



Pinellas Trail Loop

North Gap Realignment Design-Build Project

Public Engagement Summary

Community engagement and public input are important components of the Pinellas Trail Loop project. During this project, Pinellas County provided the public with numerous opportunities to provide ideas and input regarding the alignment options, share concerns, and receive project details and information.

First Public Meeting, November 2018

- Proposed alignment
 - Presented the entire alignment of the north loop trail from Enterprise Road on the south to John Chesnut Park on the north.
 - 6.8 miles of new trail divided into three zones.
- Meeting outcomes
 - Based on questions from Homeowner Associations and subdivisions, staff conducted field meetings to discuss specific trail locations.
 - The plans were modified to address some of the concerns.
 - Some comments included the need for pedestrian overpasses, or traffic signals and specific questions about the location of the trail relative to homes.
 - Comments also included general support and the need for more public input and outreach.

Board of County Commission Meeting, April 2019

- Presented proposed alignment (Duke Energy corridor).
- Several citizens expressed concerns with the use of the Duke Energy corridor, utilizing Meadow Wood Drive and whether other potential alignments were not a better solution.
- Board asked for additional information.

Board of County Commission Workshop, June 2019

- Reviewed trail alignment alternatives.
- Discussed roadway crossings.
- Reviewed Meadow Wood Drive alignment.
- Staff re-evaluations led to the Duke Energy corridor recommendation.
- Board direction was to proceed with the Northside Drive - Countryside Boulevard alignment *“unless there is a strong impediment” or “problem.”*

Northside Dr.- Countryside Blvd. Alignment Public Meeting, October 2019

- Possible trail locations
 - Northside Drive – north side of the road or south side of the road
 - Countryside Boulevard – west side of the road or east side of the road
- Preferred trail locations (preferred by staff or citizens)
 - Northside Drive - south side of road
 - Countryside Boulevard - east side of road
- 123 written comments were received

Public Meeting, December 2020

- Presented two alignments
 - Alignment A: Duke Energy property and the north side of Meadow Wood Drive
 - Alignment B: South side of Northside Drive and the east side of Countryside Blvd.
- 314 survey responses received
 - 80% live near one of the proposed alignments
 - 55% prefer Alignment A
 - 44% prefer Alignment B

