West Riverside Heights

Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan Public Concepts Review & Discussion Meeting April 11, 2023





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Welcome!

Tonight's Agenda Concept Design Public Review April 11, 2023

- 1. Recap of Project
- 2. Summary of Input
- 3. Concept Master Plan
- 4. Detail Study Areas
- 5. Discussion / Feedback

Next Steps





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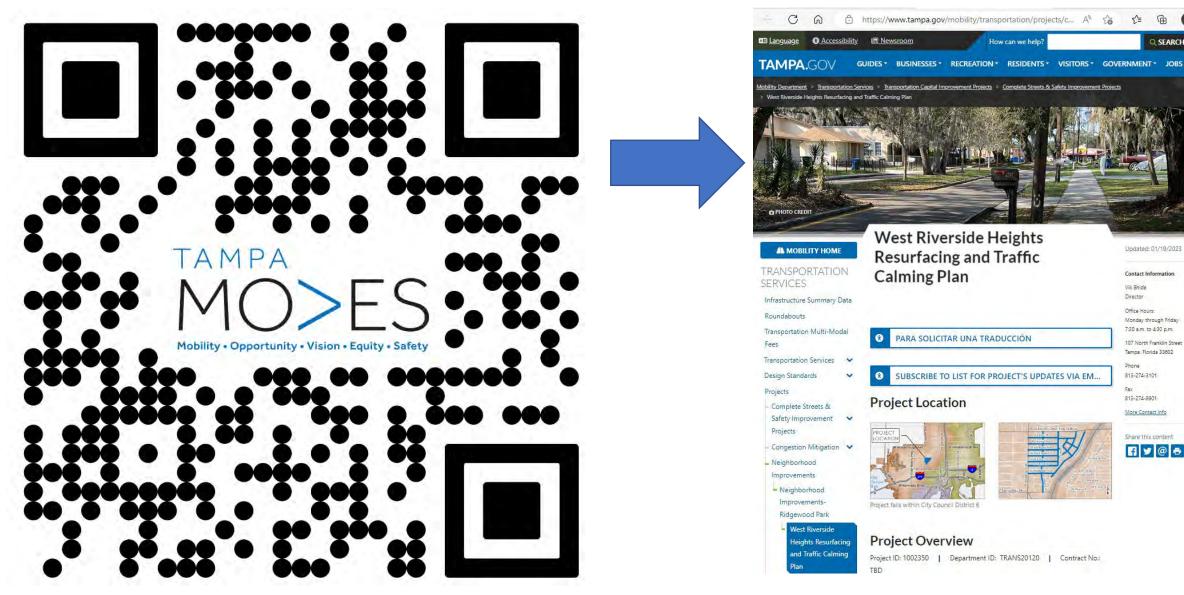
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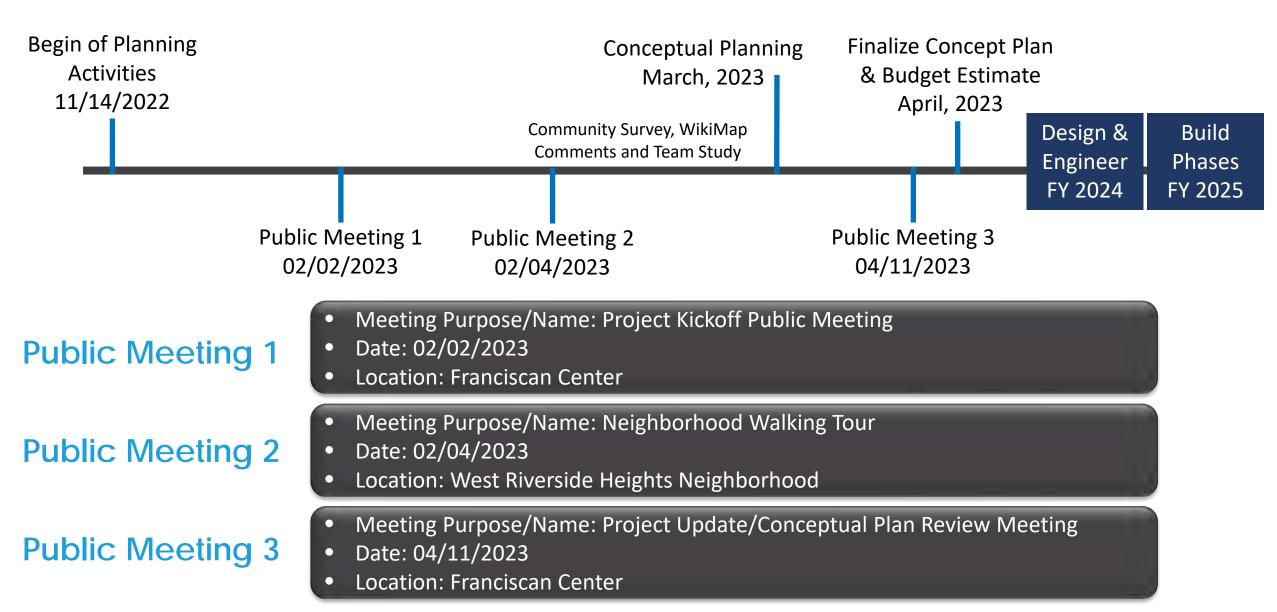
Project Overview

West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan

- 1. Resurface all Streets
- 2. Improve Drainage / Inlets
- 3. Some Curb & Gutter at Inlets
- 4. Improve Sidewalks & Crossings
- 5. Consider Traffic Calming Needs
- 6. Consider Bike Route Markings
- 7. Other Street / Access Needs?



