

Archer Braid Trail

History and Status

April 24th, 2012




Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning History

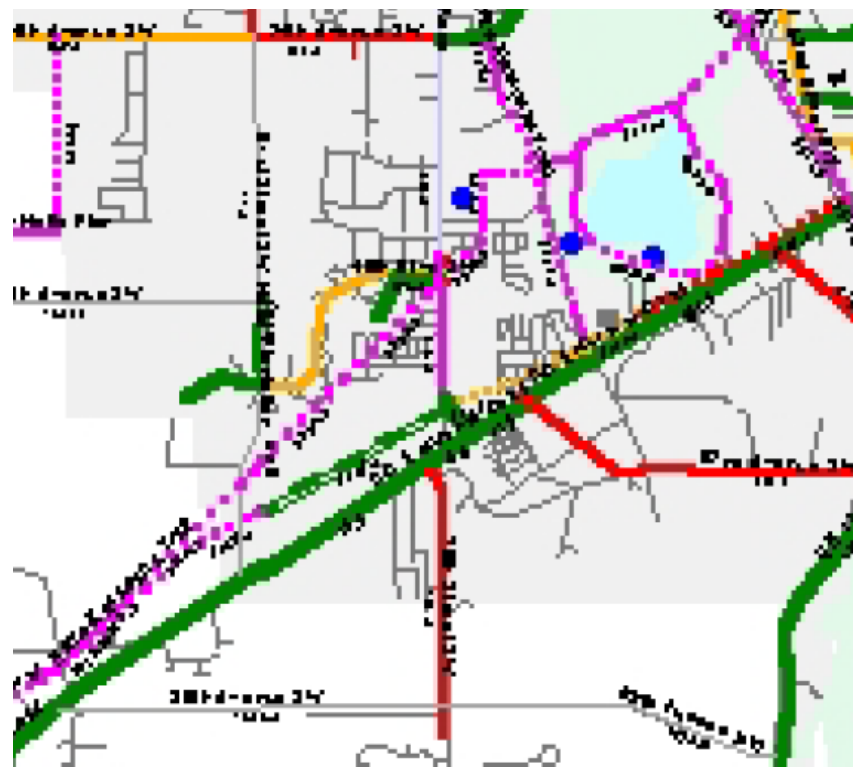
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan

Final Report
June, 2001

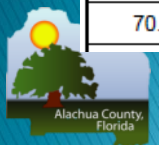
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Prioritization Results: Descending Benefit-Cost Ratio

F_Seg_Id	Street	From	To	Length (miles)	Traffic Vol. (ADT)	Bicycle QOS		Final Facility Selected	Target BQOS Score	Delta BQOS Score	100% Delta BQOS	100% LD Score	100% Public Score	Benefit Score	Unit Facility Cost	100% B/C Ratio	Priority Group (I, II & III)	Facility Cost (\$)	Cumulative Cost (\$)	Fund. Alloc. (FA)
						Score	Grade													
5007.0	Downtown Connector	6th St Trl /Eof S. Main St	SE 4th Street	0.39		6.50	F	Trail	2.5	4	100	88	89	93	138000	100	I	53820	53,820	FA
6001.0	Hull Road Extension Trail North	SR 121/W 34th Street	SW 20th Ave/SW 52nd Blvd	1.60		6.50	F	Trail	2.5	4	100	96	70	92	138000	100	I	220800	274,620	FA
70.0	6th Street W	SW 16th Avenue	Depot Avenue	0.54	5,549	3.29	C	S	2.5	0.79	19.75	92	56	56	1	100	I	1	274,621	FA



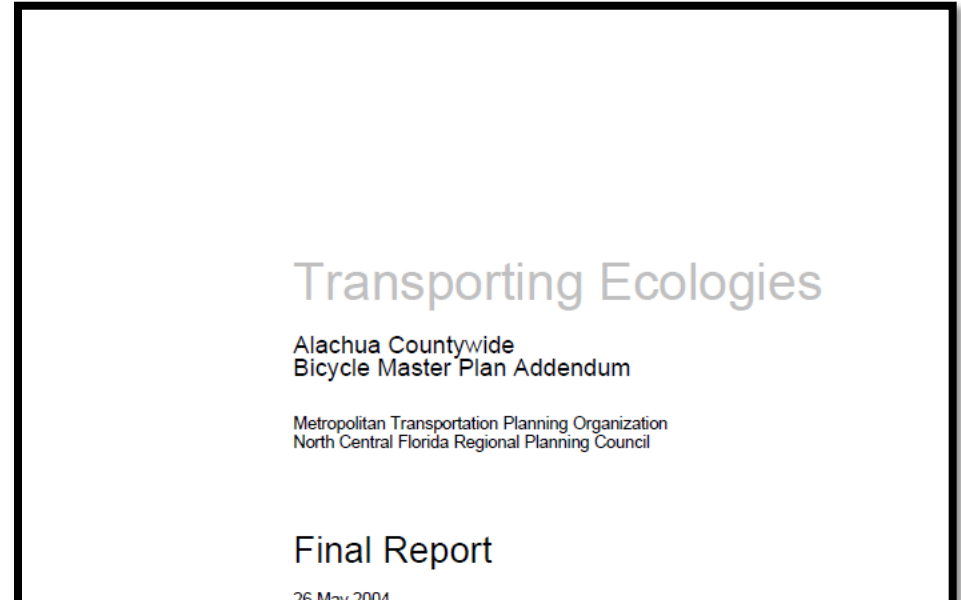
Archer Braid Timeline

- ▶ Application for Archer Road Trail – Enhancement Program came from Alachua County BOCC September 10, 2003. Original enhancement application limits were from City of Archer to I-75.
- ▶ Adopted FDOT Work Program for FY 2004 programmed \$15,000 in FY 2007 for PE (design) with SE (Federal enhancement) for project number 2078374 – Archer Road Bike Path, Archer to I-75.



