



March 2019

South Florida Avenue (SR 37) Road Diet Test and Traffic Study

Public Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019



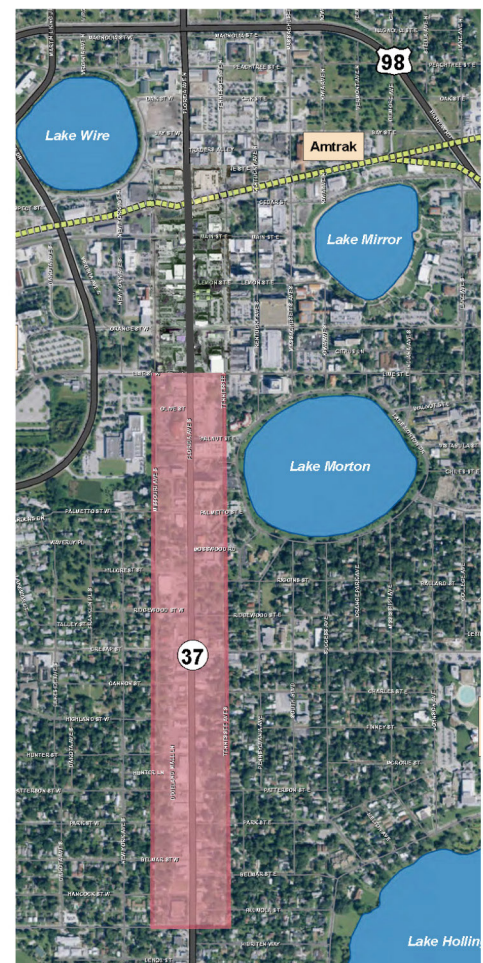
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Learn More about Possible Changes on South Florida Ave. from Ariana Street to Lime Street

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One, in partnership with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, studied and developed ways to improve mobility, safety, quality of life and economic vitality along the South Florida Avenue (SR 37) corridor between Ariana Street and Pine Street in Lakeland. A Master Plan was developed through community engagement with input from the City of Lakeland, Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, Polk Transportation Planning Organization, Lakeland Downtown Development Authority, the Lake Morton and Dixieland Neighborhood Associations, and other community partners.

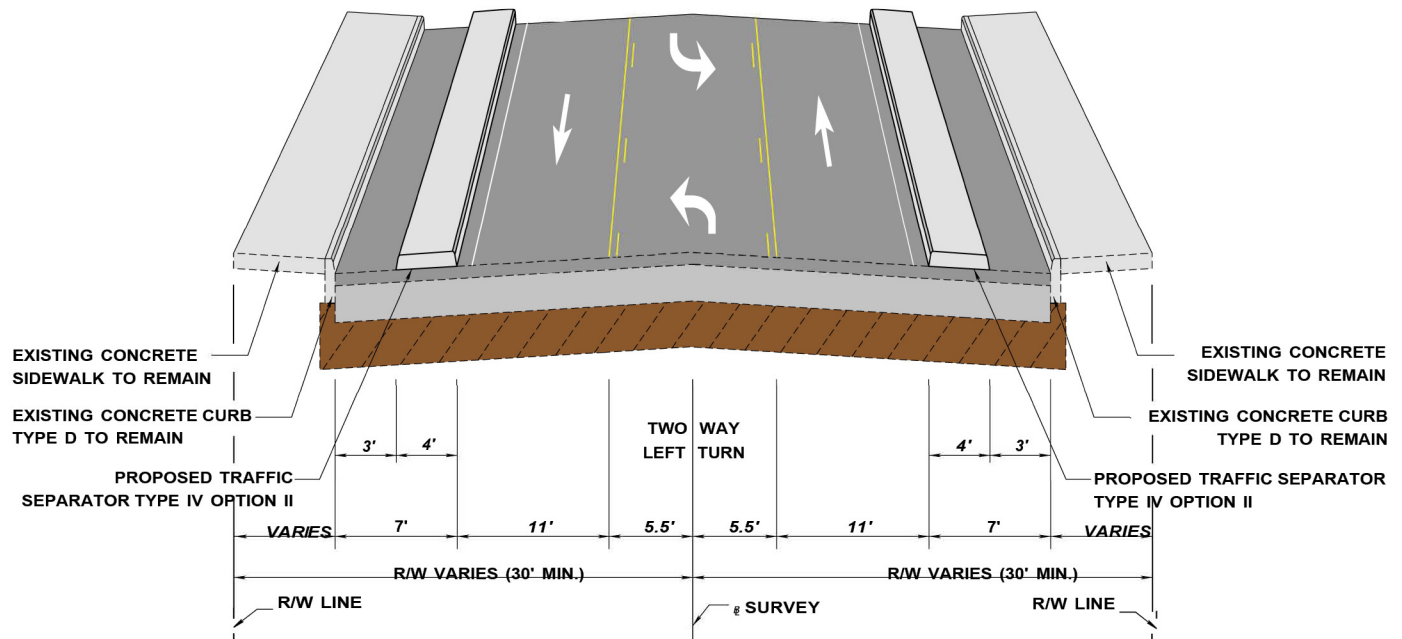
The objectives of the Master Plan include the development of a community-based vision, desirable economic and redevelopment growth for the South Florida Avenue corridor, improvements to pedestrian safety and traffic flow, and incorporation of complete streets policies.

