

An aerial photograph of Payne Park in Sarasota, Florida, taken at sunset. The park features a paved trail, palm trees, and a playground. In the background, a city skyline with several high-rise buildings is visible across a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

THE LEGACY TRAIL - PAYNE PARK (ALDERMAN MURT)

Public Meeting

10.26.2023

Welcome to the public meeting for the Legacy Trail – Payne Park, Alderman Multi-Use Recreational Trail or MURT, for short. The City of Sarasota is conducting this meeting to present information on the City’s plans for the trail and collect public feedback on its design. You will be able to view project exhibits, ask questions, and discuss the work with members of the project team. This presentation has been recorded and will be available on the project website: www.SarasotaFL.gov/LegacyTrailPaynePark.

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This information is being displayed at the public meeting and was included in the meeting notifications.

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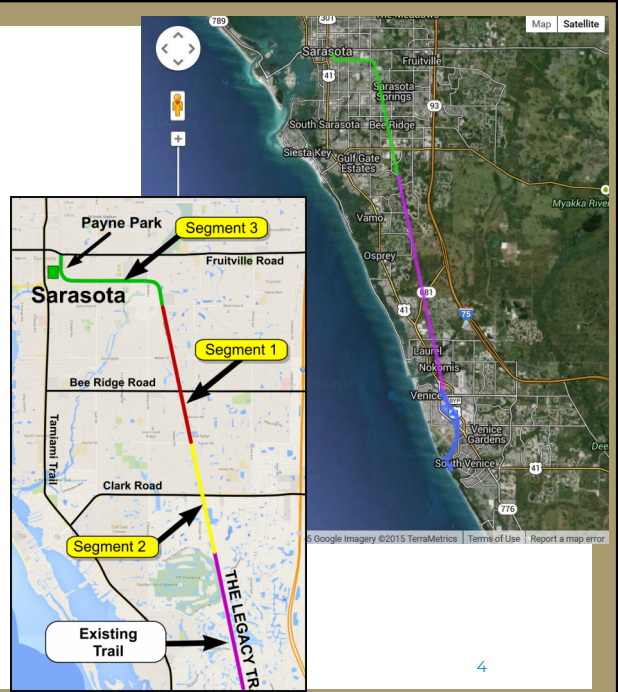
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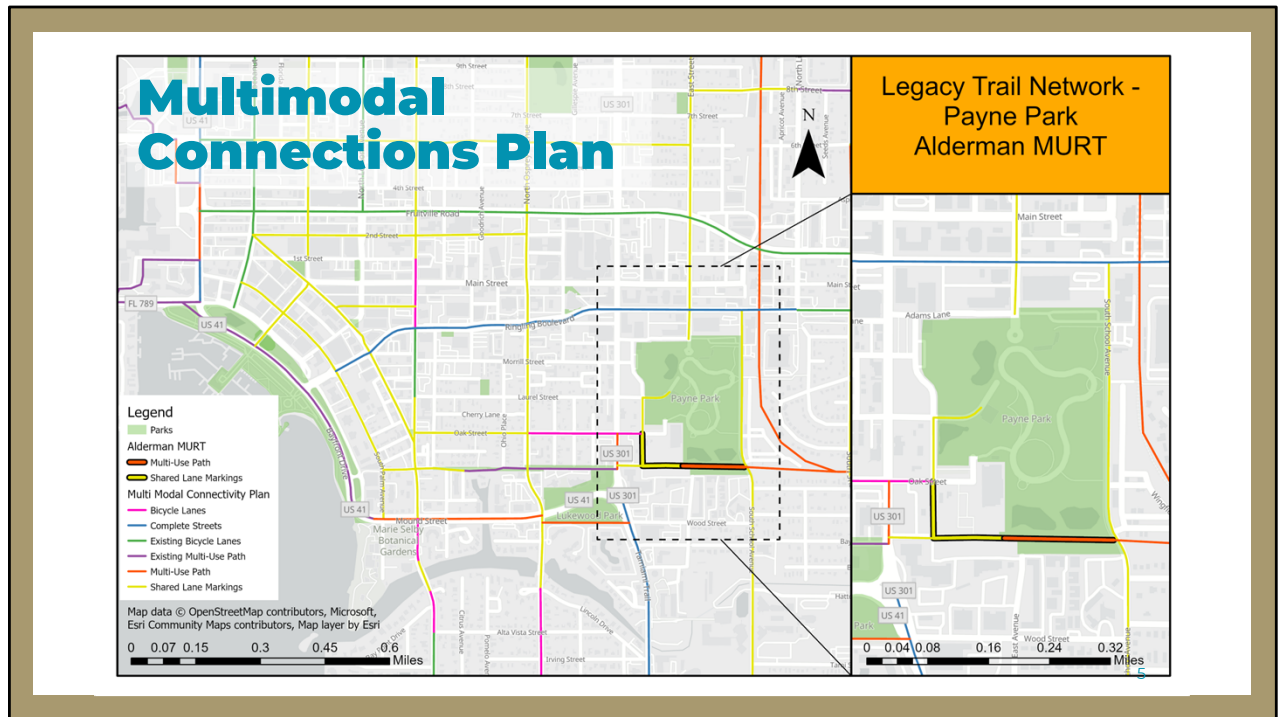
My name is Corinne Arriaga, and I am the project manager for this effort. I'm available with members of the City's project development team as well as the consultant team from Patel, Greene, and Associates to help answer questions and discuss comments.

