



Welcome

to the

Kass Circle – Spring Hill Drive Safety Improvements Project PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

March 29, 2022 from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.




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Meeting Agenda

- Presentation
 - Project Overview
 - Proposed Improvements
- Project Timeline 
- Comments
- Contact Information



Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Discrimination in Government Programs & Assistance

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), does not discriminate against any person with respect to a County programs or services. To meet this goal, the County developed a Title VI Program, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended. The County's Title VI program defines what Title VI is, includes a written process on how to file a Title VI complaint should one arise, and describes the complaint investigation process.

Hernando County BOCC values diversity and welcomes input from all interested parties, regardless of cultural identity, background, or income level. Moreover, the County believes that the best programs and services result from careful consideration of the needs of all of its communities. Thus, the County does not tolerate discrimination in any of its programs, or services. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal and state authorities, the County will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, income, or family status.

File a Complaint

Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination based upon race, color, and national origin, may file a written complaint within 180 days of the alleged incident. All written complaints received are referred to the designated Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Tiffany Smith. The Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator acts as the public liaison between the grievant and the department against whom the complaint was made.

Contact

Tiffany Smith
Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator
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Please Visit us on the web at:

<https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/public-information/title-vi>

for instructions on how to properly file a complaint.

Project Overview






What is this Safety Improvements Project?

- Better traffic channelization
- Eliminates dangerous left turn movements near Kass Circle
- Increases pedestrian access to neighborhood amenities
- Provides bus pull out areas and a bus shelter
- Extends left turn lanes along Spring Hill Drive at Pinehurst Drive, Acorn Circle and the eastern leg of Kass Circle





Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Endorses FDOT's "Vision Zero" policy
- Reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- Improved design for vehicle movements
- Completion of Sidewalk Connections 
- Enhancement of Crosswalks
- Intersection Pedestrian Safety



VISION ZERO  



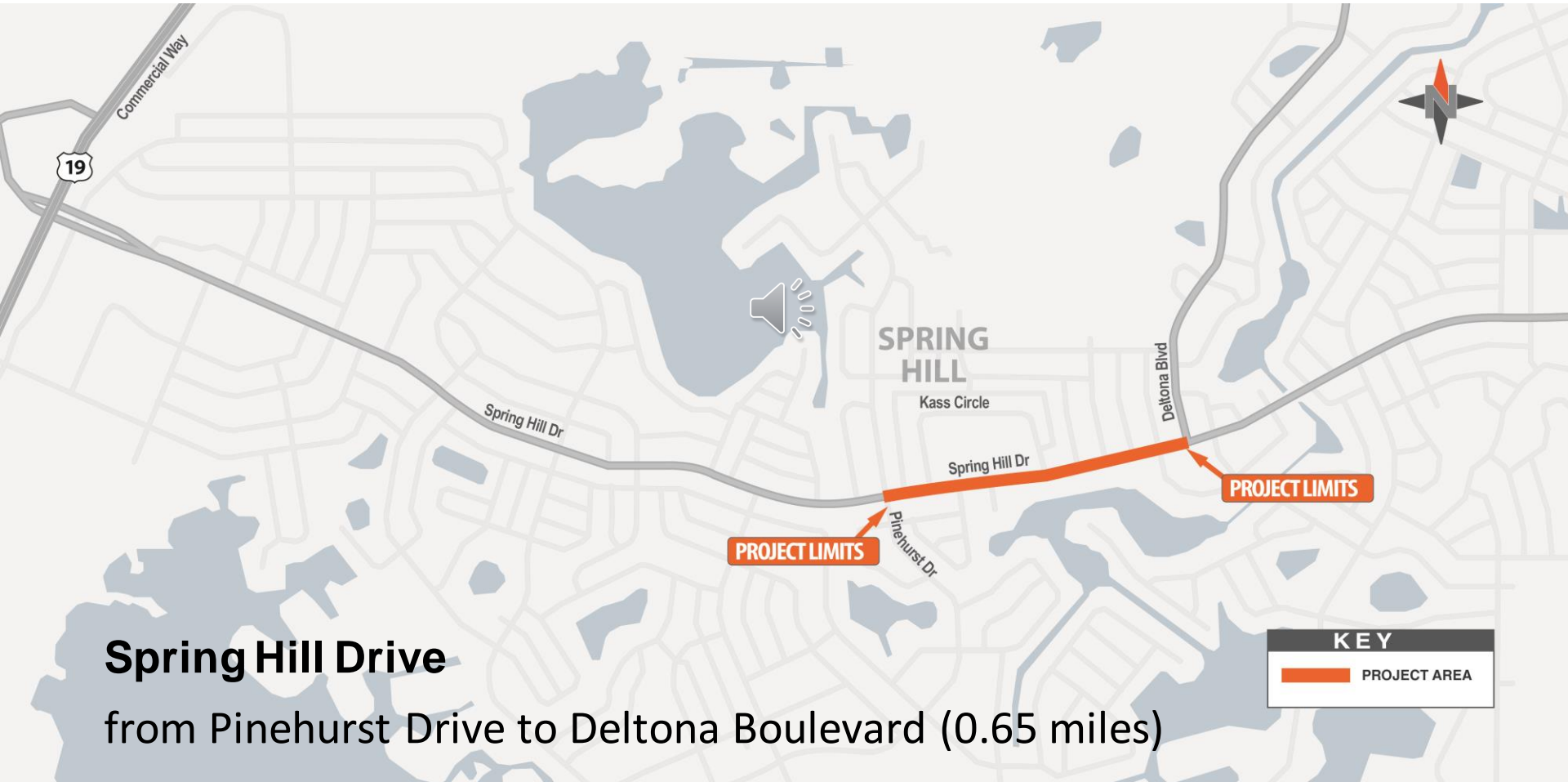
What does this mean for YOU?