In cooperation with the City of Lakeland, FDOT studied current and future traffic and developed an alternative roadway configuration for South Florida Avenue. FDOT will conduct a Road Diet Test and Traffic Study using the new configuration.



Road Diet Test and Traffic Study

FDOT will conduct a lane elimination test for approximately one year. The test will consist of a lane closure of the outside travel lanes for both northbound and southbound directions from Ariana Street to Lime Street. South Florida Avenue will be reduced from a five-lane configuration to a three-lane configuration by using a concrete traffic separator to close the outside lanes (see diagram below).



*PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION SR 37 (FLORIDA AVE.)
LANE ELIMINATION*

Ariana Street to Lime Street

The concept would remove the outside travel lanes (next to sidewalks) to accommodate the following:

- Widen the remaining travel lanes and turning lane to the appropriate widths
- Use the remaining space to improve safety conditions for pedestrians and motorists and provide space for landscaping

Construction of the road diet test will begin in Spring 2020 and will be completed in October 2020. Then a one-year-long traffic study will begin.

Traffic counts will be taken on South Florida Avenue, adjacent side streets and parallel streets. This will help to assess the feasibility of a future road diet design option and evaluate the impact of a reduction in travel lanes to the roadway's level of service and the associated impact of traffic diverted to the City's network of parallel reliever roadways.

