



School Avenue Greenway Extension Feasibility Study

Alternatives Public Meeting

March 13, 2025

What are we doing here?

- We'll introduce you to the study
- You'll learn about what we heard at our last meeting and our technical analysis
- You'll see some concepts that incorporate what we heard
- You'll share your thoughts about what parts you like and what parts you don't



Introduction to the Project

- **At this meeting:**

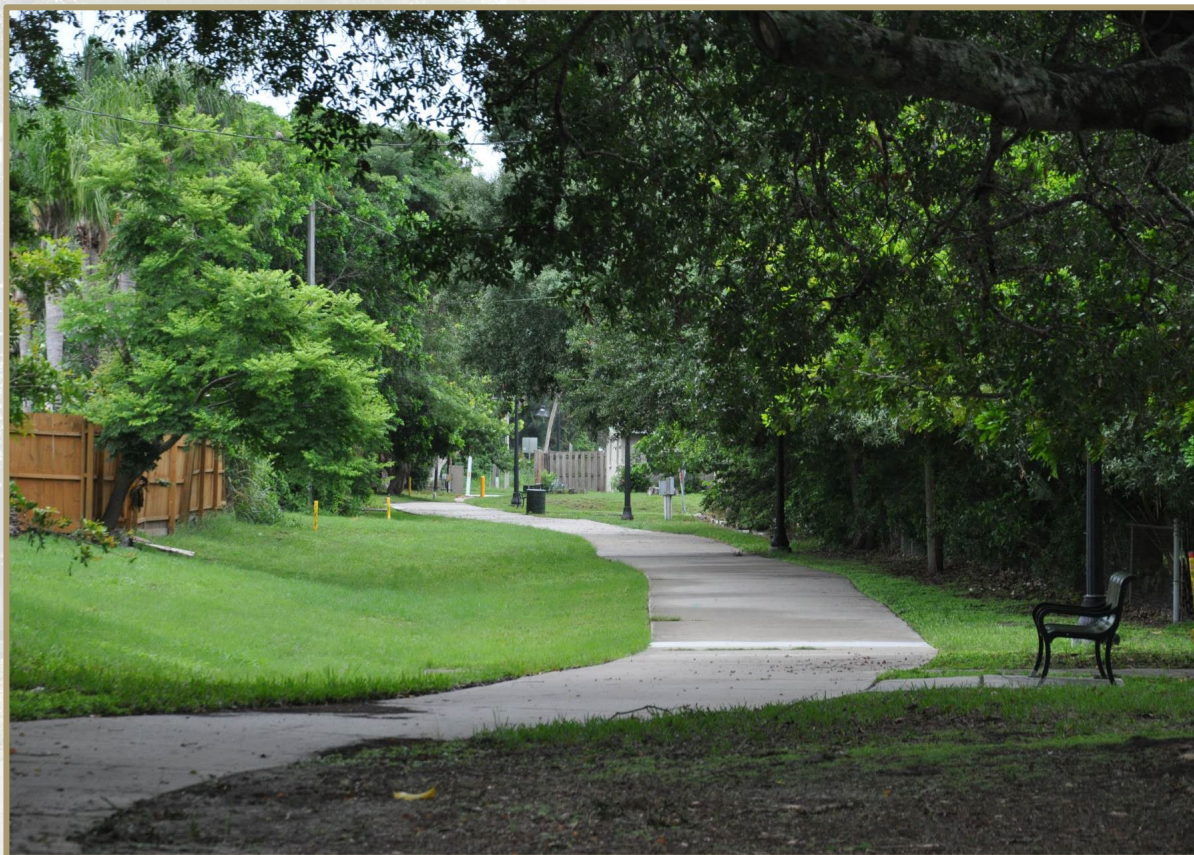


- **Requests of you:**

- Look at the different concepts.
- What parts do you like?
- What parts don't you like?

Introduction to the Project

- We are working to expand the City of Sarasota's Greenway network.



A greenway is a path for people on foot or bike to use for transportation or recreation. A greenway's design is flexible. Typically, greenways are separated from roads, they can be paved or unpaved, and there is often an emphasis on vegetation and greenery.