- **IMPROVED** safety
- **UPGRADES** for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- **CONNECTIVITY** of sidewalks
- **NEW** pedestrian intersection crossings
- **ADA-COMPLIANT** features
- **ACCESS** for transit stops
- **ENHANCED** pedestrian visibility





Project Location



Proposed Improvements





Spring Hill Drive Improvements



Existing Signal



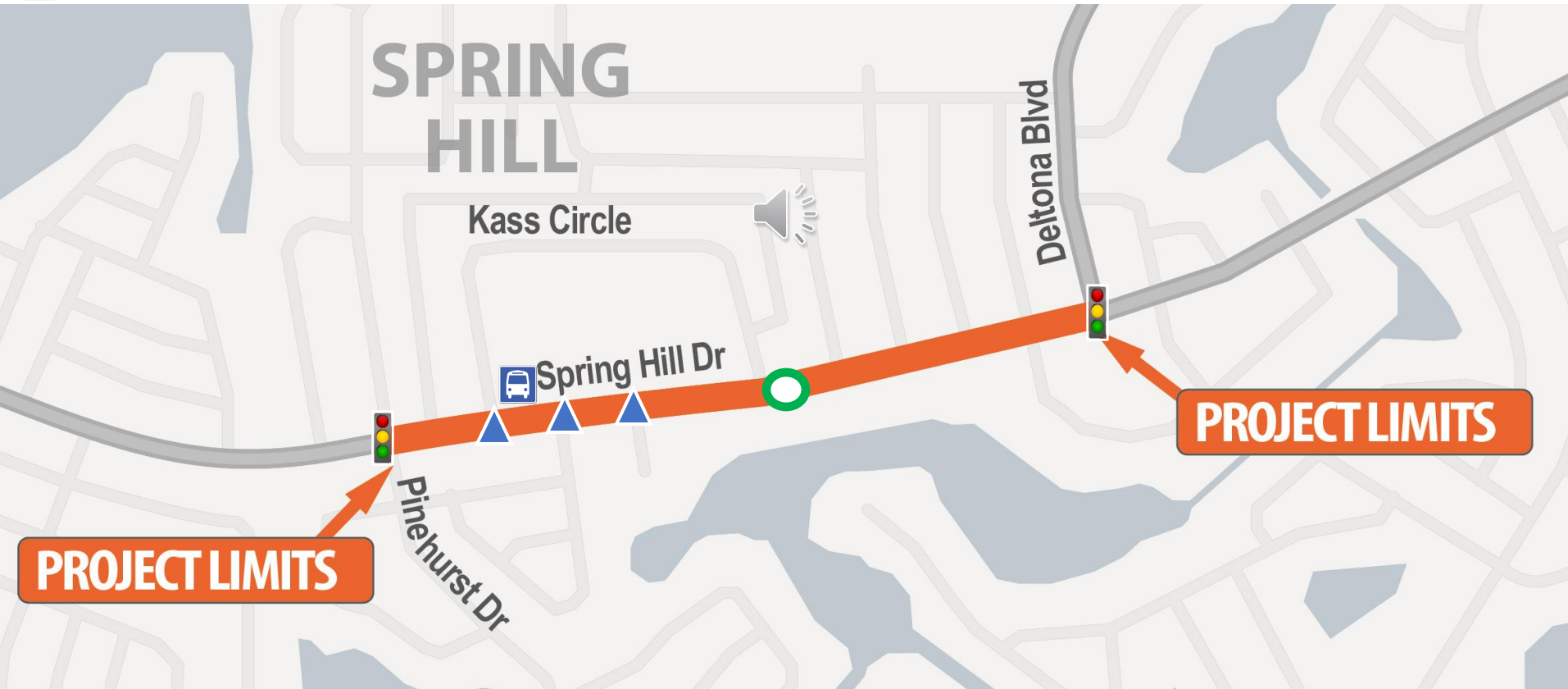
New Bus Bay



Ped Crossing



Median Modification



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Existing Typical Section