Archer Braid Timeline

- ▶ 2004 Addendum
- ▶ Combined Segments
 - Braids
 - Loops
 - Nets



Braids Priority Summary Table

Priority (highest to lowest)	Braid Designation	Public (low score highest priority)	Cost Benefit (100 best)	Latent Demand (100 best)	Funds
1	Archer (Hull Rd ext)	1	98	70	partial
2	Alachua	2	100	81	initial
3	University	3	91	78	no
4	Hawthorne (6 th St. rail-trail)	4	98	92	partial
5	Bivens	6	92	68	no
6	Westside	8	100	80	no
7	Millhopper	5	87	79	no
8	Glen Springs	7	75	82	no

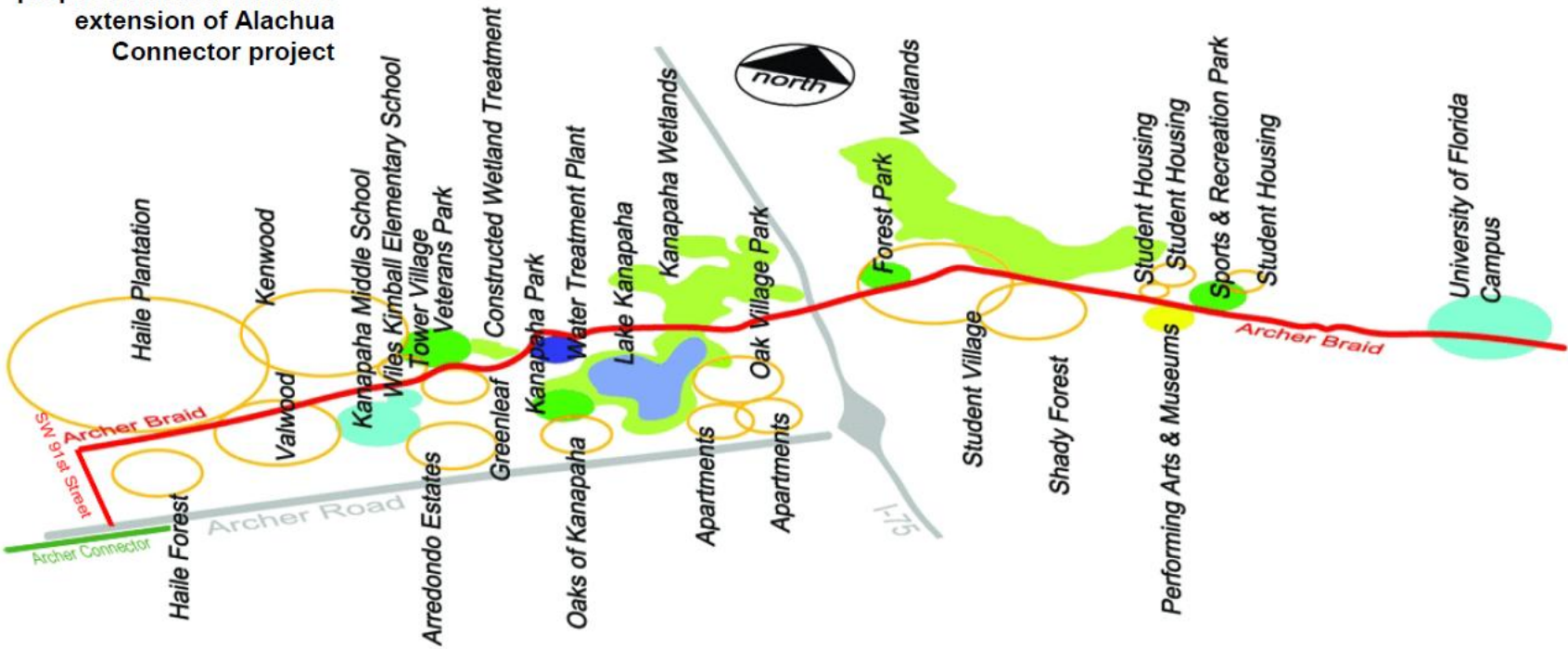


Public workshop

Introduction of Project

Archer Braid Timeline

Conceptual map of proposed Archer Braid as extension of Alachua Connector project