#1 priority in
Sarasota in Motion
is to expand the trails system

Sarasota in
motion

Feasibility Study



- **Purpose - answer two questions:**

1. Which solutions are possible?

Relies on technical analysis and discovery

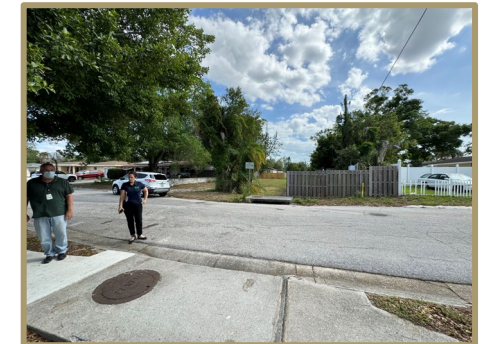
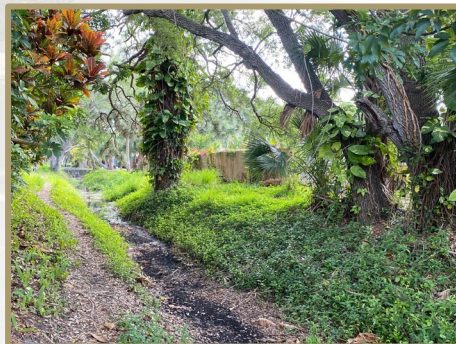
Multiple solutions will be technically feasible

2. Which solution is ideal?

Relies on engaging the community

Desired outcome is one preferred solution that reflects community's vision

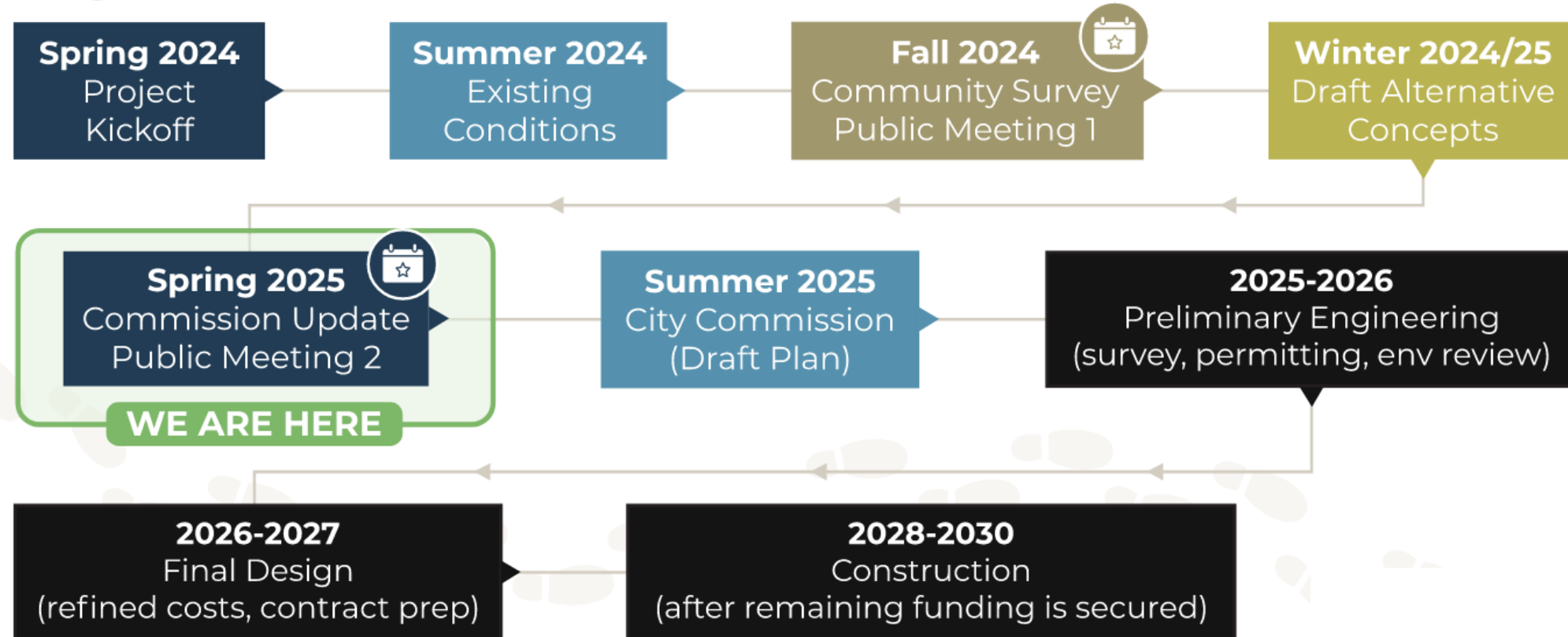
Can focus the support of the community and decisionmakers



Feasibility Study



Project Timeline



Note: Timeline is subject to changes based on City Commission priorities.