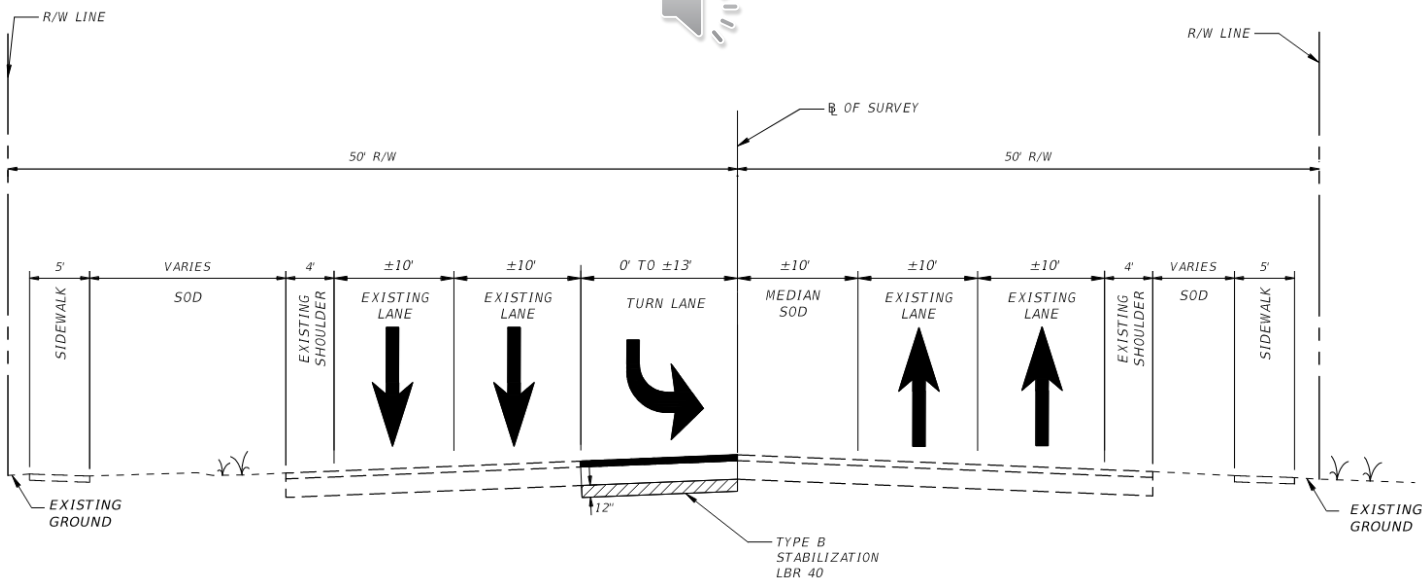
- Four-lane divided roadway
- 10' average travel lanes
- Grassed median
- 5' concrete sidewalk on south side
- 5' concrete sidewalk east of Kass Circle on north side
- Paved shoulders/bike lane
- Open drainage/no curb & gutter
- On-street bus stops





Proposed Improvements

- Maintain existing traffic and bicycle lanes
- Extend existing turn lanes Pinehurst Drive, Acorn Circle, and Port Court
- Connect sidewalk on north side to Pinehurst Drive
- Provide bus bay pullout area with shelter
- Modify median access at dangerous locations