Project Funding

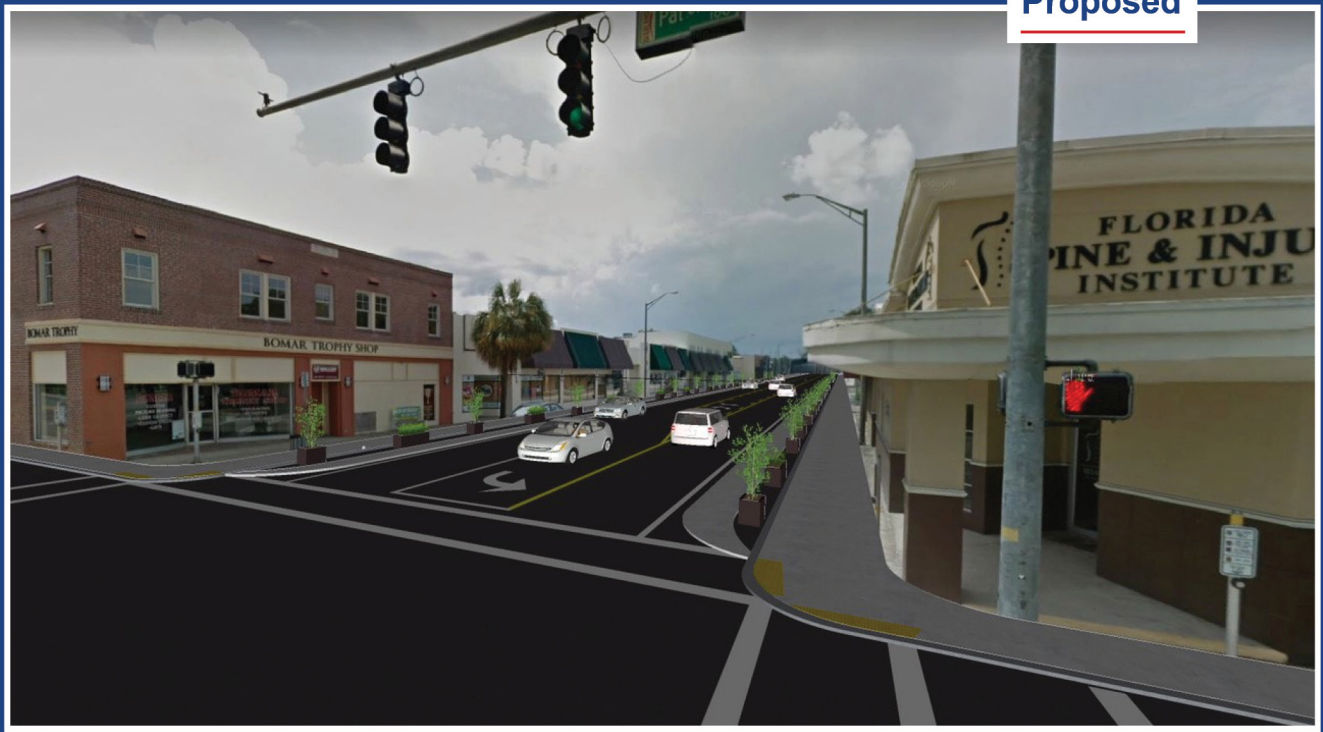
Currently, the design of the permanent improvements for South Florida Avenue are not funded.

South Florida Avenue at East Patterson Street - North View

Existing



Proposed



The Florida Department of Transportation District One will hold a public meeting about the Road Diet Test & Study from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the RP Funding Center, Sikes Hall (J), 701 W. Lime Street in Lakeland, Florida.



Florida Department of Transportation
801 N. Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830-3809

Join Us for a Public Meeting

When:

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from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where:

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701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL 33815

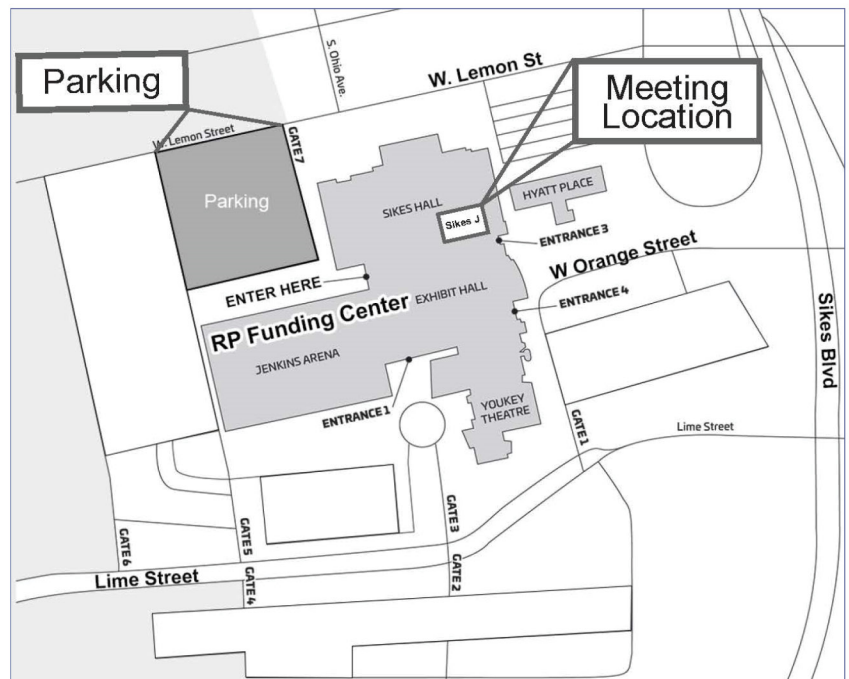
Website:

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