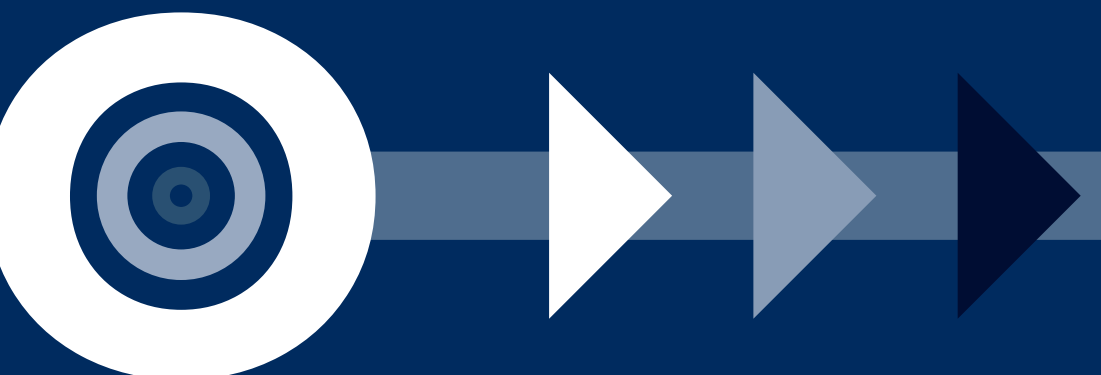


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VISION ZERO



Information &
Project Update

VISION ZERO WORKGROUP


The City Commission adopted a Vision Zero Resolution to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the City of Gainesville by 2040. A multidisciplinary Vision Zero Workgroup was formed to help lead and consolidate the Vision Zero efforts. The **VZ Workgroup** is comprised of diverse disciplines including transportation planners, traffic engineers, emergency response personnel from police, fire and rescue, and public health and communications experts.

Multiple agencies collaborate in this effort including the


- [City of Gainesville](#)
- [Alachua County](#)
- [Florida Dept of Transportation](#)
- [University of Florida](#)
- [Gainesville Police Department](#)

The collaborative focus seeks to advance a common goal and interest in enhancing the safety of the transportation system and all of its users


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Alison Moss, AICP is a Senior Transportation Planner with 11 years of experience and expertise in Active Transportation. She has worked in both private and public sectors on the planning, design, and management of Active Transportation projects. She is passionate about making walking and biking safe and attractive choices for people of all ages and abilities.

In her current role, with Alachua County's Growth Management Department, Alison reviews and coordinates transportation improvements that come through private development, local municipalities, County Public Works, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). She has applied for and received several State and Federal transportation grants. She proposes revisions to the County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations to support equitable and safe transportation. In the coming year, Alison will manage both the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan – a joint venture

between the County, City of Gainesville, and University of Florida – and the Alachua County Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan. She is a member of FDOT's Statewide Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Coalition and Co-chair of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' webinar committee.

Alison's previous notable experience includes managing five significant Active Transportation corridor projects for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Early Action Program, including the 6.7-mile Border to Bayshore Bikeway – an 'All Ages and Abilities' project connecting the San Diego Bay to the world's busiest land border crossing, the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Lastly, she has a master's degree in human Geography and Planning from Utrecht University, The Netherlands. Her time spent living and studying in The Netherlands truly changed her life and continues to inform her work.

VISION ZERO IN THE NEWS

The city of Gainesville’s Vision Zero Workgroup and Partners celebrates National Pedestrian Safety Month to create a transportation system for all people to easily and safely walk, and improve safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.



SAFETY RESOURCES

- [Ped Motion Graphics: Driving Safely](#)
- [NHTSA Pedestrian Safety](#)

4 October 2023

“Walk to School Day” Rawlings Elementary (3800 NE 15th ST) and Littlewood Elementary (800 NW 34th ST)



20 September 2023

Car Seat Checkpoint

27 September 2023

“Safety City Demo”
(at 1400 NE 8th Ave)

16 October 2023

Annual Screaming for Safety event on October 12th from 4-7 pm held at Safety City (1025 NE 13th St)

18 October 2023

City Government Day

23-27 October 2023

Mobility Week

Event Coverage

- [WCJB news spot](#)



The city of Gainesville is strengthening its efforts to improve safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS :

