



## Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Boulevard

### Project Highlights

- Project goals are to improve regional mobility, enhance connectivity, and protect canopy roads by reducing transportation pressures on surrounding roadways.
- The project will extend Welaunee Boulevard to Roberts Road, and create a two-lane extension of Shamrock Street to Welaunee Boulevard, creating a new gateway into northeast Tallahassee-Leon County.
- The 8-mile Welaunee Greenway will connect to the existing Miccosukee Greenway creating a 17-mile loop.
- The project was awarded a \$1.5 million Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) grant from FDOT for the design phase, and a \$2.5 million TRIP grant for the construction phase, to be funded in FY 2025.

### Current Status

- Final design for Phases 1 and 2 is underway.
- The project leverages a State of Florida Department of Transportation State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan for \$25.5 million, which provides a lower cost option vs. bonding this same amount.
- Project coordination with local agencies, FDOT, and property owners continues.
- Acquisition of the Welaunee Greenway is complete.

## Next Steps

- On December 8, 2022, the IA Board authorized Blueprint staff to procure construction services for Phase I, which includes Welaunee Boulevard south of I-10 and the I-10 bridge.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3 2023 and last three years.
- Once Welaunee Boulevard is substantially underway, the I-10 interchange development study process can begin.

## Timeline

### Roadway Design

Q3 2021 – Q3 2023

### Right of Way Acquisition

Q3 2021 – Q4 2023

### Construction

Q3 2023 – Q3 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.

**Design:** The design phase includes development of final plans and construction documents for the NE Gateway roadways and associated facilities (stormwater, multimodal facilities, etc.) as well as design of the Welaunee Greenway and trailheads. Stakeholder and community input 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 State Statutes.

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

**Q1:** January – March

**Q2:** April – June

**Q3:** July – September

**Q4:** October – December



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