What is the Legacy Trail?

- 19.6 Mile Multi-Use Trail
- Extends from Venice to Sarasota
- November 2018: County voters approved a bond referendum to extend The Legacy Trail north along the existing rail corridor to Payne Park in downtown Sarasota
- February 2022: Public Meeting
- March 2022: Grant application submitted



The Legacy Trail is a nearly 20-mile multi-use trail extending from Venice to Sarasota. A bond referendum to extend the trail to Payne Park was approved in November of 2018. The County's portion of The Legacy Trail to Payne Park, Segment 3 on the map, was completed in 2021.



This project is identified on the City’s Multimodal Connection Plan, approved by Commission in 2019. This alignment was intended to create a connection once Sarasota County’s portion of The Legacy Trail was extended. However, after this trail alignment through Payne Park was designed, construction was placed on hold due to available funding.

At its core, the purpose of this trail through south Payne Park is to develop an at grade trail to connect users from the Legacy Trail to Downtown Sarasota and vice versa, creating shorter distances for people walking, biking, or rolling on their scooters, skateboards, roller skates, mobility assistance devices, etc..

In February of 2022, the City of Sarasota met with members of the community to refine the design of the Payne Park/Alderman multi-use recreational trail before submitting a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Previous Public Comments



- Alta Vista Neighborhood President Concern for safety due to number of users
- Requested controllable gate and limited hours
- Confirm affects to local disc golf course, trees, drainage ponds
- Confirm connections to nearby parks
- Confirm amenities to be included (bike parking, lighting, etc.)



Many topics were discussed at the previous meeting, including safety concerns, effects on the surrounding community, and how to include different amenities. Those discussions resulted in several changes to the final design of the project, before submitting the grant application to the FDEP.