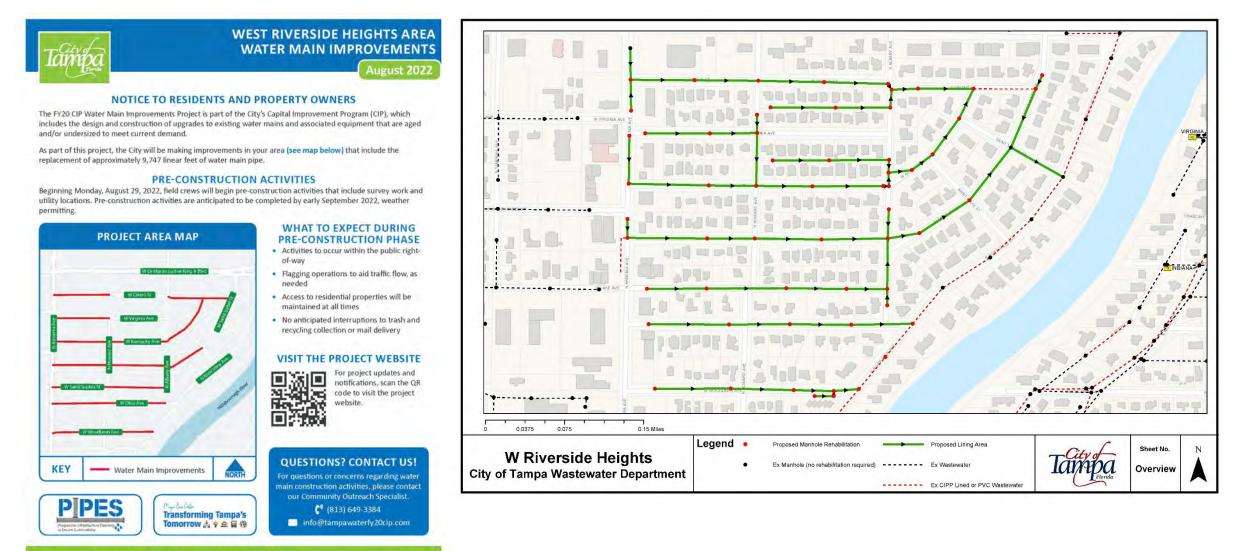
Roadway Concept Development Schedule



Looking Holistically and at the Details



Coordinated with other Local Initiatives City of Tampa Water and Wastewater Improvements



Your cooperation and patience are greatly appreciated as we make these community improvements.





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February 2 Public Mtg: 6-8PM

30~ Attendees

30 Min: Project Overview

15 Min: Review Project Website Info and online Input Opportunities

60 Min: Focus Topic Input Stations Traffic Calming Sidewalk Access Drainage Concerns Roadway Condition Open Station to Website

Comment Cards and Wrap Up









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Sidewalk Map



February 4 On-Site Tour: 10-Noon

Nalking Tou

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25~ Attendees

2 hour walk and talk along a guided Loop, with some community 'sidebar' focus points

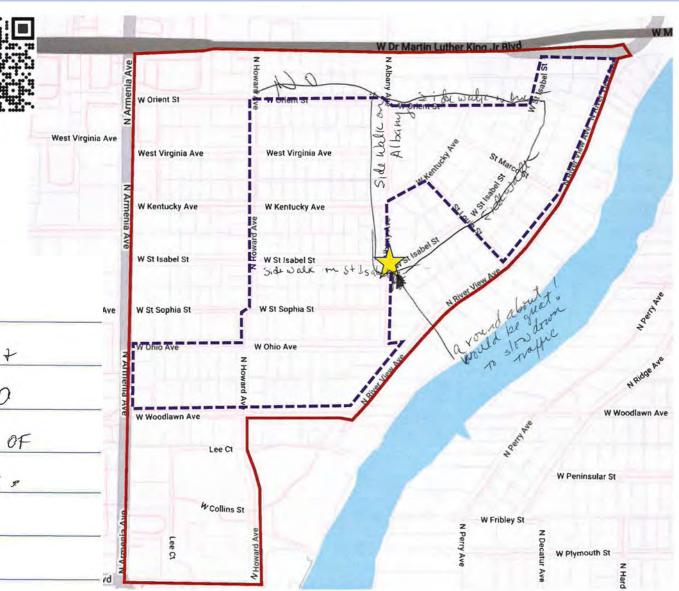
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PLEASE MAKE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE +

HAVE. I AM STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF

SIDEWALKS, CURBS, CROSSWALKS,





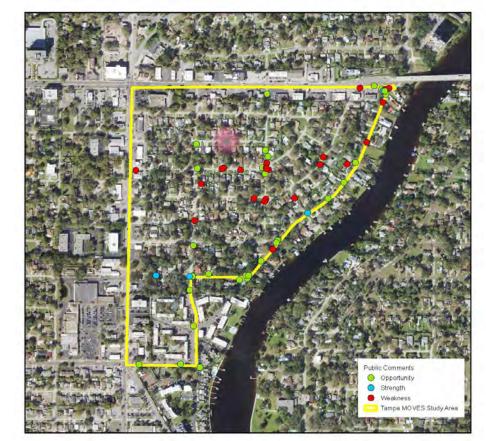
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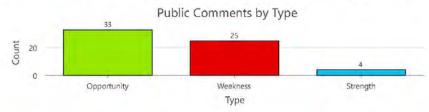
62 Pin Drop Comments

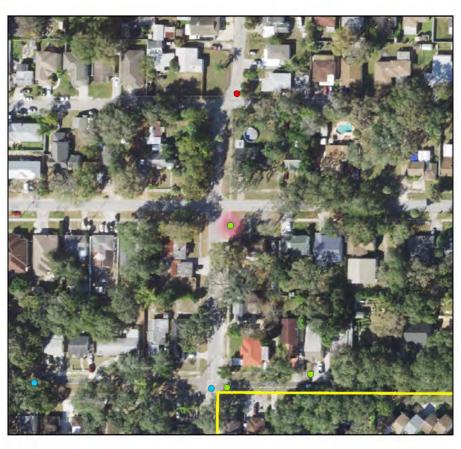
Feb 2nd through Mar 31st (still remains open)

Report produced with each individual comment, assembled in Technical Memorandum with summary.

Anonymous, no metadata identifying participants unless they filled in their name on their comment. English and Spanish







Opportunity

Comment:

Sidewalks on Howard are small and poorly maintained. They should be clear of obstructions and connected all the way down the street.



Pin Drop Map Public Comments Tampa MOVES







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N Howard Ave

On-Line Survey Results

17 Survey Responses

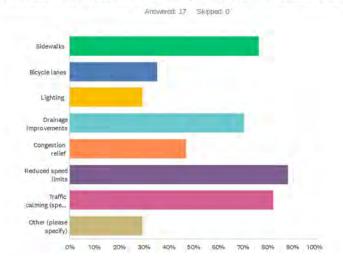
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Available data for each participant and associated answers to each question

West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan

Q7 What are some transportation improvements you would like to see included on the West Riverside Heights project? Check all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Sidewal	ks	76.47%	13
Bicycle lanes		35.29%	6
Lighting 29.41%		29.41%	5
Drainage Improvements 70.59%		70.59%	12
Congestion relief 47.09%		47.06%	8
Reduced speed limits 88.24%		88.24%	15
Traffic calming (speed tables, chicanes,)		82.35%	14
Other (please specify)		29.41%	5
Total Re	espondents: 17		
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE	
1	CURBING	3/7/2023 4	:26 PM
2	Curbs 2/6		:13 PM
3	Traffic calming is HIGHLY needed N River view along with sidewalks. The 2 intersections at 2/5/2023 5:32 PM		32 PM

West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan

Q11 A successful neighborhood resurfacing and traffic calming plan would result in the following improvements (specific ideas/locations)...