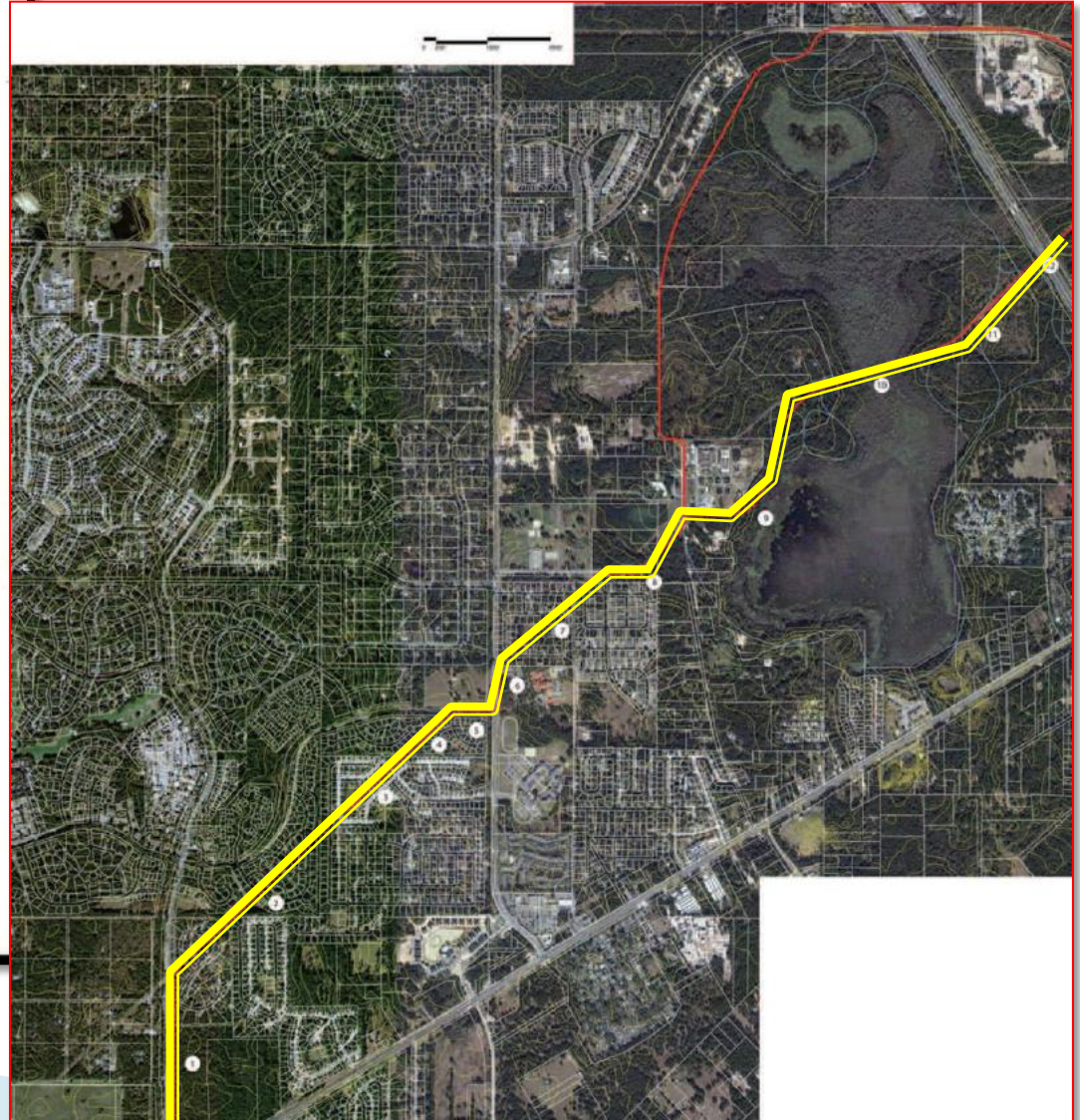
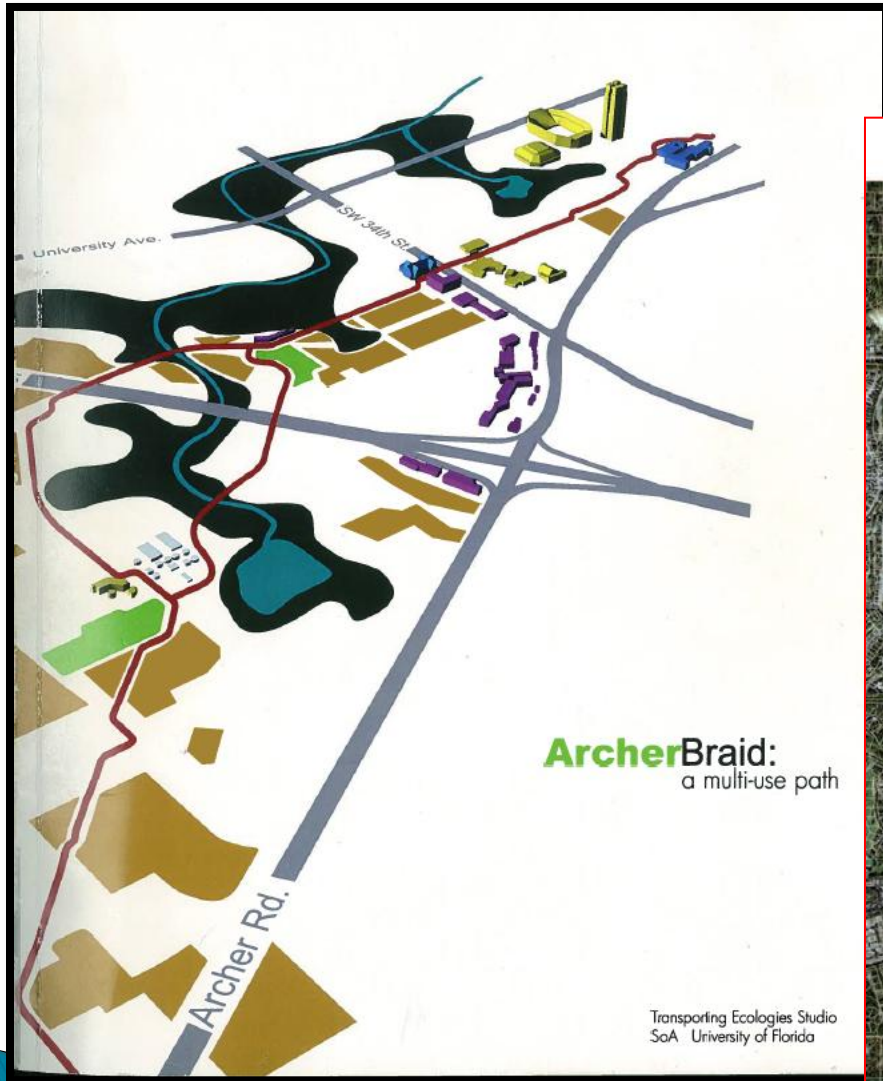


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- ▶ October, 2006 – MTPO approves entering into a contract with UF to provide a Design Proposal for the Archer Braid Trail.
- ▶ April 30, 2007 – MTPO Public Meeting held at the Florida Design Center to receive citizen comments on the proposed Archer Braid Trail.



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- ▶ July 8th, 2008, BOCC directed staff to approach property owners in order to obtain their permission to utilize the existing utility easements for Archer Braid Alignment.
- ▶ In November, 2008, Alachua County staff met with several property owners along the alignment and held a Public Workshop at the Haile Plantation Hall to inform the public of the project and receive comments.



Haile Workshop

► Advertisement:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORKSHOP

Monday November 17th, 2008

4PM to 8PM

Plantation Hall @ Haile

5100 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32608

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC NOTICE



Alachua County Workshop regarding Multimodal Transportation Plan and the Archer Braid Trail

A neighborhood workshop is being held to discuss a proposed Multimodal Transportation plan for Alachua County and the proposed Archer Braid bicycle trail. Alachua County staff will be present and make a brief presentation and to answer questions on the proposed plans.

