

CALOOSAHATCHEE D'TOWN SUNTRAIL ALTERNATIVE

Multimodal Feasibility Study



Join us for a Project Steering Committee Meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025!

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to invite you to join a Project Steering Committee (PSC) for an important transportation and community planning initiative. Your insights and expertise in your respective fields will be invaluable as we work together on the Caloosahatchee Downtown Alternative Multimodal Feasibility Study. The primary purpose of this committee is to guide the development of this significant study, ensuring that it reflects the needs and priorities of our community, as we identify a trail alignment for cyclists, pedestrians and micromobility users through Downtown Fort Myers and North Fort Myers. This will replace an existing alignment of the Florida Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Network in our area.

The PSC is designed to convene a minimum of three times throughout the year-long duration of the project. The PSC will be made up of a diverse group of stakeholders, including members from the project team, local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups, representatives from the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), homeowner association groups, educational institutions, health organizations, local businesses and landowners, as well as local park and planning agencies. Additionally, law enforcement agencies will also be represented within the committee. Your participation will provide a crucial perspective as we explore various aspects of transportation and community planning in Lee County. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and contributions throughout this process.

Caloosahatchee D'Town Alternative Multimodal Feasibility Study aims to identify an alternate Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail route from the JYLP Trail in downtown Fort Myers to North Fort Myers via the Caloosahatchee Bridge. This will enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and micromobility users. Potential alignment options include a combination of off-road multi-use trails and shared paths along local roads parallel to Cleveland Avenue, connecting from the north side of the Caloosahatchee River to Pine Island Road (SR 78), facilitating access to the new 8-foot-wide sidewalk on the Caloosahatchee Bridge. The study will incorporate a robust implementation strategy that aligns near- and mid-term actions with financial resources. The project team will assess transportation, environmental, land use, business impacts, community needs, right-of-way issues, costs, and safety to identify feasible trail alignments and recommend a preferred option.

The first PSC is set to take place on Monday, June 9, from 1 PM to 3 PM. This meeting will be held at the Collaboratory, located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. Please respond by April 20 regarding your participation. If you cannot attend, please provide an alternate representative from your organization for our PSC meetings. Please send your RSVP and any questions regarding the study to info@CaloosahatcheeSuntrail.com.

Sincerely,
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