Answered: 15 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	close the street under the MLK bridge from Rome to N. River View ave. It's not necessary to have such a major traffic flow down a once secluded residential street. Then to focus on making the mik/Armenia access points, streets and sidewalks better. It's better for flow for public traffic and for the businesses and commercial spaces in the area. Also it helps preserve some precisions neighborhoods in a growing city. Sometimes we're so focused on growth, we overlook the value in preservation.	3/17/2023 1:11 PM
2	Two things. Being able to walk with my 15 month old daughter on N River View and not fearing one of my animals getting out and being hit by a car. Reducing traffic flow on N River View by removing the cut-through tolfrom Rome, and adding E/W stop signs would mostly accomplish this.	3/14/2023 12:37 PM
3	Howard, Albany and St, Isabel need to be addressed as cut-through streets that have tremendous traffic driving (quickty) on them every day. The corner of Albany and kentucky as well as St. Isabel would be a great places for roundabouts to slow traffic. Howard Avenue needs to be completely addressed as a major thoroughfare through the neighborhood connecting Armenia to MLKshould it be treated as a boulevard. Speed tables on St. Isabel would be helpful in having traffic slow as they cut through. Finally, SIDEWALKS AND MORE GREENERY ARE NEEDED EVERYWHERE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR PEOPLE TO BE SAFE AND DRIVERS TO BE AWARE THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE.	3/12/2023 4:24 PM
4	Stop cut through traffic. Slow vehicles down. Better visibility at Saint Isabel and Albany. Our streets don't line up and I'm not sure how you would fix that. Many cars don't even stop at the stop sign and River View and Saint Louie.	3/8/2023 12:26 PM
5	Woodlawn and Riverview (round about); Under bridge (MLK & ROME) close like it was before 1980.	3/7/2023 8:44 PM
6	4 way stops/ tables/ curbing; fully develop howard Ave with sidewalks on both sides to control the traffic coming from the apartments.	3/7/2023 4:26 PM
7	Decreased traffic through the neighborhood, ability to safely walk/bike through the neighborhood or even allow my child to play in the front yard	2/28/2023 10:57 AM
8	Lessen the traffic that comes through Howard Ave. as a cut through for Armenia and MLK.	2/7/2023 7:18 PM
9	Slow down traffic specifically on Howard Ave. walkable sidewalks, better drainage for people whose carports take in the water coming off Howard Ave. Maybe some kind of curbing. Thank you for wanting to help.	2/6/2023 5:13 PM
10	Maybe I wouldn't have to sell my house and move. I would feel safe walking in my neighborhood. Less people would have to dodge cars or walk through my driveway to avoid cars. I would gladly give up a part of my yard for families and children to have a safe place to walk.	2/5/2023 5:32 PM
11	Some kind of roundabout Or table at st Isabel and Albany . Sidewalks on one side Albany and Howard . Signs to indicate it's a neighborhood and people need to slow down .	2/4/2023 3:29 PM
12	Less traffic and hopefully less speeding would allow families to feel safer out in the street to explore the area.	2/4/2023 2:50 PM
13	Sidawaiks along N RIVER VIEW AVE; sidawaiks, 4-way stops, &/or speed tables along N ST ISABEL ST, a total redo w curbs, sidewaiks, etc along N HOWARD AVE; & an improved wastawater runoff plan that takes into account the actual elevations of the oldest homes in the neighborhood.	2/4/2023 12:34 PM
14	The addition of four way stops on Howard and Albany. The addition of sidewalks on many of	2/2/2023 8:28 PM

Input Review and Documentation

Each of the (4) forms of input were documented individually:

- Technical Memorandum summarizing key topics, areas shared opinion as well as notable points of differing community opinion.
- All Raw Input Data (scanned or metadata)
- All sign-in sheets
- Photo-documentation examples



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Wiki-Map Pin Drop Input

To	Christina Boulnois, Element Engineering	
cc.	Ruth Perry, Paloma Prieto, Ana Oropeza, Keith Oropeza	
Subject	On-Line Wiki-Map summary and input pages to date: March 20, 2023	
Project	West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan	
From	Pete Sechler	
Date March 20, 2023		

Please find below and attached the input we have received through the project website Wiki-Map tool. This information was downloaded on March 20, 2023. We have each of 62 pin-drop pages with associated comment available for review.

We have identified with Red Labels the general geography of each comment and grouped them together so that the community input (and opinions) regarding certain geographies can be more easily reviewed for alignment or debate. Because this is an 'anonymous' mapping tool, we do not have metadata available regarding the identify of each participant in this input tool, although a couple people left the names.

We would point your attention particularly for several areas of clustered comments and characterize the discussion as follows:

N. River View Ave. 24 total comments.

- River View Ave and Rome Ave. Considerable frustration with cut-through traffic, speeding and general lack of safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. Opinions range from road closure or a 'one-way' restriction on movement to traffic calming and improved pedestrian / sidewalk crossings.
- 2. River View Ave (general). Continuing south along River View, the comments primarily advocate for increased traffic calming techniques and additional sidewalks. There are a couple comments specifically opposing the one-way road idea due to access limitations and traffic diversion to other neighborhood streets. Also comments on localized flooding.
- 3. River View Ave (south). Several comments focused on traffic calming and pedestrian safety at both the W. Ohio and W Woodlawn intersections. Because of the wide-angle turning movement, vehicles can easily 'sweep' through the intersections without coming to a complete stop. Additional comments regarding the need for safe sidewalk access.

N Howard Ave. 13 total comments

 Howard / W Woodlawn and south. There is a strong community perspective that cut through traffic comes from the south at Armenia, along Tampa Bay Blvd and creates a

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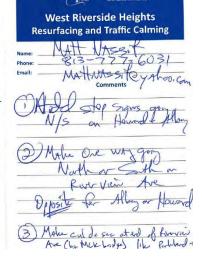
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Input Summary

Following Documentation and Review of all the individual input formats, we created a summary document to consolidate all the major areas of concern and interest as recorded by the Community with all backup notes attached.

Focus Areas and Topics:

- **1.N. River View Ave**
- 2.N. Howard Ave
- 3.N. New Albany and W. St. Isabel St.
- 4. Other Comments
 - General support for traffic calming
 - General desire for sidewalks
 - Localized Flooding, Curb / Gutter
 - Other specific Challenge spots



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Executive Summary Community Input

 Image: Christina Boulnois, Element Engineering

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 Ruth Perry, Paloma Prieto, Ana Oropeza, Keith Oropeza

 Subject
 Summary of All Community Input February 2, 2023 – March 21, 2023

 Project
 West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan

 From:
 Pete Sechler, PLA / AICP. Director GAI Community Solutions Group.