SW 43rd Street from SW 20th Lane to SW 22nd Lane

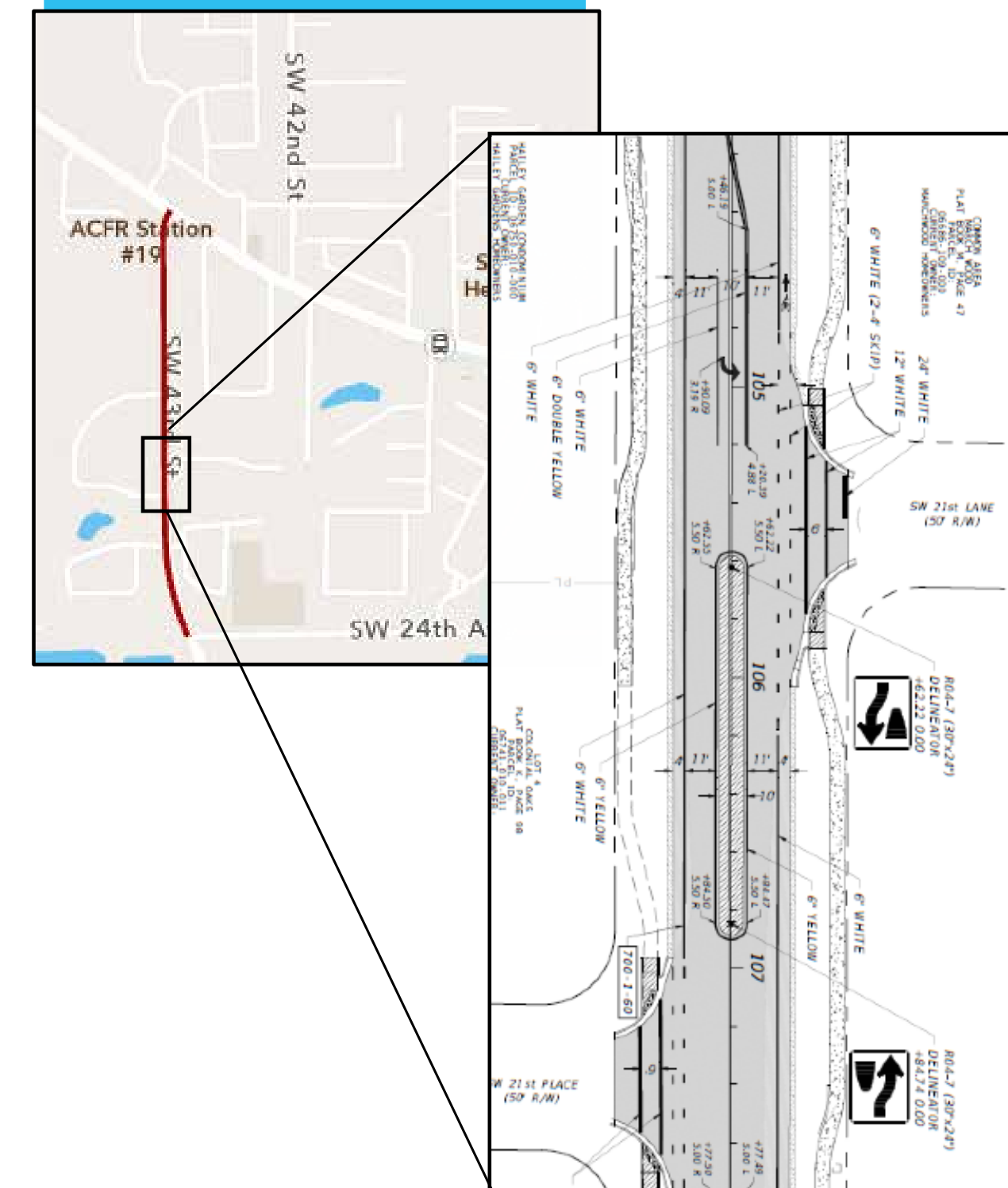
The project consists of pavement rehabilitation and addition of bicycle lanes and sidewalks along a segment of SW 43rd Street between SW 20th Ave and SW 24th Ave to enhance safety, accessibility and connectivity. The project also improves bus stops and ADA curb ramps to meet current standards. Construction is expected to start in the Fall 2023 and to be completed by Spring 2024.

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Before



Proposed After



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS :

East University Avenue Near Fred Cone Park

Pedestrians have a new safe place to cross East University Avenue (State Road 26), near NE 26th Terrace, adjacent to Fred Cone Park. FDOT recently activated a **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)** to improve safety and increase pedestrian mobility on East University Avenue.



Before



After



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS :

Pedestrian Crosswalk and Bus Shelter Upgrade by Grace Marketplace Multimodal Enhancement

When Grace Marketplace opened along NE 39th Ave, the need for enhanced pedestrian and transit facilities was identified and deemed a high priority given the associated access and safety needs of the transitdependent population seeking the facility services.

The Department of Transportation of the City of Gainesville was able to design and fund the construction of upgrades to the bus stop on the south side of the road to make it more inclusive and ADA compliant; a Multiagency effort to enhance safety for all road users resulted in a Pedestrian safe crossing enhancement implemented by FDOT in 2023.



Before



After



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS :

NE 8th Ave Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Enhancements

This project retrofits 47 ADA curb ramps to enhance accessibility and safety along NE 8th Ave between NE 15th St and NE 24th Ter. The project also enhances the existing crossings at the intersection of NE 15th St, adds new pedestrian crossings at the intersection of NE 19th Ter, and adds new enhanced signage to improve safety. Funding for this project was complemented by grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) which seek to evaluate the effectiveness of low cost pedestrian safety measures.

Before



After



ALACHUA COUNTY BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN EFFORTS Countywide

Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan

Alachua County, City of Gainesville and the University of Florida

Make walking and biking attractive transportation choices for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. Develop goals, policies, programs, and projects that will make walking and biking safer, more comfortable, and more convenient.



Since the 2004 Plan, the State of Practice has changed

- Emphasis on Low-Stress Networks and Safe Systems for people walking and biking
 - Mid-block Crossings
 - Protected Bike Lanes
 - Neighborhood Greenways
 - Don't Give Up at the Intersection
- Data-Driven Analysis
- Equitable Community Engagement & Planning

Anticipated Project Kick-Off: Early 2024

Alachua County Health Assessment Survey

The Health Assessment Survey is one of the services the County provides to continually evaluate the health of its community by measuring multiple data points and compiling the results in easy to follow charts and reports.

Data Reporting Links

<https://alachua.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/data-and-reporting/index.html>



VISION ZERO RESOURCES



NHTSA

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>



Vision Zero

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Transportation/Vision-Zero>



Vision Zero Network

<https://visionzeronetwork.org/>



Florida Department of Transportation

<https://www.fdot.gov/agencyresources/target-zero>