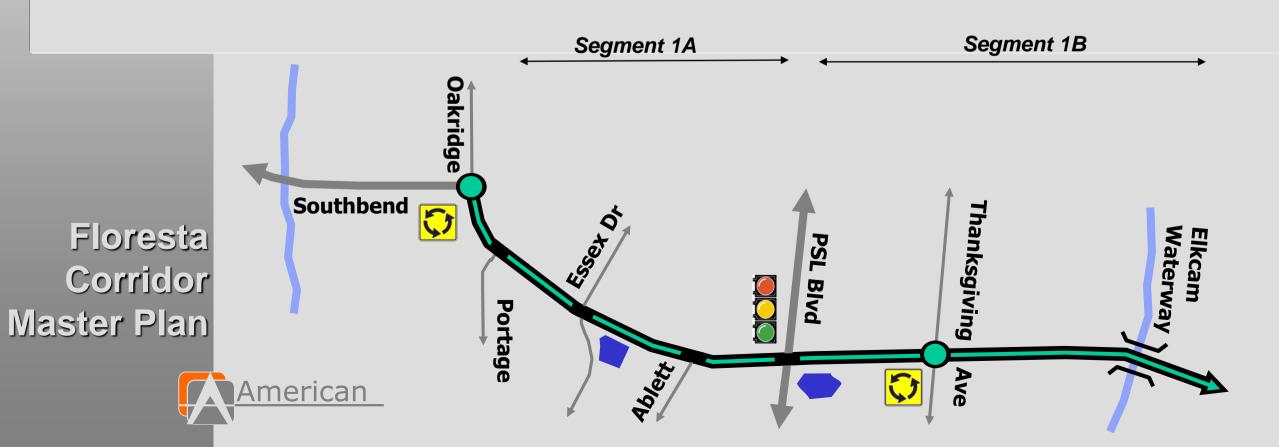
OPTION 2: 3-lane Un-Divided Roadway with: bike lanes, bidirectional left turn lanes, sidewalks split between curb & gutter and ROW



Roadway Configuration Segment 1

Southbend to Elkcam Waterway

- Roundabout at Oakridge and Southbend (constructed)
- Introduction of a roundabout at Thanksgiving
- Median openings at Portage, Essex, and Ablett
- PSL Blvd expanded intersection
- Replacement of the Elkcam Waterway bridge
- Storm water treatment pond sites at Essex and PSL Blvd





Segment 1 Master Plan

Tour PDF of Segment 1

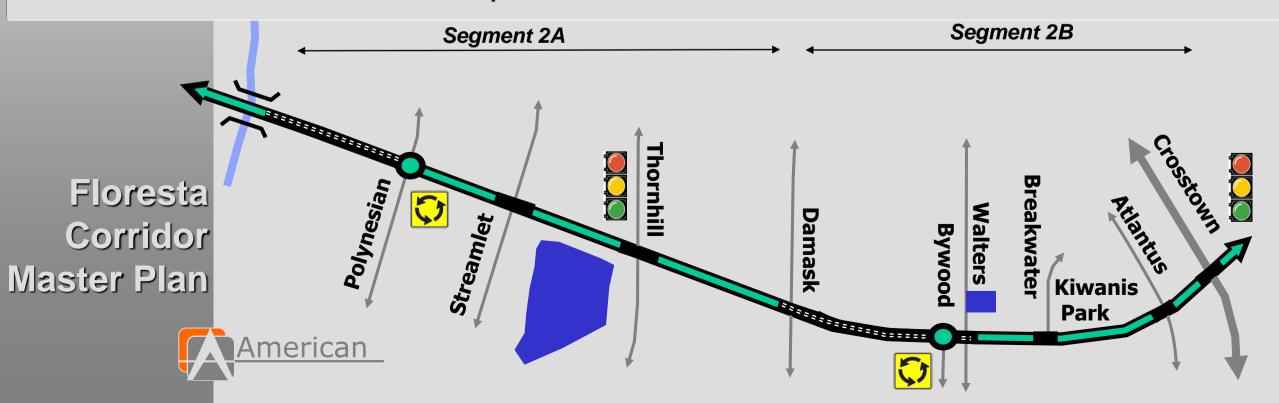




Roadway Configuration Segment 2

Elkcam Waterway to Crosstown Parkway

- Roundabouts introduced at Polynesian and Bywood
- Three lane section provided between Thanksgiving and Elkan Waterway and between Damask and Walters
- Additional access at Streamlet, Breakwater and Atlantus
- Signal will remain at Thornhill
- Integration with Crosstown Parkway intersection improvement
- 2 Storm water treatment pond sites