 Date
 March 21, 2023

Please find below and attached the complete summary documentation of our public input on the West Riverside Heights Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Plan. This technical memorandum serves as an Executive Summary of key issues and topics garnered from all the public input forums.

Our community engagement program has focused on 6 key tools:

 Interactive Public Website, produced by City of Tampa with input / content from our team. This includes maps, verbiage, and past presentations. Web Address:

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- Wiki-Map / Pin Drop interactive map created and hosted by our team and linked to the Public Website. Over 60 comments 'pinned' on the map.
- Community Survey created with City of Tampa, hosted by our team, and linked to the Website. 17 Surveys completed.
- February 2, 2023, in-person, public meeting, presentation, and focused input 'stations' held at the Franciscan Center, 6PM-8PM. 28+ attendees.
- February 4, 2023, In-person neighborhood walking / discussion tour in the West Riverside Heights Neighborhood. 24+ attendees.
- 6. Additional email input comments directly sent City Staff via the website. 5+ emails.

In total, we know that at least 50 discrete people participated in at least one of the input techniques, with over half participating in multiple forms of input. Additionally, this does not include the over 60+ anonymous comments on the Pin-Drop map All events and input opportunities were publicly noticed by the City via on-line, social media and print / flyer materials provided by the Team. All materials were presented in English and Spanish, and the Team had Spanish speaking staff at all events.

Key Guiding Topics: Issues and Opportunities from the Community

Following detailed review of all the input, our team has identified several significant recurrent Topics of conversation. Virtually all these Topics enjoy shared community perspective on the issue to address, and there is general agreement on the range of potential solutions, with a couple specific items being a source of competing ideas. Top line Topics outlined below: Planning | Jurban Dish Landscape Architectu Scotiomics | Real Estat

1. N River View Ave.

- a. Consensus agreement that there is unacceptable cut-through traffic and vehicular speeding, particularly along the route from N Rome Ave to Woodlawn and on to N Armenia Avenue, N River View Is not considered safe for pedestrians by majority.
- b. Consensus agreement that traffic calming techniques are needed along the full length of N River View Ave. A few specific individuals are also advocating for either closing the connection at N Rome Ave or making N River View a one-way road. Others in the community oppose the 'road closure' solution because of the impacts it will have on other local streets and local access between neighborhoods.
- c. Near uniform support for a sidewalk on the west side of the Right of Way. A few specific individuals oppose the sidewalk in favor of road closure or one-way road with bike lanes.
- d. Several flooding locations noted along the corridor, at nearly every inlet.
- Road condition is worn in many locations, and the double yellow center stripe is interpreted as a commercial arterial traffic device that sends the wrong psychological signal (speed) on this neighborhood street.

2. N Howard Ave

- a. Consensus that N. Howard is an unsafe corridor due to cut-through traffic / speeding.
- b. Heavily worn roadway condition needs to be repaved and rebuilt.
- c. Traffic calming is needed, with 4-way stops considered a baseline improvement.
- A continuous sidewalk with clearly marked intersection crossings is needed along the entirety of Howard.
- e. The southern section of Howard (south of W Woodlawn Ave) needs to be better articulated as a street with designated walking routes above the 'continuous driveway cut' appearance that it has today.

3. N Albany St and W St. Isabel St

- a. Both streets are widely viewed as critically important internal neighborhood connections that are very much a part of neighborhood access and qualify of life for activities like neighborhood walks, pets, strollers, bicycles, etc.
- b. Traffic calming is necessary at the key intersections of these two streets, as well as at W Kentucky Ave where large angular toadway geometries allow for sweeping and rapid vehicular movements with no protection for pedestrians.

4. Other Comments throughout Neighborhood

- a. There are many areas of localized flooding. There is majority support for not only improving surface flow and inlets, but also using curb/gutter as needed to guide water more effectively to the inlets, as well as better articulate corner intersections.
- b. There is majority support for Sidewalks virtually everywhere in the neighborhood. The residents value the charm and scale of the neighborhood, as well as the social interaction associated with walking / jogging and cycling. Many streets are viewed as not conducive to this activity due to lack of sidewalks and crossings in conjunction with high-speed traffic routes.
- c. There is broad support for roundabouts, splitter islands, chicanes, speed tables, marked / colored street crossings, curbs, neighborhood identification signs and street trees as forms of traffic calming that will reduce the speed and volume of cars in the neighborhood. Numerous comments about specific streets or areas that are considered 'unsafe' for walking, children at play, bicycling, etc. The neighborhood wants any traffic within the neighborhood to drive with respect to the residential context, and if they become impatient with the slower speeds, they should stay on the external arterial roads.

Behind this summary memo, we are attaching a Summary Graphic that outlines many of these topics into one Neighborhood site analysis diagram. We are also including a consolidated list of all the participants who chose to sign in to one of our events, or that participated in the Survey. This may be used as a resource for future communications as well as a reference point for the general locations attendees by street.

Additional Documentation:

Behind this Executive Summary and Bookmarked within this PDF file is the more detailed backup documentation of each form of input. This includes all materials and input comments associated with the feb 2 and Feb 4 events, as well as the Wiki-Map and Online Survey tools.

We provide this additional detailed documentation both to describe the format as well as the documented output from each event or input technique.

Attachments - via Bookmark:

- February 2 Public Meeting Documentation Materials (full PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the project website)
- February 4 Public Walking Tour Documentation Materials
- Wiki-Map / Pin Drop Input and data entries.
- Community Survey Summary and data entries.

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Community Input Comments and Key Focus Areas

W Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd



75+ Comments

N. Howard Corridor

- Install 4 way stop signs where possible to dissuade 'straight shot' racing the length of street.
- Opportunity for speed table, roundabout or other traffic calming?
- Need continuous sidewalk Woodlawn to Dr. MLK Blvd at least 1 side.
- Potential traffic calming (splitter island) North of Orient to slow entry / exit traffic.

