

South Orange Blossom Trail from North of **Holden Avenue to 36th Street**

Orange County

Financial Project Identification (FPID): 439679-1

Project Description

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be improving pedestrian safety on South Orange Blossom Trail from north of Holden Avenue to 36th Street in Orlando. Please note that South Orange Blossom Trail has multiple designations: State Road (S.R.) 600/S.R. 500/U.S. 441/U.S. 17/92.

The proposed improvements include installing six (6) pedestrian hybrid beacons, or PHBs, at the following locations:

- Crossing #1: 900 feet north of Holden Avenue, between the Walgreens driveway to the west and the Southgate Shopping Center to the east.
- Crossing #2: Between 44th Street and 42nd Street, between a Chevron gas station to the west and a motel to the east.
- Crossing #3: On the south side of 37th Street, between a car sales business to the west and a pawn shop to the east.

Two PHBs will be placed at each of the three existing mid-block pedestrian crossings. Improvements also include enhanced lighting at each mid-block crossing.

PHBs are a special type of signal installed at pedestrian crossings and are used to warn and control traffic as pedestrians cross the roadway. These signals are typically installed mid-block but should be treated just like a traffic signal at an intersection.

Fast Facts

Contractor:

PowerCore, Inc.

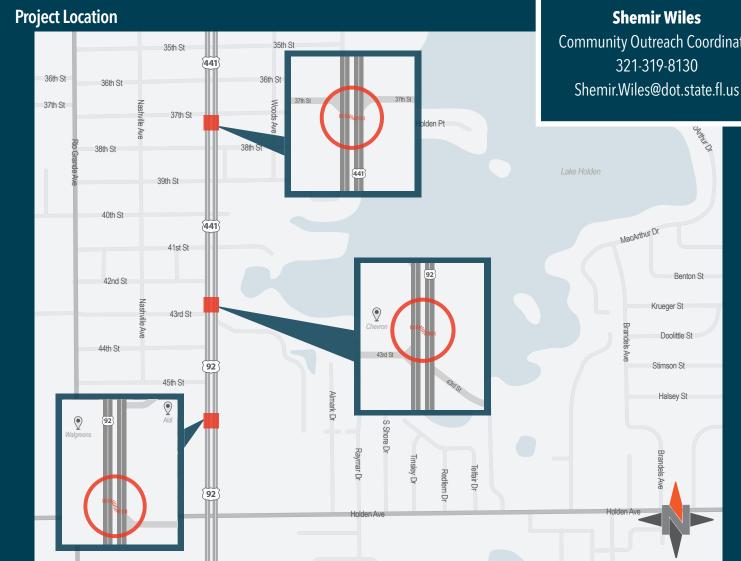
Project Cost: \$782,000

Project Start: September 2019

Estimated Completion: Fall 2020

Contact Information

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What to Expect

During construction, pedestrian access at the three mid-block crossings will be maintained and motorists should expect single lane closures between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Electronic message boards and other signage will be used to direct traffic.

Please note the schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected conditions.

How PHBs Work

PHBs stay dark until activated when a pedestrian pushes a button typically located on a pole or post on the roadside. Once the button is pushed, the indicator lights will begin to flash yellow to warn motorists that the signal has been activated. These lights are then followed by a solid yellow light and then two solid red lights that signal motorists to come to a complete stop.

Subsequently, pedestrians receive a "WALK" signal followed by a flashing countdown that indicates how much time is left to cross the street. During the flashing countdown, drivers will see red lights flashing alternately that should be treated like a stop sign, meaning cars should stop, then proceed through the crosswalk if

Once the cycle is finished, drivers will see the indicator lights go dark and pedestrians will have a "DON'T WALK" signal. Vehicles can then proceed with caution.





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