Feasibility Study

- **Anticipated next steps...**
 - Understand preferences collected today
 - Incorporate into a preferred alternative
- **We'll share the preferred alternative with City Commission later this summer for direction.**

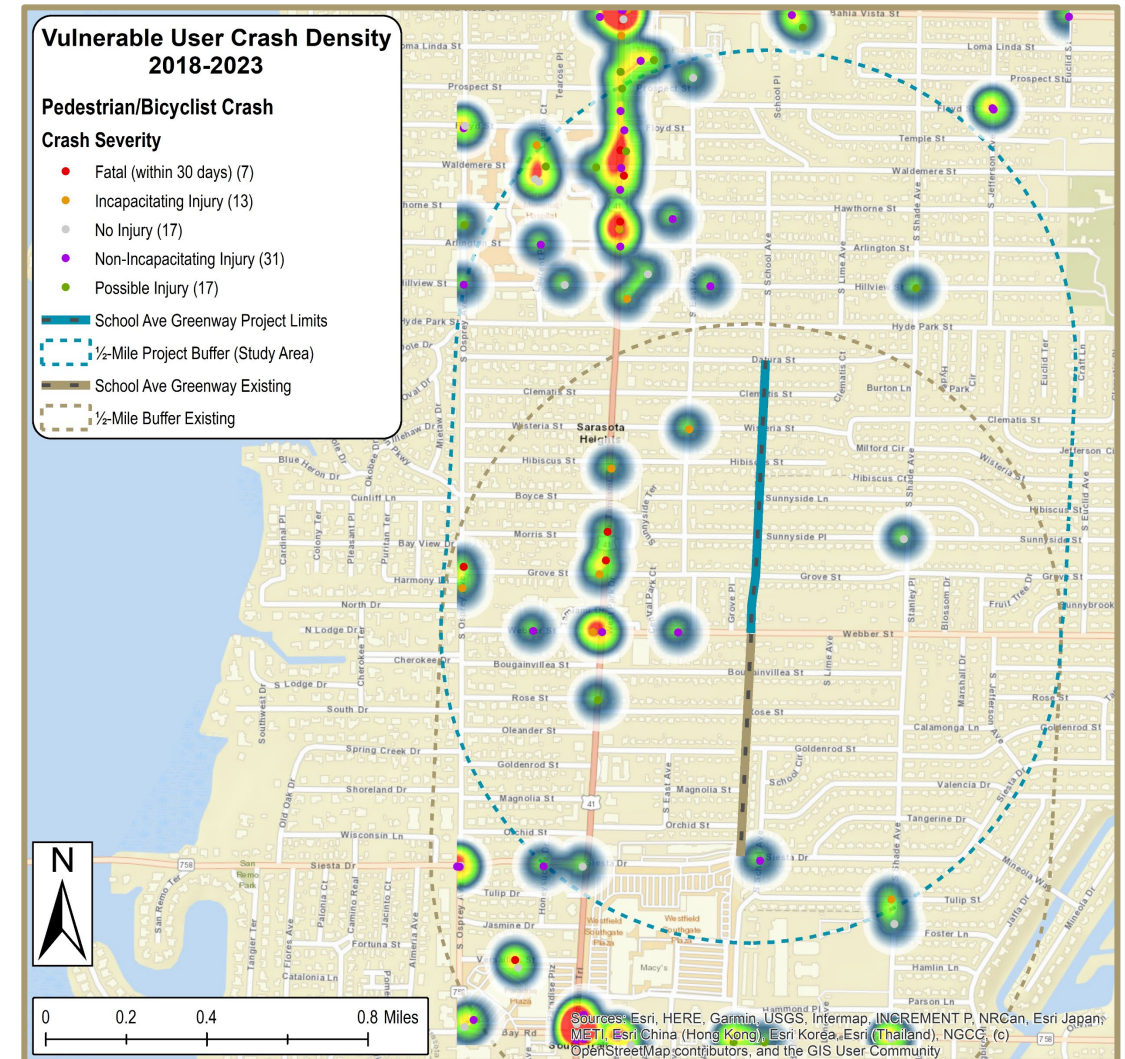
Summer 2025
City Commission
(Draft Plan)



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- The map displays the proposed multi-use path in St. Petersburg, Florida. The path is shown as a green line, with a solid section labeled 'Begin Project' and a dashed section labeled 'End Project'. The path runs along the waterfront, passing by the Arlington Park & Aquatic Complex and Brookside Middle School. The map includes a legend for Municipal Boundary, Existing Multi-Use Path, Proposed Extension, Parks, and Schools. A scale bar and north arrow are also present.

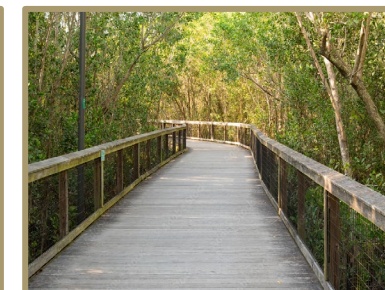
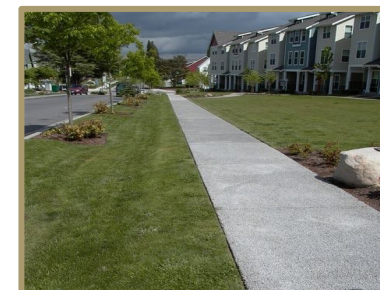
Need and Purpose