50+ Comments

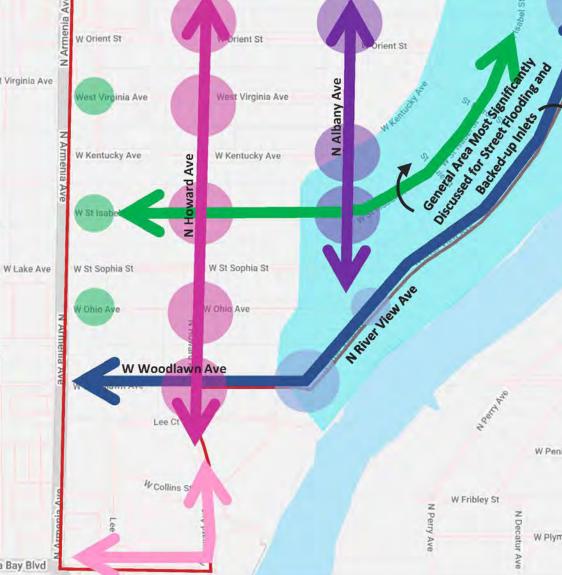
- N. Howard Corridor (southern link)
- Significant Cut Through
- Needs to be articulated as a street
- Needs sidewalk and traffic calming

25+ Comments

Other Misc Comments / Locations

- To reduce Cut-thru and calm traffic, consider Splitter islands at Key Streets
- Consider enhancing vertical curb signature at key intersection inlet locations to calm traffic, reduce turns across corners and protect inlets
- Particular focus on W St. Isabel St

Bay Blvd W Tampa Bay Blvd





WM

W Woodlawn Ave

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W Peninsular St

W Plymouth St

Significant concern about volume and speed of vehicles

- on N River View Ave.
 Concern about intersection entry/exit at Rome Ave
- Desire for a safe Sidewalk on West side of Street
- Additional Traffic Calming to reduce speeding & cut-through
- Review intersections at Ohio and Woodlawn, cars do not always come to complete stop, pulling turns as a cut-through.

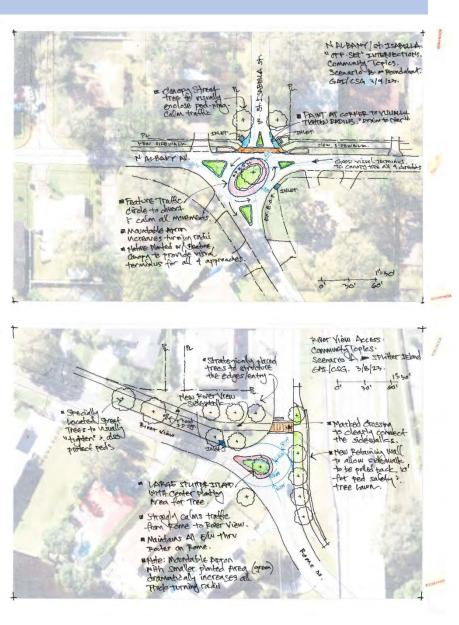
50+ Comments N. Albany Corridor

- Intersections at St. Isabel St and Kentucky are very large, encourage sweeping turns. Tighten geometries, marked crossings, traffic calming, etc.
- Add sidewalk from Ohio to Dr. MLK Blvd on at least 1 side.
- Potential traffic calming (splitter island) North of Orient to slow entry / exit traffic.
- Small street trees desired

Site Boundary

Exploring Options



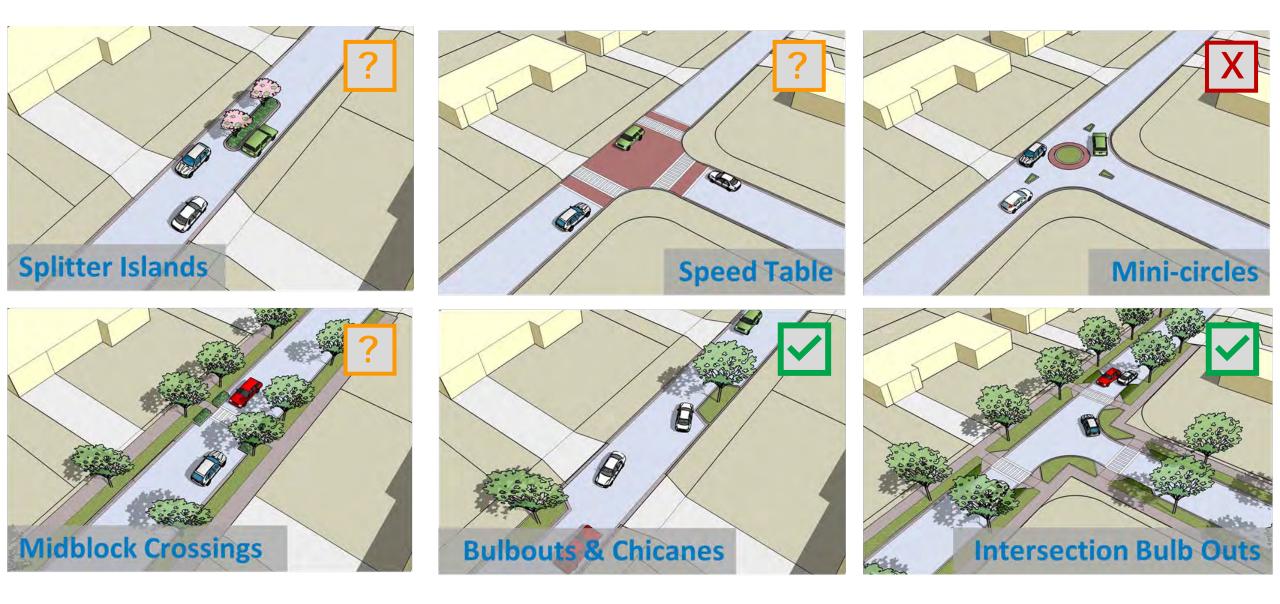


Testing, Review, Focused Strategy

Design Vehicle: Single Unit 40' Truck (Box Truck, Fire Engine, School Bus)



What are the Techniques?