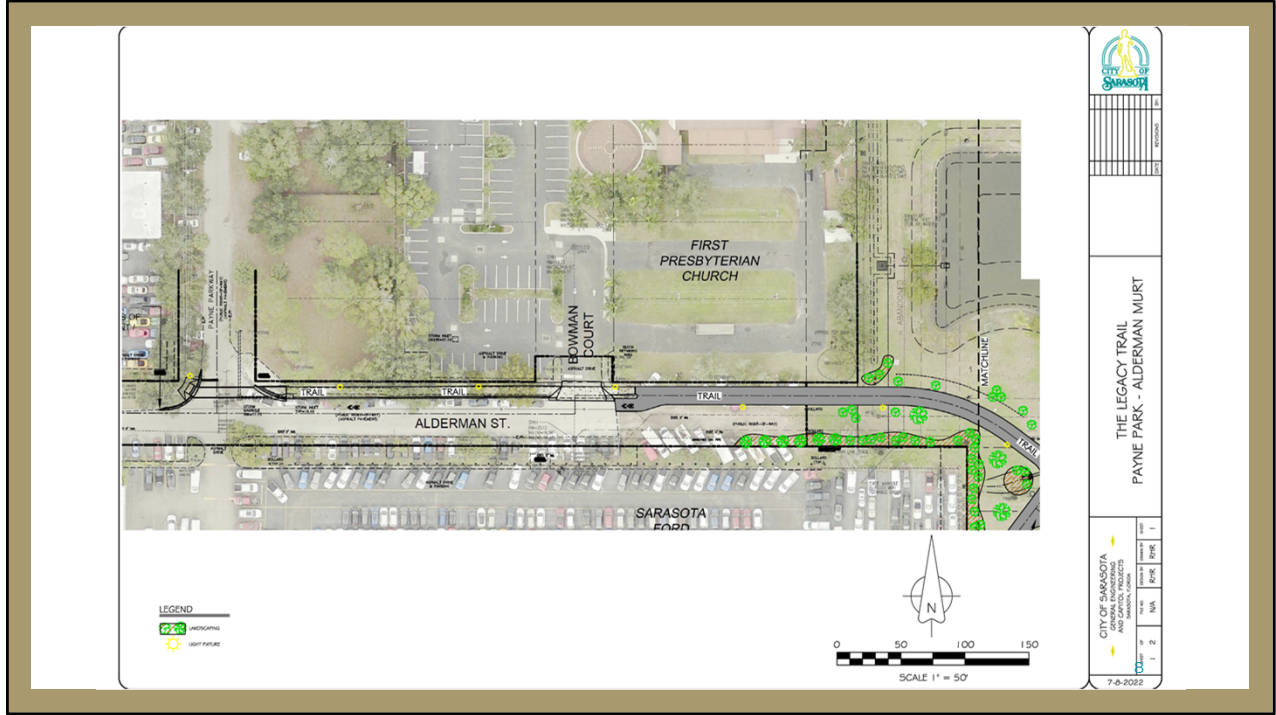
The Legacy Trail Payne Park (Alderman MURT)

- \$400,000 grant awarded to city by FDEP from the federally funded Recreational Trails Program
- NEPA process must be completed and approved within 180 days from grant execution by FDEP