Median Modification at Port Court

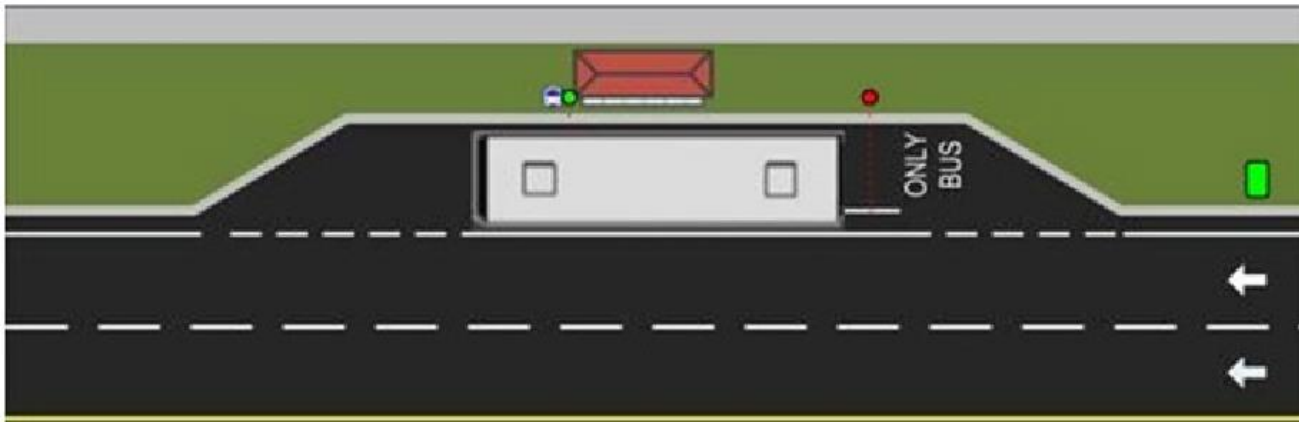


Existing: directional median opening → **Proposed:** closed median opening



Bus Bay & Shelter

- What is a Bus Bay?
 - A designated spot on the side of a road where buses may pull out of the flow of traffic to pick up and drop off passengers
- Why are bus shelters important?
 - The basic purpose of the bus shelter is to safeguard the passengers from wind and rain to enhance the overall experience of the passengers waiting for the bus
- Proposed location between Kass Circle and Acorn Circle on north side





Enhanced Pedestrian Accessibility

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)

- Pedestrian-activated warning device
- Draws attention to the crossings
- Proven to enhance pedestrian safety
- Improves motorists yielding to pedestrians
- Increases pedestrian visibility when crossing street
- Clearly communicates pedestrian movements to approaching motorists





Enhanced Pedestrian Accessibility Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs)

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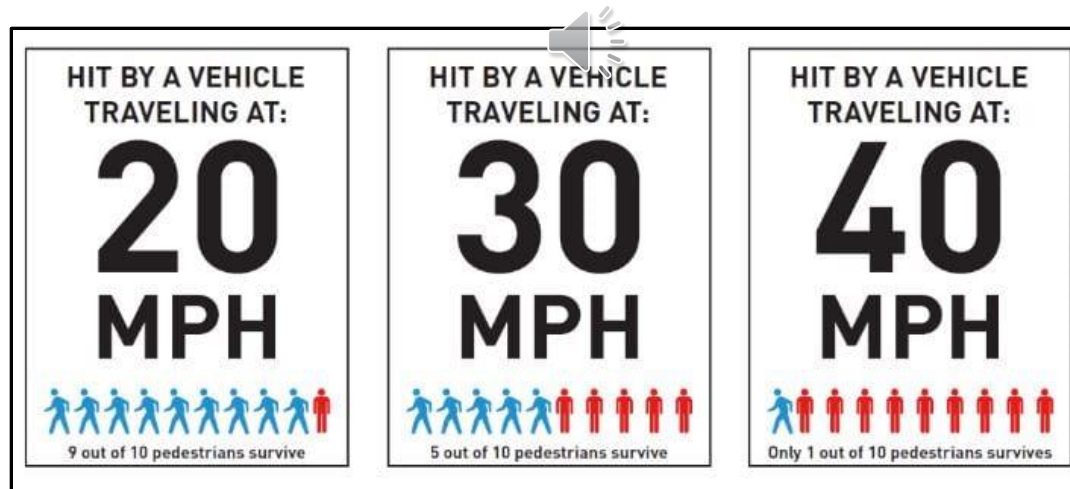