Looking more closely at Chicanes



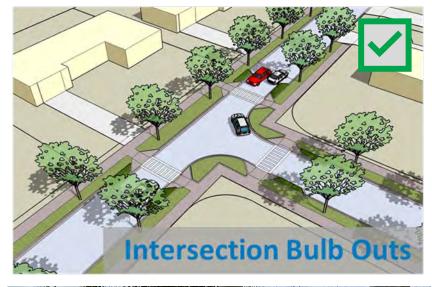




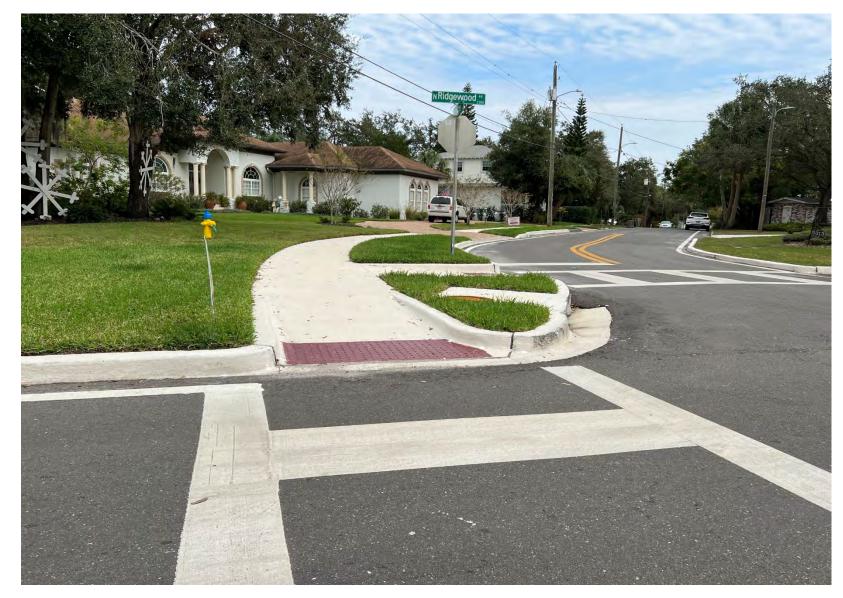




Looking more closely at Bulb-outs



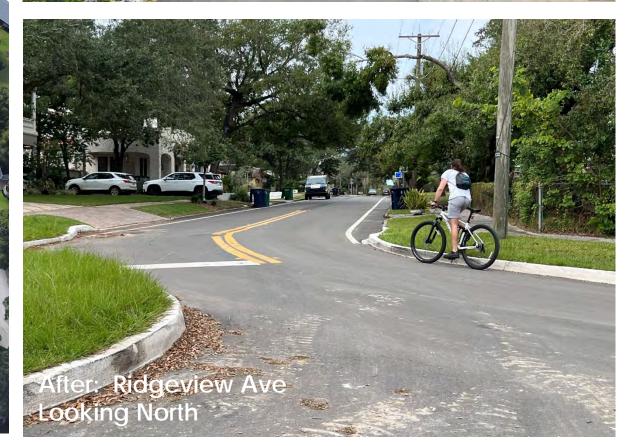




Bulb-out Example

Before: Ridgeview Ave at Ross Ave and Riverside Dr.

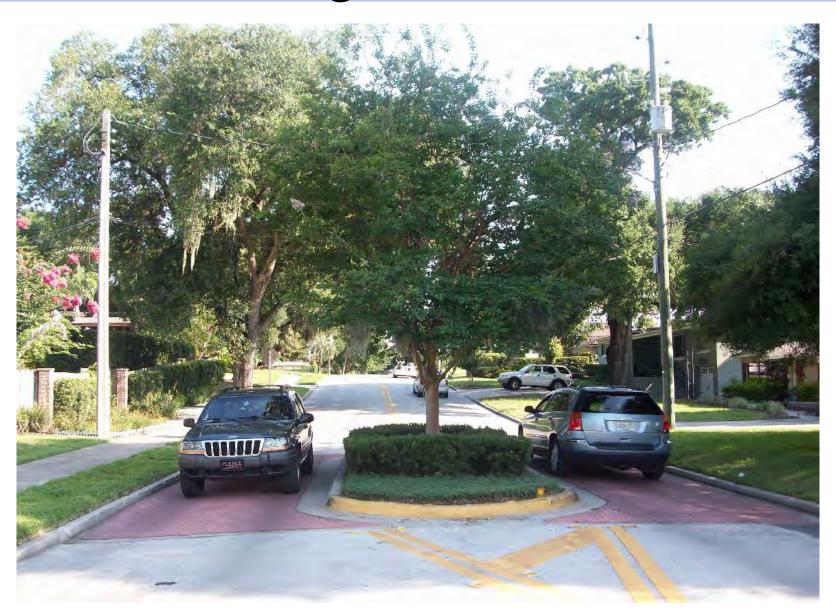




Looking more closely at Islands



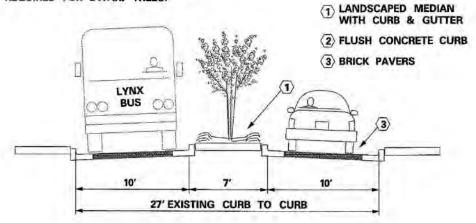


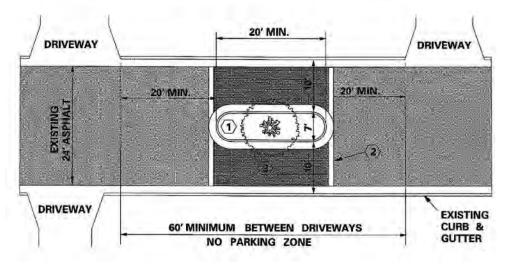


Looking more closely at Islands

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NOTE: 6' MINIMUM WIDTH PLANTING AREA REQUIRED FOR DWARF TREES.





