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Project Highlights

North Monroe Gateway

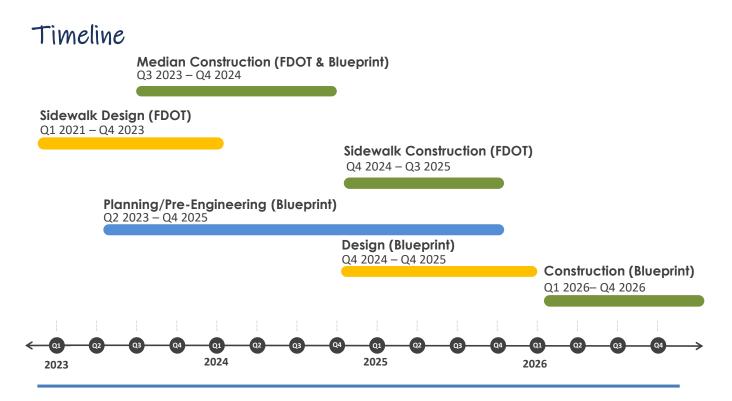
- The North Monroe Gateway Project will provide funding to develop gateway enhancements for North Monroe Street from I-10 to 7th Avenue.
- Project improvements may include:
 - Signage and art
 - Landscaping
 - o Crosswalks and other pedestrian safety enhancements

Current Status

- Since 2014, Blueprint has been collaborating with FDOT on improvements to the North Monroe corridor, with an over \$18 million total investment from FDOT, including:
 - Over \$10.3 million in previous enhancements, with the majority of investment supporting the Blueprint project goals.
 - A \$1.46 million project to install enhanced landscaped medians (renderings on the following page) between Allen Road and Lakeshore Drive. This project began construction in September 2023.
 - A \$6.28 million sidewalk project from John Knox Road to Lakeshore Drive. This project is anticipated for construction in late 2024.
- In September 2023, Blueprint was awarded a \$25,000 Knight Foundation grant to enhance the transit experience on the North Monroe Gateway.
- In November 2023, Blueprint was awarded an FDOT Beautification Grant of approximately \$93,100 for additional enhanced landscaped medians between John Knox Road and Allen Road. Design is underway.
- Blueprint is coordinating with the CRTPA on a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant application for the North Monroe corridor.

Next Steps

- Continued coordination with FDOT on corridor improvements and leveraging opportunities.
- Design of the additional medians is anticipated to be completed in Q2 2024, with construction anticipated to begin in Q4 2024.



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: Planning/Pre-Engineering includes survey work and development of 30% design plans, typically referred to as concept development.

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 include efforts to acquire any additional right of way needed to complete the project. Should any right of way acquisitions be required, they will be undertaken consistent with <u>Blueprint Real Estate Policy</u> and Florida Statutes.

Construction: Construction work will fully implement the final design plans for total project completion.

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



Conceptual Renderings of Enhanced Median Landscaping