Date : Monday, November 17th, 2008

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Plantation Hall at Haile
5100 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32608

If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275 (voice) or (352) 374-5284 (TDD).

Information is available for download from the following website: http://growth-management.alachua.fl.us/TPIF/cm_docs.php

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan B. Paul, jbpaul@alachuacounty.us or Jeffrey L. Hays, jhays@alachuacounty.us Transportation Planning Section, Growth Management Department, or call 352-374-5249.



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Transportation Planning Workshop

November 10, 2008

3:05 p.m.

ALACHUA COUNTY, FL - The Alachua County Growth Management
p.m. This public workshop will be held at Haile Plantation located
Modal Transportation Plan and the proposed Archer Braid Trail.

The proposed multi-modal transportation plan would consist of an
dedicated transit facilities, and an enhanced bicycle/pedestrian
incentives and standards for Transit Oriented Developments (TODs)
infrastructure would be funded by a mobility fee that would replac

The Archer Braid Trail has been identified as one of the top bicycle
provide a direct bicycle/pedestrian link between Haile Plantation
Progress Energy Easement across Lake Kanapaha and I-75. Cour
discuss use rights and related issues. Once preliminary discussion
Board of County Commissioners and seek direction on moving for

For more information, contact Jonathan Paul at 352-374-5249 or e

Haile Workshop Summary

Haile Trail Meeting Summary (Tower Road Action Committee Newsletter, Nov. 2008)

Jonathan Paul, County Staff, presented plans for an off-road trail from Archer Road to Kanapaha Park, over I-75 to Forest Park, and then on into Campus. Citizens asked a lot of good questions, and made a lot of great suggestions. TV 20 got it wrong when they said we don't want the trail. It already exists because we value trails, we paid for it, and we maintain it. But we did have some reservations. The best collective responses were: The Haile Trail is private. It is doubtful that the 3 Homeowner Associations would approve county use. It may actually require a change of covenants, which is difficult to do. However, connecting the Haile Trail to a larger trail network makes a lot of sense, and if the proposed trail existed, more than a few people would use it recreationally or for commuting. But the Haile trail should not be the primary trail. Better routes include going up 91st and East on Haile Blvd, or up Tower Road, or through the Botanical Gardens and around Kanapaha Lake. In fact, a trail along Haile Blvd would take the occasional biker or walker off that curve where they can sometimes surprise drivers. All suggestions will be taken back to the county commissioners. Your comments thoughts and comments need to be heard also. Email addresses are at:

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/bocc/profiles.aspx>



Comments following workshop

Some concerns via email:

“I hate to be NEGATIVE but in this case I am. I live directly next to the Haile Plantation Trail and have experienced some problems NOW and they would only get worse if this was opened to MORE traffic. We have had items taken (stolen) from both our yard and our garage. To open the trail would not be good for our neighborhood (Laurel Park) and not be good for Haile in general. If this idea is approved, will there be additional security provided along the trail?...”

“I recently attended a meeting regarding the Bike route which proposes to utilize trails maintained by Haile Plantation Associations. First, when planning these trails and it became apparent that the County/City were proposing utilizing trails in Haile meetings should have been conducted in Haile at that time to see if this would be consistent with our neighborhood use. Second, I am very concerned about safety. You are talking about 9 plus miles of trails but yet I have seen nothing to indicate the amount of presence by ASO/GPD to keep these trails safe. This is especially true since part of the trail would be through an area know for criminal/drug activities and this would allow someone to bike into Haile (with its affluent neighborhoods) commit a robbery, sell drugs, etc. and then bike out unless ASO/GPD are providing 24/7 security of the entire trail. Nothing was mentioned about the cost of maintaining security just the cost of the trail. Also nothing was mentioned about access for emergency vehicles in case of accidents along the trail which also creates a cost factor unless the trails are wide enough and strong enough to withstand such traffic and I heard nothing to indicate this would be the case....”