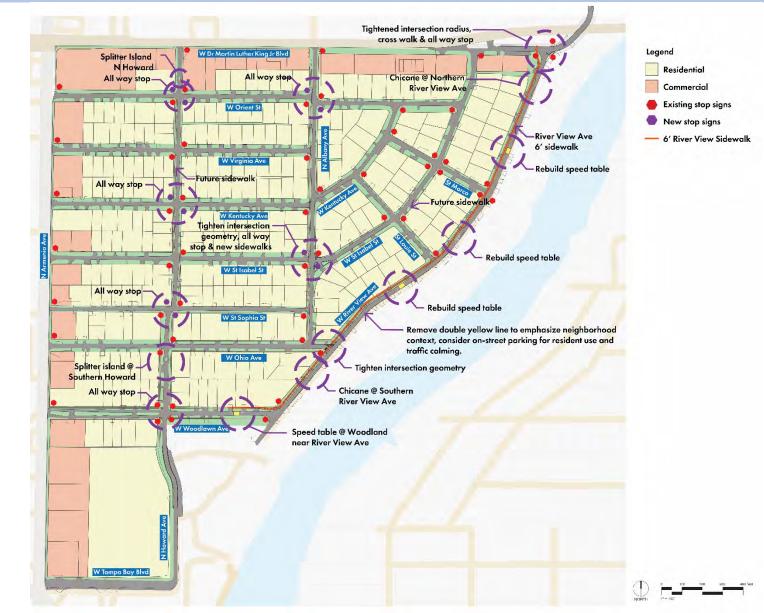


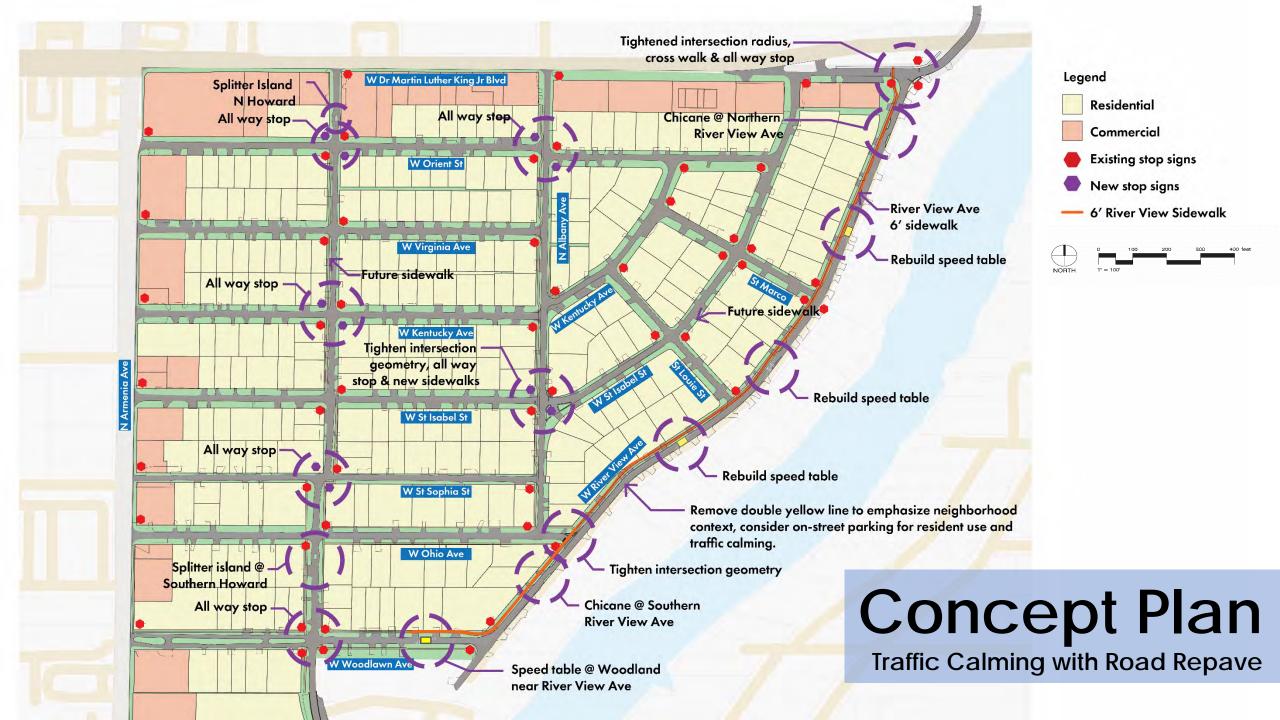


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Existing sidewalks Future sidewalk needs identified by community Top Priorities: N. Howard Ave

New River View Ave Sidewalk

Legend:

- 2. N. New Albany
- 3. W. St. Isabel St.
- 4. Other Comments
 - Mark key intersection crossings
 - Possible curb / gutter at inlets
 - ADA details
 - Possible use of color

Concept Plan

Sidewalk Priorities for Future

Focus Area 1: River View & Rome

- 1. Tighten Intersection Geometry to 90 degrees with new bulbout SW corner.
- 2. Add lane striping, stop signs, bring stop bars closer to intersection for site lines
- 3. Add single trunk Crape Myrtles and clearly marked crosswalk to define entry
- 4. Introduce "North Gateway" Chicanes immediately below commercial property to reinforce slower driving
- 5. Remove yellow stripes
- 6. Continuous 6' sidewalk on West side of N River View Ave
- 7. Maintain / rebuild existing speed tables (3)
- 8. Consider allowing on-street parking (Mobility Planning Team to Review Options)



Focus Area 2: River View & Ohio

- 1. Tighten Ohio / River View intersection geometry to 90 degrees with new bulb-out and Crape Myrtle
- 2. Continue 6' Sidewalk West side of N River View Ave with clear crossing.
- 3. Introduce "South Gateway" Chicanes between Ohio and Woodlawn to emphasize slower neighborhood driving speeds
- 4. Continuous 6' Sidewalk on west side of street
- 5. Maintain / rebuild existing speed table north of Ohio.
- 6. Consider allowing on-street parking (Mobility Planning Team to Review Options)



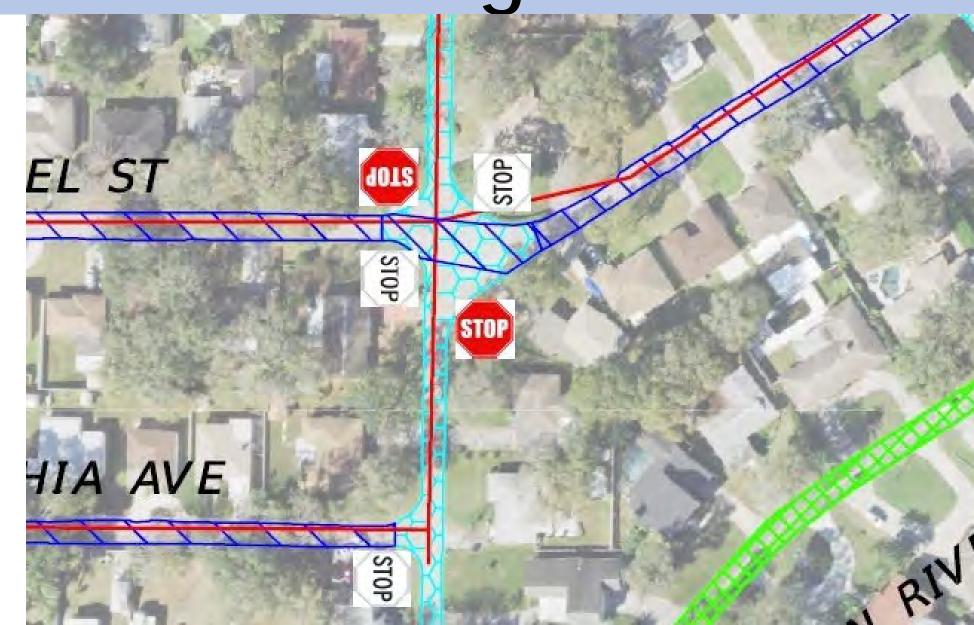
Focus Area 3: N Albany & Isabel

- 1. Tighten Albany / Isabel intersection geometry to 90 degrees with road realignment and bulb-outs
- 2. Add Crape Myrtles to define intersection gateway
- 3. Future Sidewalk on Albany and St Isabel
- 4. Clearly defined Crosswalks
- 5. All-Way stop signs.

