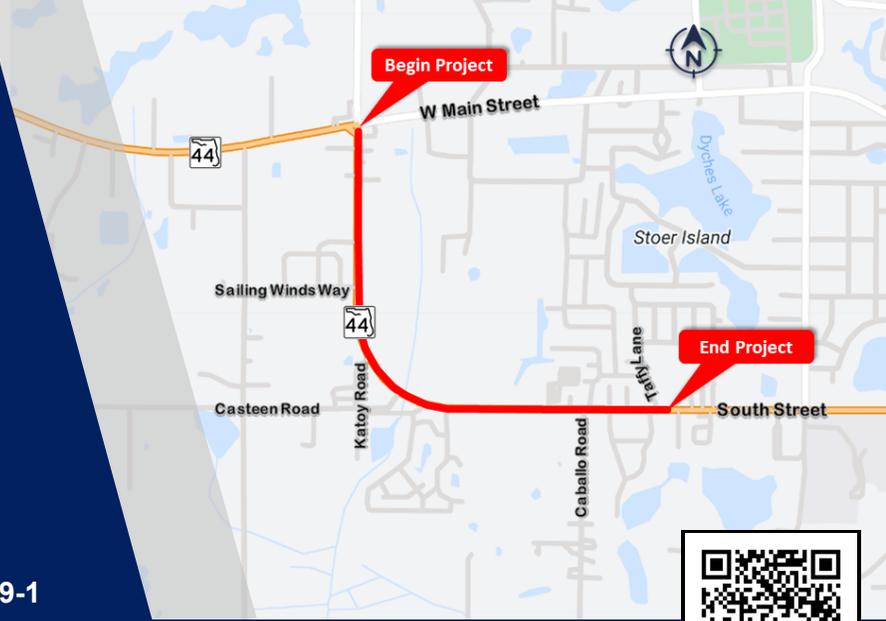




S.R. 44 (South Street) Improvements

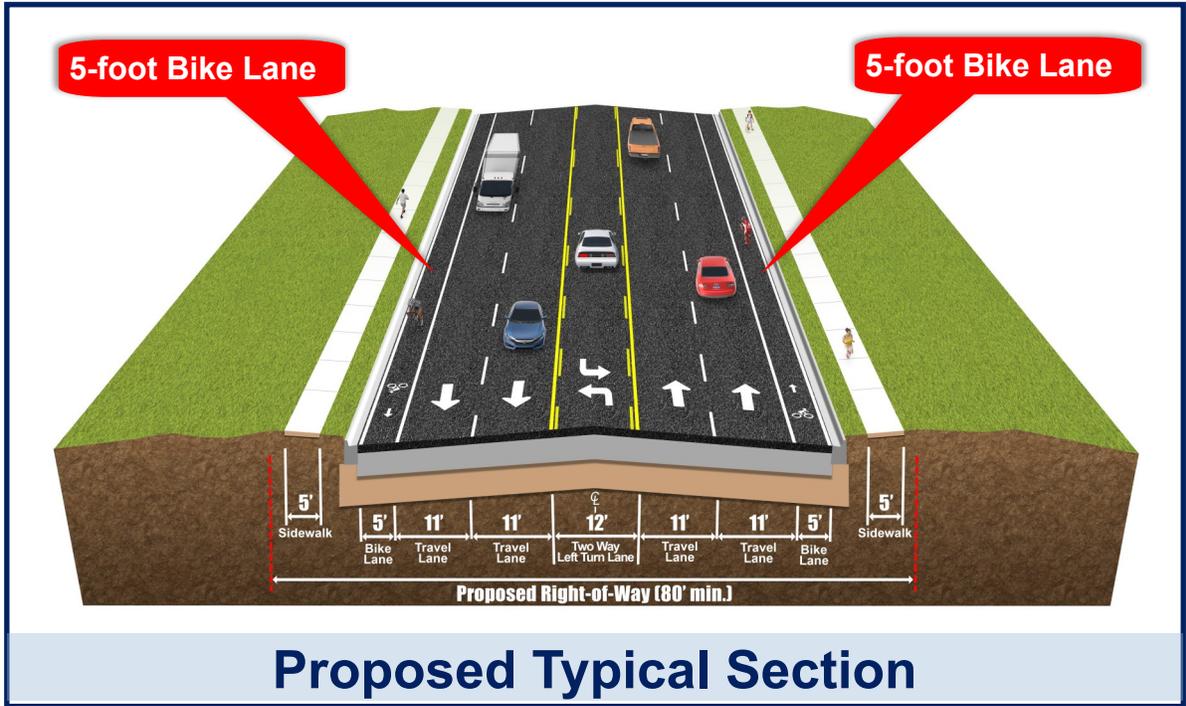
From West Main Street to West of Taffy Lane
Lake County

Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 448739-1



Project Description

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is planning improvements along State Road (S.R.) 44, also known as South Street, from West Main Street to west of Taffy Lane in Leesburg. The goal of the improvements is to enhance operations and safety along the corridor for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.



Proposed improvements include

repaving this section of S.R. 44 to extend the life of the existing roadway. The project also proposes installing 5-foot bike lanes from West Main Street to Caballo Road, upgrading existing bus stop facilities, and updating curb ramps to meet current Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

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Project Status and Estimated Costs*

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| Design: | Ongoing—Complete spring 2024 | N/A** |
| Right of Way: | Within existing | — |
| Construction: | Funded fall 2024 | \$ 3.1 Million |

*subject to change ** design by in-house FDOT staff

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S.R. 44 at Katoy Road: Proposed Improvements



To help encourage safer driving speeds, the project will add intermittent raised islands in the median. These islands are a safety feature designed to encourage drivers to be more aware of their surroundings, and will not limit access to side streets or driveways along the roadway. They also serve to increase visibility and create physical separation between lanes of oncoming traffic. The project also proposes installing additional signs to help drivers better anticipate the curve in the roadway and adjust vehicle speeds accordingly.

Additional proposed improvements include upgrades to the signalized intersection at S.R. 44 and West Main Street. Obsolete driveways along the corridor will also be removed.

These planned operational and safety improvements are part of a larger initiative to help meet FDOT's vision of providing safer roadways for all users.

Florida's safety vision begins and ends with a single word: **ZERO**



Zero fatalities. Zero injuries. Zero families, communities, and workplaces impacted by the tragedy of a life lost or permanently changed by a serious injury. Achieving zero takes everyone working together. None of us can do this alone. We can all do something.