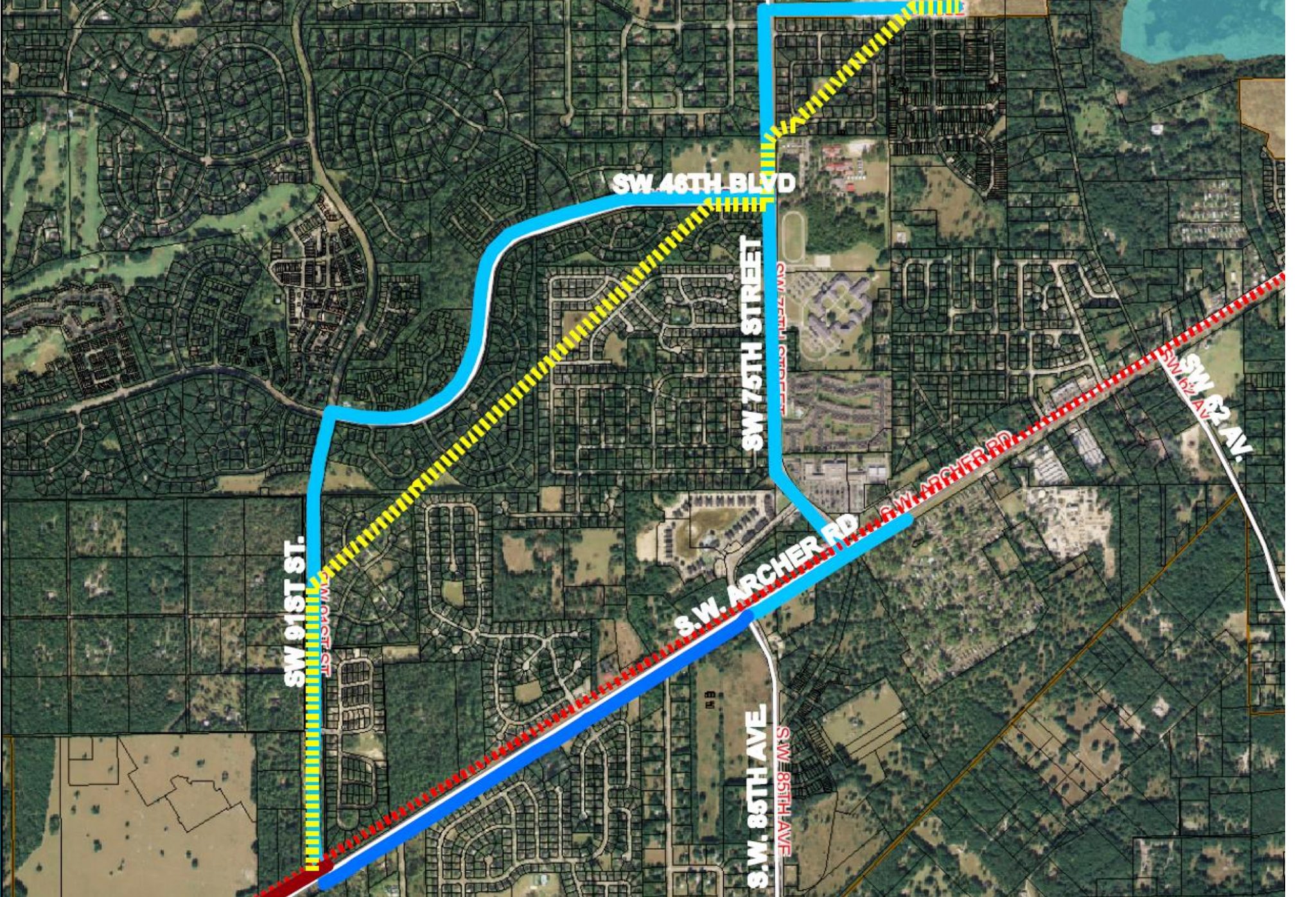
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Archer Braid Trail will be a community asset (Gainesville Sun Letter to the Editor, Nov. 26, 2008)

At the meeting regarding the Archer Braid Trail at the Haile Plantation Village Center on November 17 residents expressed both hope and concern about the project. Attendees raised three concerns: privacy/security, cost, and practicality. Here's why I do not agree with these concerns. Privacy and security: residents living along the proposed route suggested that people from outside of Haile riding on their paths violate their privacy and security. There was a sense that the path will lead to increased recreational riding in Haile. Furthermore, some meeting attendees were concerned that the trail would dissolve the boundary between Haile Plantation and the rest of Alachua County, upsetting the peaceful nature of the community. If people want to use the Haile trails for recreational riding they already can. Increased traffic through Haile seems unlikely. Haile no longer is separate from the rest of the county or Gainesville. Anyone can see that SW 91st is now a thoroughfare from Newberry Road to Archer Road to avoid Tower Road congestion. Traffic does not increase the likelihood of crime, it decreases it as does a sense of community and familiarity with each other. Cost: The cost from Haile to I-75 is estimated between \$1.5 and \$2 million. The trail is paid for using 10 percent of a five cent per gallon tax that has been imposed since last year. No additional funding was noted for this trail portion. Practicality: Many participants reported that they would not use the trail for commuting or recreation. There are many public goods that we pay for that we do not use. This is part of being a member of society. On the plus side, the Archer Braid Trail will serve a public good. Cities that invest in public goods reap far more rewards than burdens. Bike safety increases for long-distance riders and for students who attend Wiles Elementary and Kanapaha Middle School, as they are off dangerous roads. Street traffic will only worsen as more student housing and mixed residential developments are put in throughout the area. The trail will also reduce segregation and separation in a city that suffers from economic and social divisions. I ask those opposed in the southwest region to consider the benefits of the Archer Braid Trail.

