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GATEWAY CROSSINGS

What is the Gateway Crossings Plan?

The Gateway Crossings Plan is a long-term, multi-year initiative that will help identify strategies to preserve the environment, create new opportunities, enhance our quality of life and enable us to grow responsibly between now and 2040. It will be a participatory planning effort that will engage its communities to coordinate their vision and priorities with implementation and public investments.

What is the Gateway Crossings Area?

The Gateway Crossings Area also known as the South Market Area is a planning boundary that includes, some of the oldest and robust communities within Pasco County. It includes historical areas such as Lutz, Odessa, Land O' Lakes, and Wesley Chapel, recently developed neighborhoods such as Trinity, Thousand Oaks, Long Leaf, and Wiregrass, as well as upcoming new developments such as Asturia, Bexley and Starkey Ranch located along the S.R. 54 corridor.

Why are we doing this Plan now?

The population in the Gateway Crossings area is expected to grow tremendously between now and 2040. The new growth if not planned strategically, will have a tremendous impact on its communities in terms of its need for jobs, schools, parks, playgrounds and transportation infrastructure.

As stated by the ULI Advisory Panel Report in 2008, while this area has its advantages, it also faces the potential threat of developing into a suburban development pattern with inefficient utilization of land. Considering the incredible transformation that our communities are going through and the remarkable growth that lies ahead, it is critical that we plan for this growth, harness this opportunity, protect and preserve everything that we love about our communities, as well as invest wisely in its improvement.

How does this Plan relate to the other planning efforts?

There is a large body of planning work that has been accomplished in the past and there are many that are currently underway. This planning effort will tie together all these planning efforts under key themes such as education, economic development, place making, neighborhood improvement and transportation. The Plan will build on the past efforts, implement the recommendations and ideas developed through these planning processes, as well as identify additional strategies for improving our quality of life.

One such project that is closely tied to the Gateway Crossings Plan is the Vision 54/56 project. The project is focused on developing a vision for the S.R. 54/56 corridor - the main arterial connecting the communities within the Gateway Crossings planning area. The study will be accomplished in two phases and is being led by Pasco County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with the help of a citizen-led task force.

What is the timeline of this project?

Any planning effort of this scale and significance takes tremendous time, effort and public involvement. The following list gives an overview of the various stages within this multi-year planning process.

Baseline Study: Fall/Winter 2016

Project Launch: Spring 2017

Developing a Vision: Spring 2017

Identifying Alternatives and Options: Summer 2017

Final Plan: Fall/Winter 2017

Who will be working on this project?

The Plan is a blueprint for implementation efforts and therefore shall be developed through a participatory process. Pasco County's Planning and Development Department will lead this project with support from the County Administration and the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning process will involve contributions from various county departments, public and private agencies, stakeholder groups, developers, and most importantly, residents and community advocates.

How can I get involved?

You can get involved in a number of ways depending on what you like, your schedule and convenience.

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