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Airport Gateway

Project Highlights

- The project purpose is to create a unique, safety-enhanced, multimodal gateway entrance into Downtown, FSU, and FAMU from the Tallahassee International Airport. Other project goals include expanded investment in Southwest Tallahassee-Leon County, supporting local growth of the high-tech sector in areas such as Innovation Park, and improving neighborhood safety.
- The project includes planned improvements for over 7 miles of southwest area roadways, a new road to Innovation Park and FAMU + FSU's southwest campus, and over 13 miles of new or improved multimodal facilities, including a portion of the University Greenway.

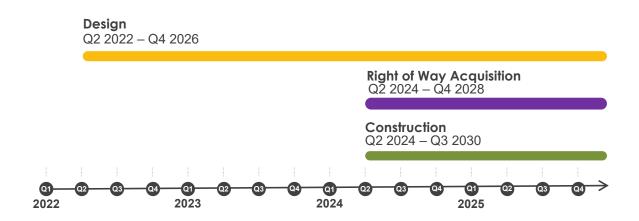
Current Status

- Project planning is underway. The project traffic study has been completed, and design of roadway improvements commenced in Q2 2022.
- Plans are 60% developed for the new roadway to Innovation Park and 90% developed for Levy Avenue.
- FDOT has prepared 60% plans for Orange Avenue road-widening from Cypress Lake Street to South Monroe Street as of November 2023.
- FDOT has begun design on a bridge replacement over Munson Slough. Blueprint is coordinating with FDOT to ensure the design accounts for the Airport Gateway improvements along Springhill Road.
- Coordination is ongoing with FDOT to ensure their improvements at the Capital Circle SW and Springhill Road intersection, which includes about 2,000 feet of Springhill Road north of the intersection, accommodate Airport Gateway improvements.
- A project status update was presented at the February 29, 2024 IA meeting.

Next Steps

- Continue preliminary roadway and greenway design.
- Continue site survey and geotechnical investigation.
- Construction of the first segment of the Springhill Road improvement is expected to begin in Q2 2024.

Timeline



Community Engagement: Public engagement is ongoing through all phases of a project, from concept to construction, programming, and maintenance. Public engagement is two-way communication inclusive of all decision-makers and stakeholders. Each Blueprint project will have a customized Public Engagement Plan that is developed at the start of the project, and outreach activities and techniques will vary from project to project, as each project's outcome and stakeholder community character is unique.

Design: The design phase includes development of final plans and construction documents for the Airport Gateway project and associated facilities.

Right of Way Acquisition: This phase will consist of efforts to acquire any right of way and/or easements necessary to complete the project. Any right of way acquisitions necessitated will be undertaken consistent with Blueprint Real Estate Policy and Florida Statutes.

Construction: Construction work will fully implement the final design plans for Airport Gateway.

Q1: January – March Q2: April – June Q3: July – September Q4: October – December