*Eric Keys,
Gainesville*





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SW 46TH BLVD

SW 75TH STREET

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S.W. ARCHER RD

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SW 82ND AVE

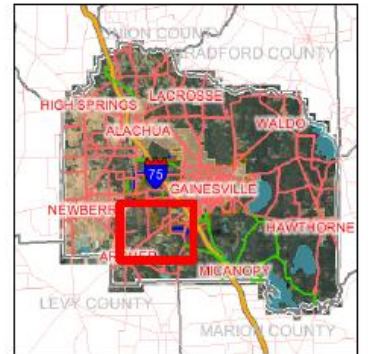
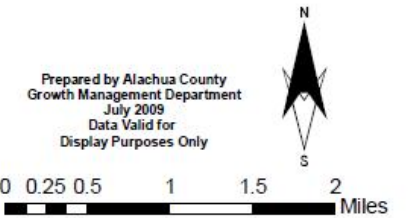
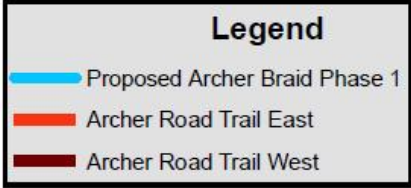
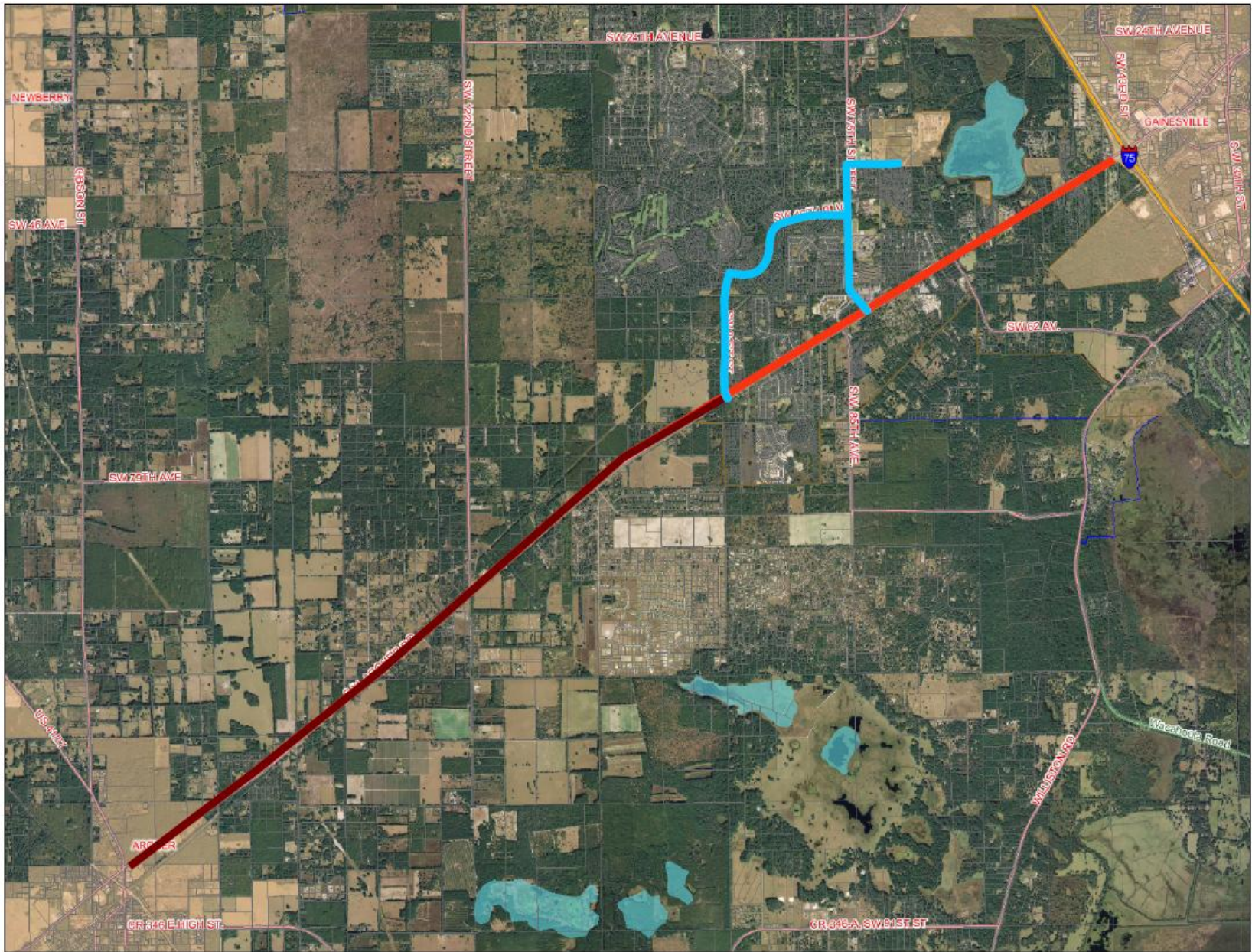
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- ▶ BOCC discussed the Archer Braid on July 14, 2009 and directed staff to pursue allocation of the SR 24 enhancement funding to the Archer Braid Project until completion, then to the eastern portion of the Archer Road project until completion, then to the western portion of the Archer Road project until completion.
- ▶ BOCC discussed Archer Braid on September 8, 2009 and directed staff to allocate as first priority the section of the trail from the City of Archer to SW 91st Street. Remaining money will go toward the Archer Braid, preferably Phase 1.





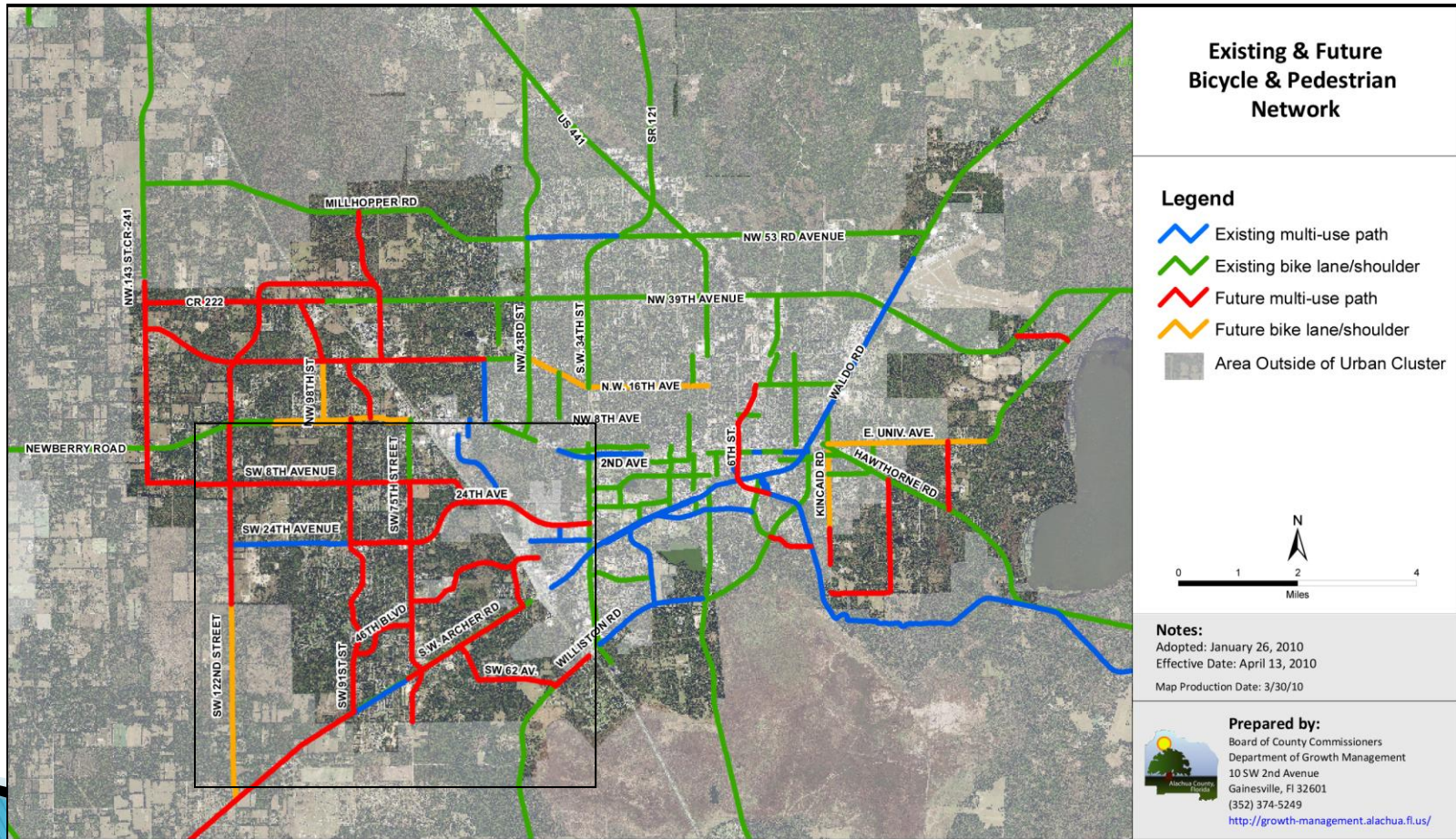
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- ▶ Alachua County staff submitted a separate Application for Transportation Enhancement funding with the List of Priority Projects in September, 2009. The Application(s) for the Archer Braid Trail now describe the route as SR 24/ City of Archer to 91st St. as Phase One. Second priority is 91st St. to Tower Road, then to the extent of the ROW along SW 41st Place. This became Phase two, application submitted May 1, 2009.



