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## **Phase 1 of Magnolia Drive Trail Reopened**

~ Magnolia Drive Trail between South Meridian Street and Pontiac Drive is Now Open to Traffic ~



Tallahassee, Fla. – On Thursday, August 4, 2022, Leon County Government reopened Phase 1 of the Magnolia Drive Trail project between South Meridian Street and Pontiac Drive after a temporary closure to construct major infrastructure improvements along the South Magnolia Corridor. Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, Leon County Government and the City of Tallahassee worked together to design, construct, and manage this transportation, utility, and beautification project.

Phase 1 improvements include an upgraded paved trail to provide better connectivity, a 3-foot landscape buffer and street lighting to increase pedestrian safety. The project also includes upgraded water and sewer infrastructure and the enclosing of the stormwater drainage system. Leon County Government managed the project while Blueprint funded the improvements and the City of Tallahassee further enhanced the corridor by converting overhead electric lines to underground. As crews finalize utility and landscaping improvements, intermittent lane closures can be expected along Phase 1 in fall 2022.

The overall project will construct a new pedestrian and bicycle trail to provide multimodal connectivity along the entire corridor from South Adams to Apalachee Parkway. Construction efforts were broken into multiple phases, beginning on South Magnolia Drive from South Adams

Street to South Monroe Street which was completed in 2017. The segment from South Monroe Street to South Meridian Street was completed in March 2022. The latest improvements include a new paved trail and now citizens can safely walk along South Magnolia Drive from South Adams Street to Pontiac Drive.

Phase 2 of the Magnolia Drive Trail project will extend the overall project improvements and the multi-use trail along South Magnolia Drive from Pontiac Drive to Diamond Street. The design for Phase 2 of the project was completed earlier this year and the construction bidding process is anticipated to begin in fall 2022. Citizens can learn more about the Magnolia Drive Trail project on Blueprint's [project website](#).

### **About Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency**

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) is a joint City-County agency within the Department of Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement (PLACE). The City of Tallahassee and Leon County created the joint Department of PLACE, which emphasizes the desire to create a livable, sustainable and economically vibrant community through the coordinated efforts of the Planning Department, Blueprint IA and the Office of Economic Vitality.

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