Segment 2 Master Plan

Tour PDF of Segment 2

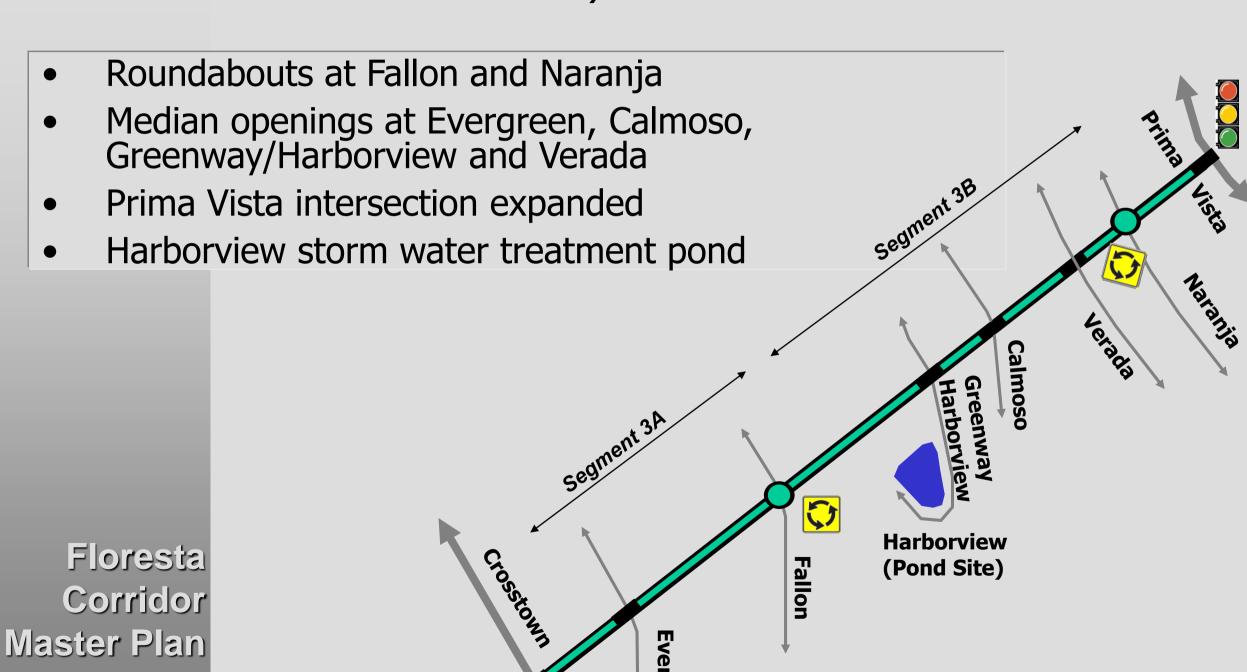




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Roadway Configuration Segment 3

Crosstown Parkway to Prima Vista





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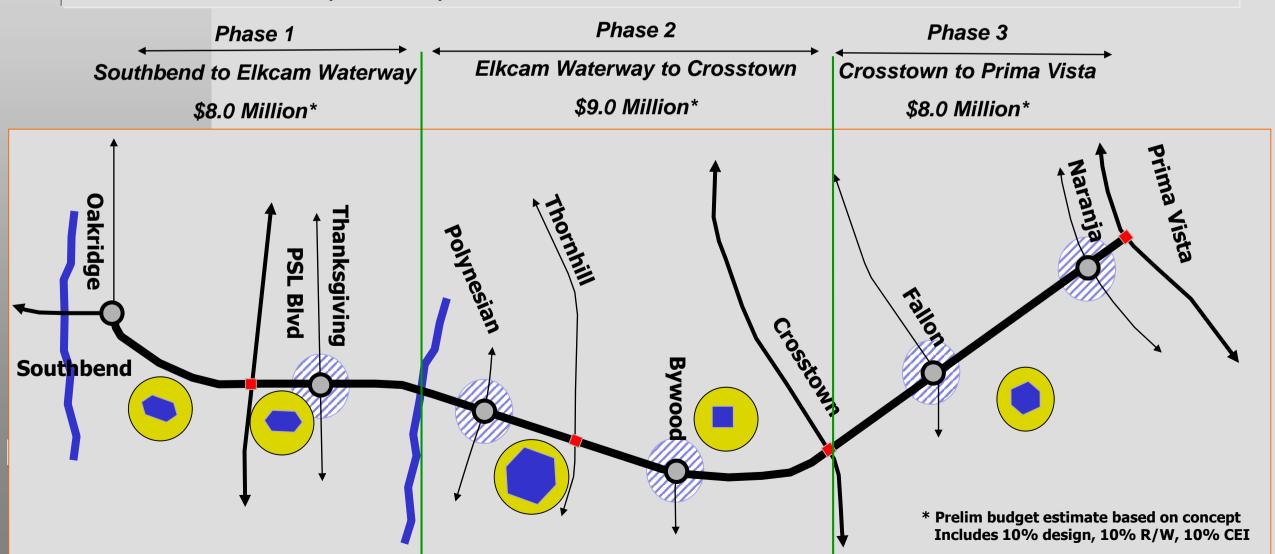
Tour PDF of Segment 3





Preliminary Right of Way Requirements and Cost Estimates

- Some property acquisition is anticipated to accommodate the proposed roundabouts
- Minor impacts to properties may be required to accommodate proposed bulb-outs and expanded intersections
- All storm water ponds will be accommodated on City owned property
- Phasing of the project as shown would allow for the segments to be permitted and constructed independently of one another as funds become available





Next Steps, "Staff Initiatives"

- Finalize Plans
- Update project budget estimates
- Develop a phasing plan and Schedule
- Present to City Council
- Seek funding opportunities





Council Direction

- Provide Staff final Comments, Input and Direction
- Approve Roadway Typical Sections
- Approve Conceptual Plan Layout
- Authorized Staff to Update and Finalize Plans





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Discussion/Questions/Comments



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