Archer Braid Timeline

- ▶ 2007-2010
- ▶ Alachua County Mobility Plan



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- ▶ In the Adopted Work Program FY 2011, the FDOT programmed Ph 1 – as project number 2078374 with \$1.986 mil design build construction (SE) in FY 2012 and \$1,000 PE (design) in FY 2012. The Department assigned a new project number to Ph 2 – as off system, number 4290291 from SR 24 to I-75, \$150,000 PE (design) in FY 2012 and \$1.5 mil construction (SE) in FY 2013. This was presented at the December 2010 FDOT Work Program meeting. The comparison of the TIP to the Tentative 5-Year Work Program also outlines the new Ph 2 project number and description.



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- ▶ May 2, 2011 the MTPO processed two Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments. The Bike/Ped Board, TAC and CAC (April 2011 meetings) reviewed these requests, as well. One of the TIP amendments is to amend limits of Archer Braid Trail – City of Archer to 91st St (#2078374) and one amendment is to add PE (design) to Archer Braid Trail – SR 24 to Kanapaha Park (#4290291)



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- ▶ Alachua County entered into a Local Agency Partnership (LAP) agreement with FDOT for design services, 429029-1 Archer Braid, SR 24/Archer Rd. to Veterans/Kanapaha Park in July 2011.
- ▶ FDOT has a the Design/Build Contract out for bid for Phase 1 from Archer to SW 91st Street.
- ▶ The County has commenced development of 30% design plans for Phase 2 from SW 91st Street to Veteran's Park which should be presented in the late summer/early fall of 2012.