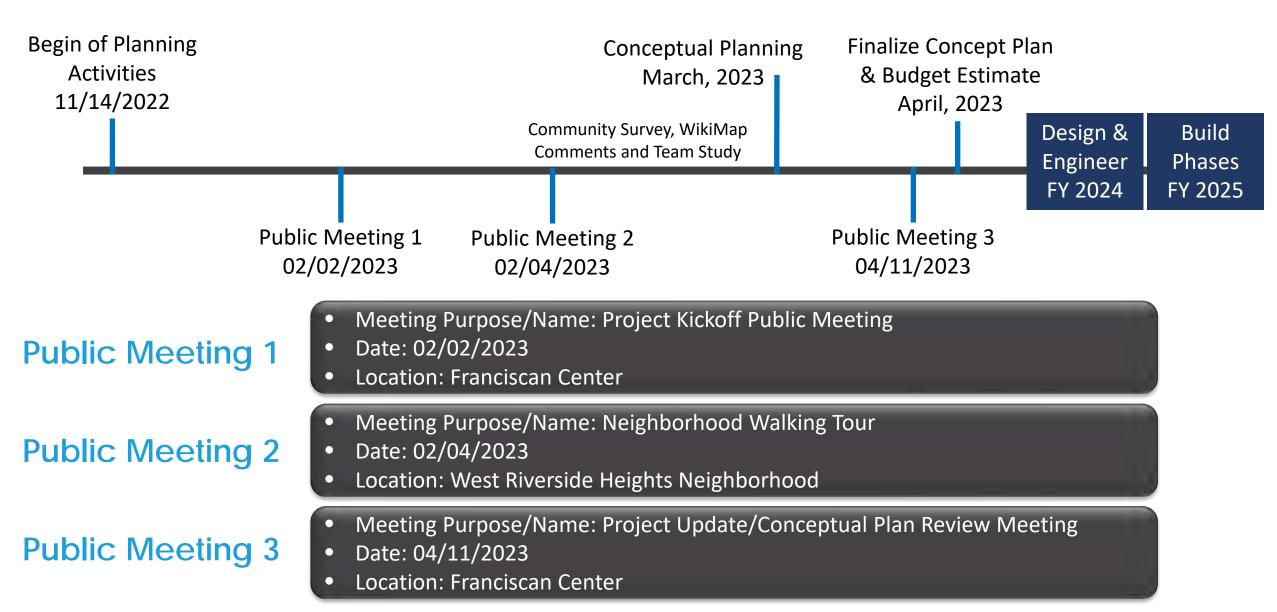


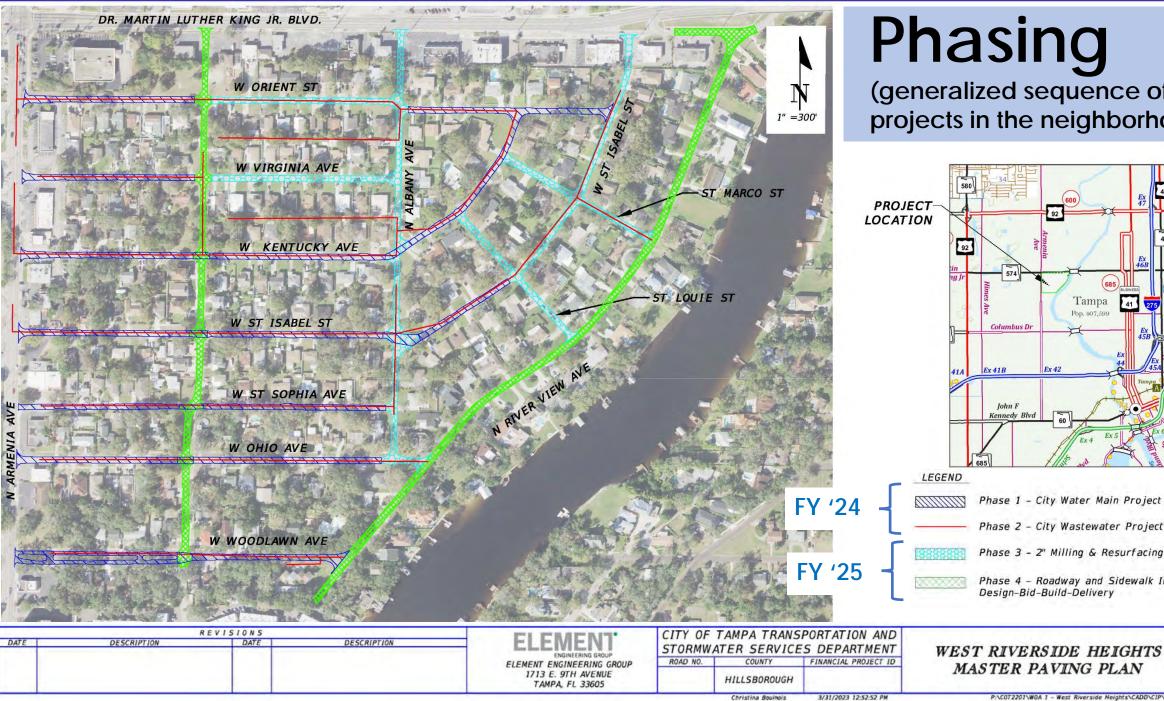
Focus Area 3: Phasing with Water

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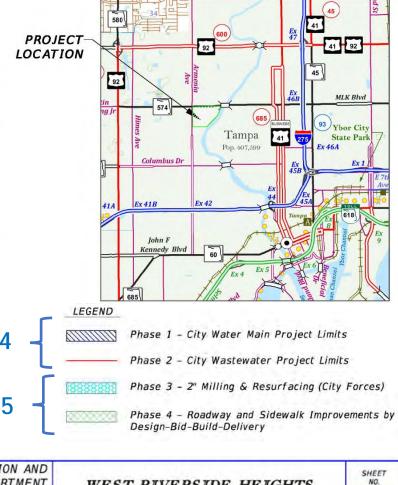


Roadway Concept Development Schedule





Phasing (generalized sequence of projects in the neighborhood)



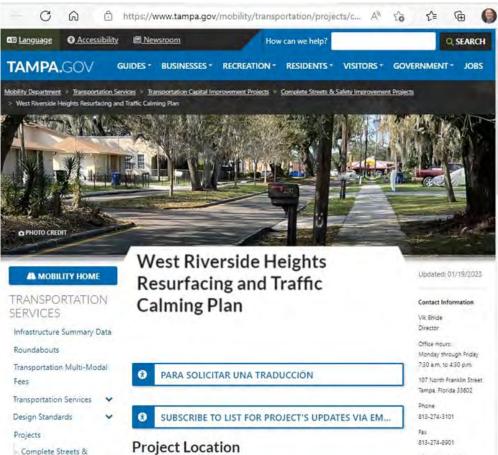
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