Phase	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Motorist Signal					
Motorist Action	Proceed Through Crossing	Slow down for Pedestrians	Prepare to Stop for Pedestrians	Stop for Pedestrians	Stop and Proceed when Clear
Pedestrian Signal					
Pedestrian Action	Push Button to Cross	Wait for Cross Signal	Wait for Cross Signal	Begin Crossing	Finish Crossing



Improve Safety

- Potential Target Speed: from 40 MPH to 35 MPH
- Roadways with context-appropriate speeds can result in reduced fatalities and serious injuries



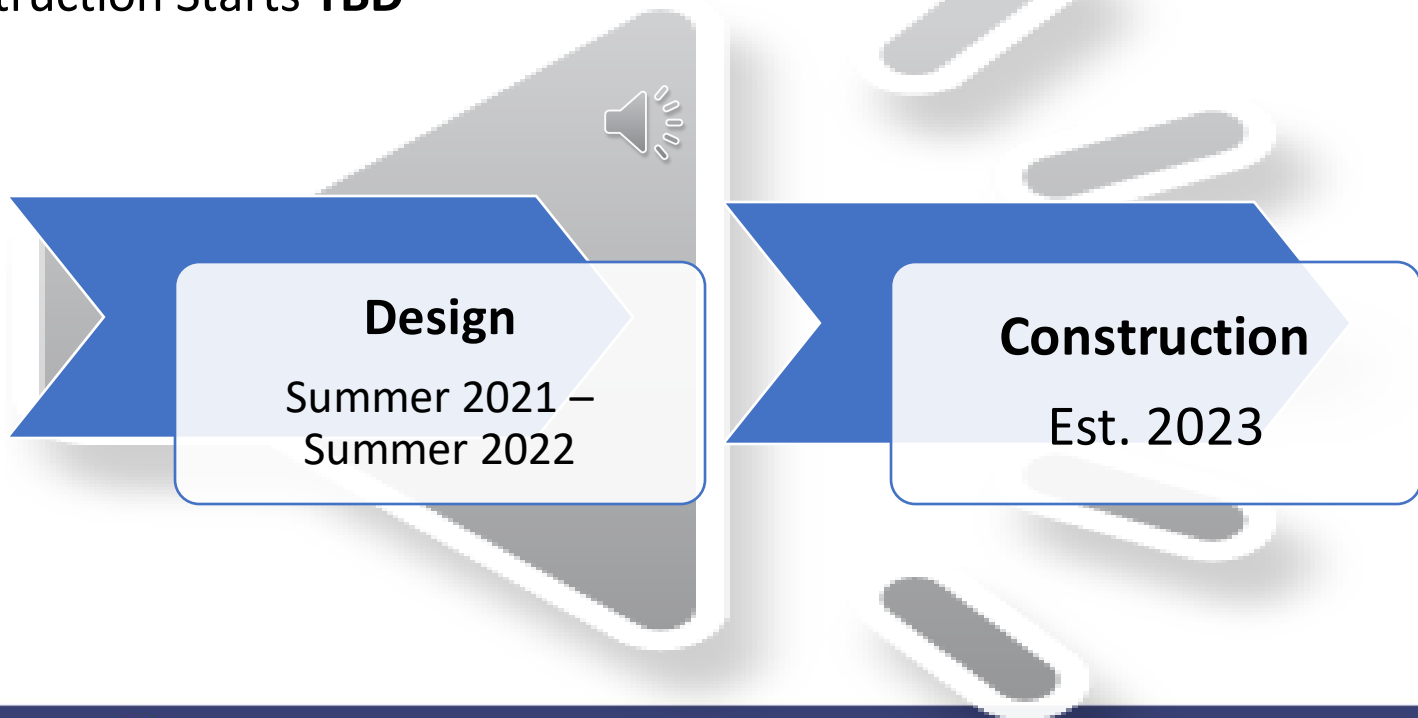
Project Timeline





Design & Construction

- Engineering & Design **Currently Underway**
- Design Ends **Summer 2022**
- Construction Starts **TBD**



Community Feedback






Comments

- Community Feedback is Important!
- What do YOU think?
- To share your comments and ensure they will be included in the public record, please contact Michelle L. Miller, by April 8, 2022 at the contact information below:

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COMMENT FORM
(Please print)

Please provide your comments below. You may mail or email comments to the contact listed below. Comments received or postmarked by April 8, 2022, will be included in the official public record. Please print information.

Contact Information

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Address: _____
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ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION:
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Thank You!