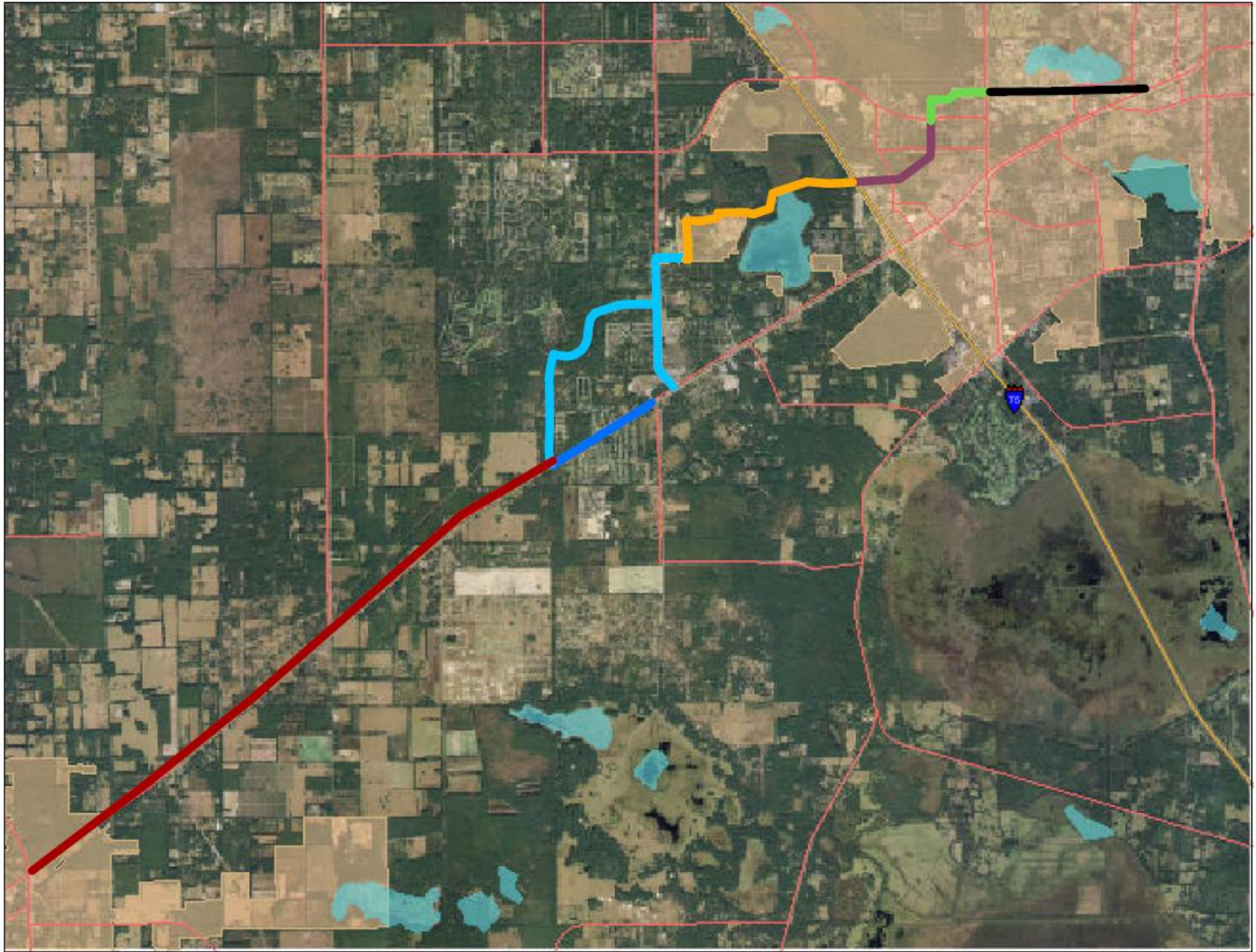
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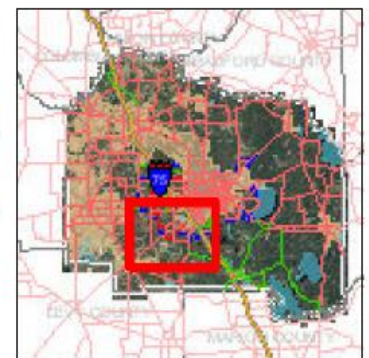
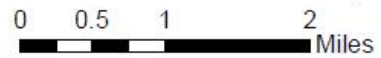
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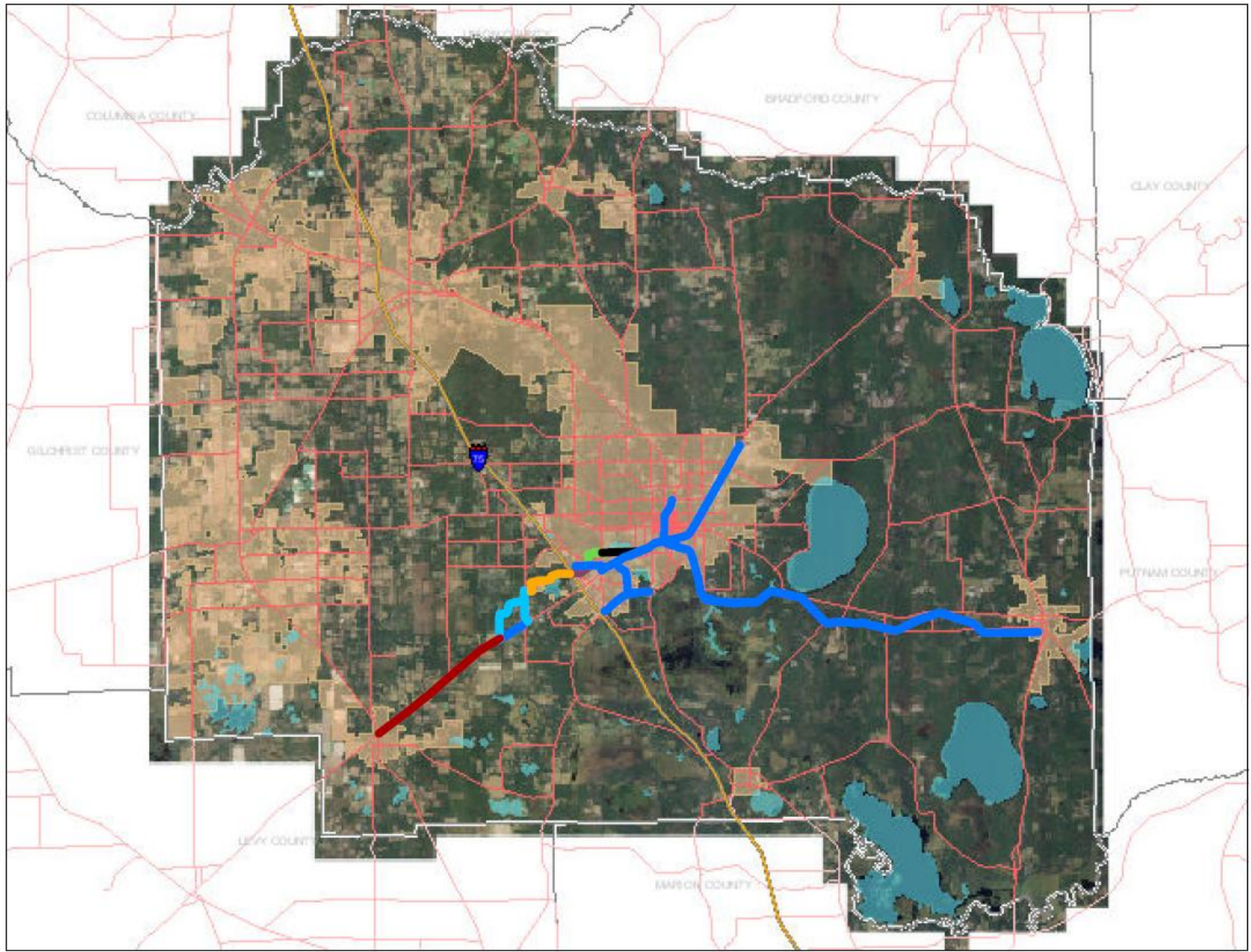
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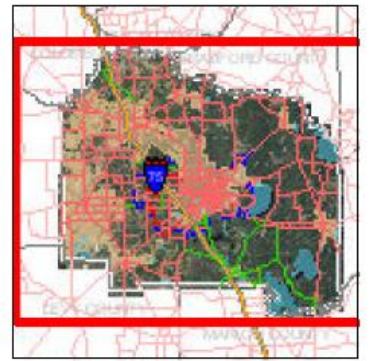
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Questions

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