



Market District Placemaking – Pedestrian Safety & Connectivity

Project Highlights

- The Market District Placemaking Project consists of two phases. Phase 1 is implementation of the Market District Park, and Phase 2 is implementation of pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements throughout the Market District.
- Phase 2 is planned to provide the following pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements throughout Market District:
 - Maclay Rd. 8-foot wide pedestrian and cycling facility,
 - Streetscaping & enhanced lighting at Market St. & Maclay Blvd., and
 - Intersection improvements at Timberlane Rd. & Martin Hurst Rd.

Current Status

- Streetscaping improvements along Market Street and Maclay Boulevard, including landscaping and pedestrian safety enhancements, are in design.
- Components of the Placemaking improvements have been completed; to date, Blueprint has installed a landscaped median on Timberlane Road, and the Planning Department and City Undergrounds Utilities and Public Infrastructure collaborated to install new wayfinding signage.
- The IA Board authorized Blueprint to procure construction services for the remaining improvements at the May 11, 2023 meeting.
- The design of the Maclay Road multi-use path began in early February 2024. This project consists of a multi-use path along the south side of Maclay Road from Bobbin Brook East to Maclay Boulevard. Design is anticipated to be completed in Q1 2025.

Next Steps

- Blueprint is evaluating the feasibility of a roundabout at Market Street and Maclay Boulevard.
- Streetscaping improvements along Market Street and Maclay Boulevard may be constructed in coordination with planned City roadway improvements in 2024.

Pedestrian Safety & Connectivity Timeline

Planning / Pre-Engineering
Q3 2021 – Q1 2023

Design / Permitting
Q3 2023 – Q1 2025

Right of Way Acquisition
Q3 2023 – Q2 2024

Construction
Q3 2024 – Q4 2026



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.

Planning/Pre-Engineering: Blueprint will analyze potential pedestrian safety improvements and determine the feasibility of connectivity options in the Market District. Planning work will also include developing initial cost estimates for potential improvements and prioritizing implementation. Input from stakeholders and community members will be taken into account prior to entering into design work.

This phase also includes coordination with the CRTPA on their Thomasville Road Greenway feasibility study, which is determining the potential to connect the trail from Thomasville Road through the Market District to Maclay Road.

Design: Design work will include developing detailed design plans and construction documents for improvements identified as feasible in the Planning phase. Input from stakeholders and community members will be taken into account for final design.

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 pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements in the Market District.

Q1: January – March

Q2: April – June

Q3: July – September

Q4: October – December

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