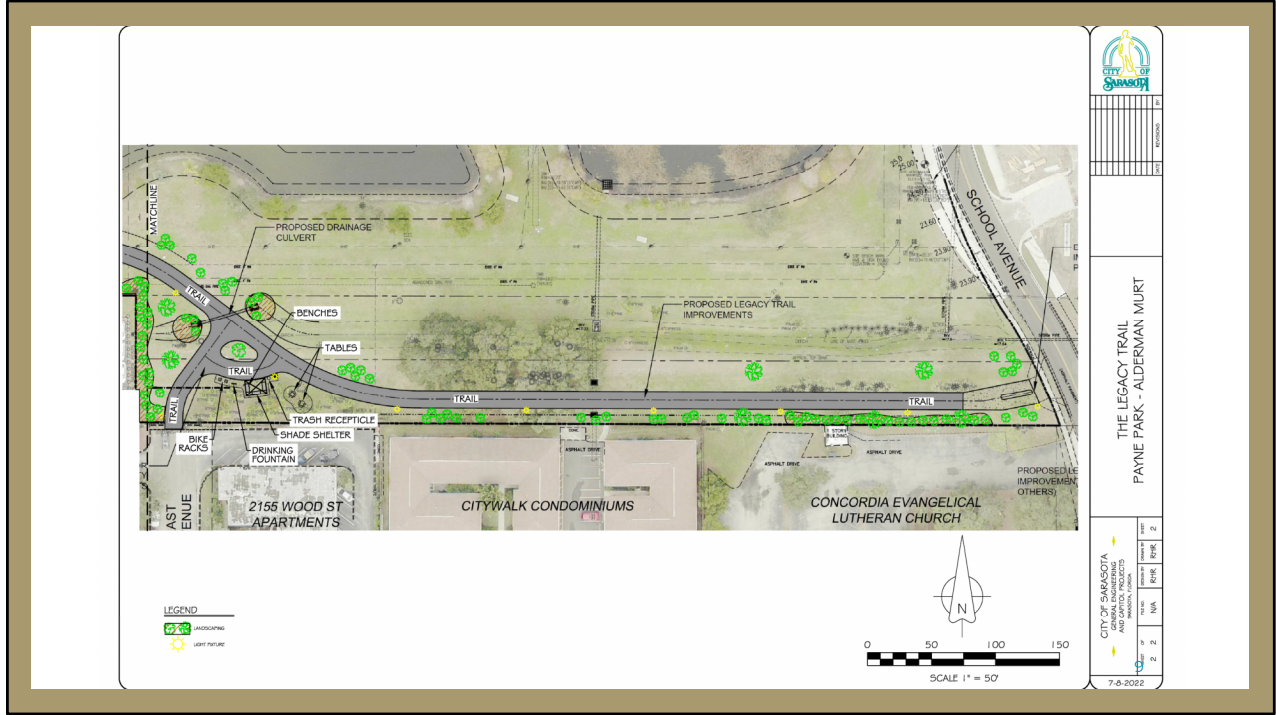



VICINITY MAP

This year, the FDEP awarded a \$400,000 grant to support the City’s construction of the trail. Before the project can move to final design and construction, FDEP allows 180 days for grant recipients to complete the process set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, of 1969. To document this process, which includes detailed technical, cultural, and environmental reviews, the City has partnered with Patel, Greene, and Associates.



Today, the total design length of the trail is 1,170 linear feet and will maintain a minimum setback of 12 feet from adjacent properties for the entire length.



Next to the connection to East Avenue, the trail will include a shade shelter with a drinking fountain, benches, tables, and bike racks. The shelter will also include both directional (wayfinding) and informational signs. The signs will display descriptions of Payne Park and local flora and fauna they might see along the trail.

Anticipated Schedule¹

- **February 2022:** Public Meeting
- **March 2022:** Submission of grant application to FDEP
- **July 2023:** Submittal of grant agreement to City Commission
- **September 2023:** FDEP executes grant agreement
- **October 2023:** Public Meeting
- **December 2023:** Anticipated completion and approval of NEPA documentation²

¹Schedule is subject to change without prior notice.

²Documentation and compliance with NEPA requirements must be completed within 180 days of FDEP's execution of the grant.

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FDEP recently executed the grant agreement for the project. The next step is to complete all NEPA documentation and ensure environmental compliance within 180 days, BEFORE the project moves to final design and construction. With that in mind, we anticipate that the NEPA documentation will be approved by December of this year.

How to Submit Comments?



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We encourage your input and welcome all comments for this project. In-person attendees may complete and return a comment form during the public meeting. Alternatively, comments may be submitted by mail at 1761 12th Street, Sarasota, FL 34236, by phone at (941) 263-6362, or by email to Corinne.Arriaga@SarasotaFL.gov. While you are able to provide written comments about the project at any time, only comments submitted by November 6, 2023, will be included in the public record. Please also feel free to visit the project website to review this information at www.SarasotaFL.gov/LegacyTrailPaynePark.

THANK YOU!

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Thank you for attending this public meeting. This presentation will be replayed on 30-minute intervals.