- This is a more comfortable and safer alternative to **US 41**. In the last five years, **people on foot or on bikes** were involved in **85 crashes** nearby, mostly on US 41.
- **Directly parallel to the proposed extension are:**
 - 2 fatalities
 - 4 incapacitating injuries



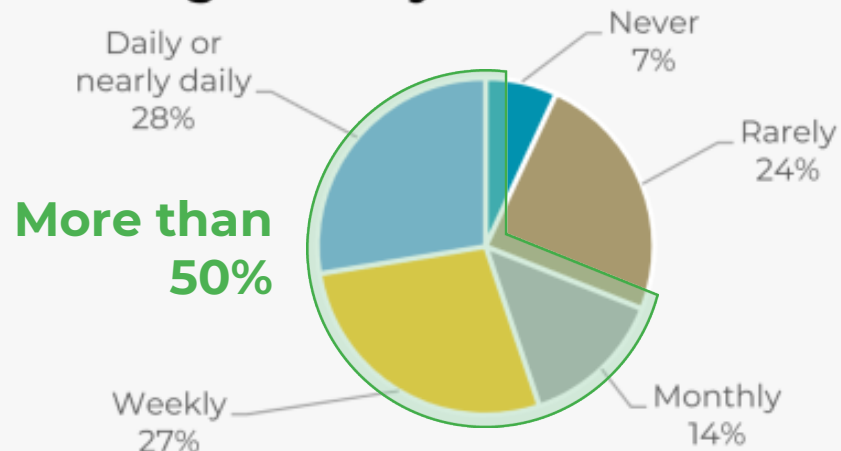
Need and Purpose

- The focus is less on the preferred route than on:
 - How you will experience the greenway
 - The surface
 - The surroundings
 - How the greenway crosses side streets
 - It crosses seven two-lane residential streets and
 - One four-lane higher speed and volume street (Webber Street)

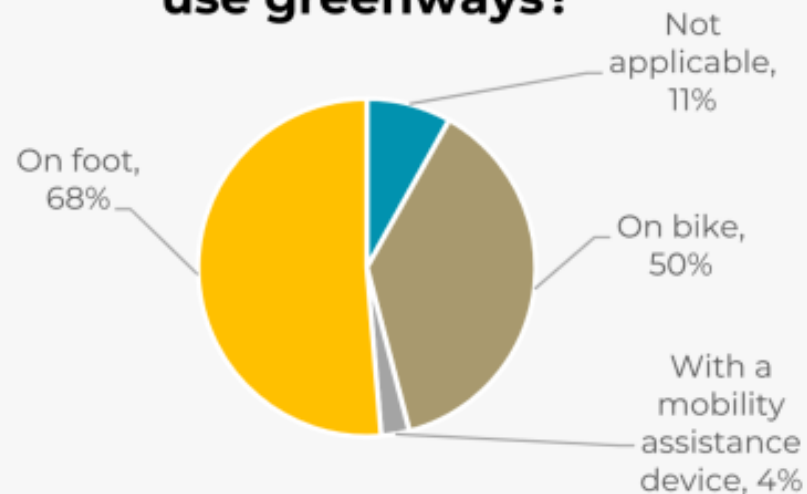


What We Heard

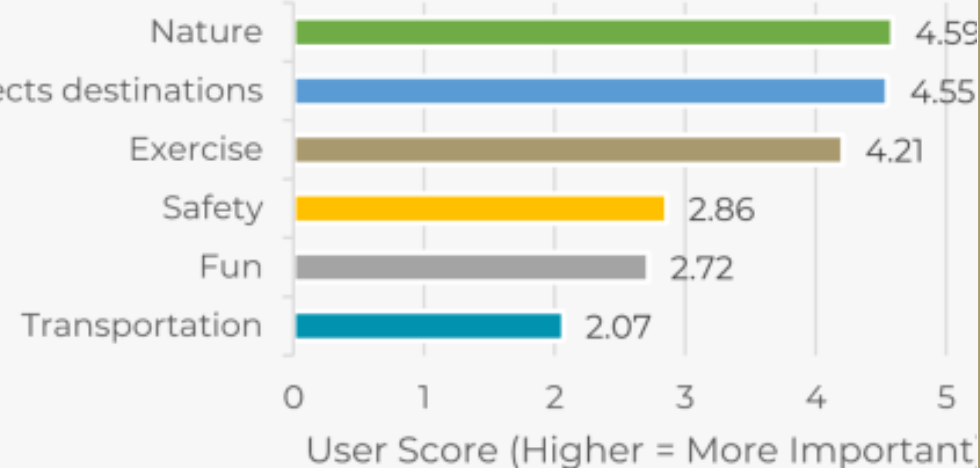
How often do you use greenways in Sarasota?



How do you use or would like to use greenways?



What are the most important benefits of greenways to you? Rank in order of preference.



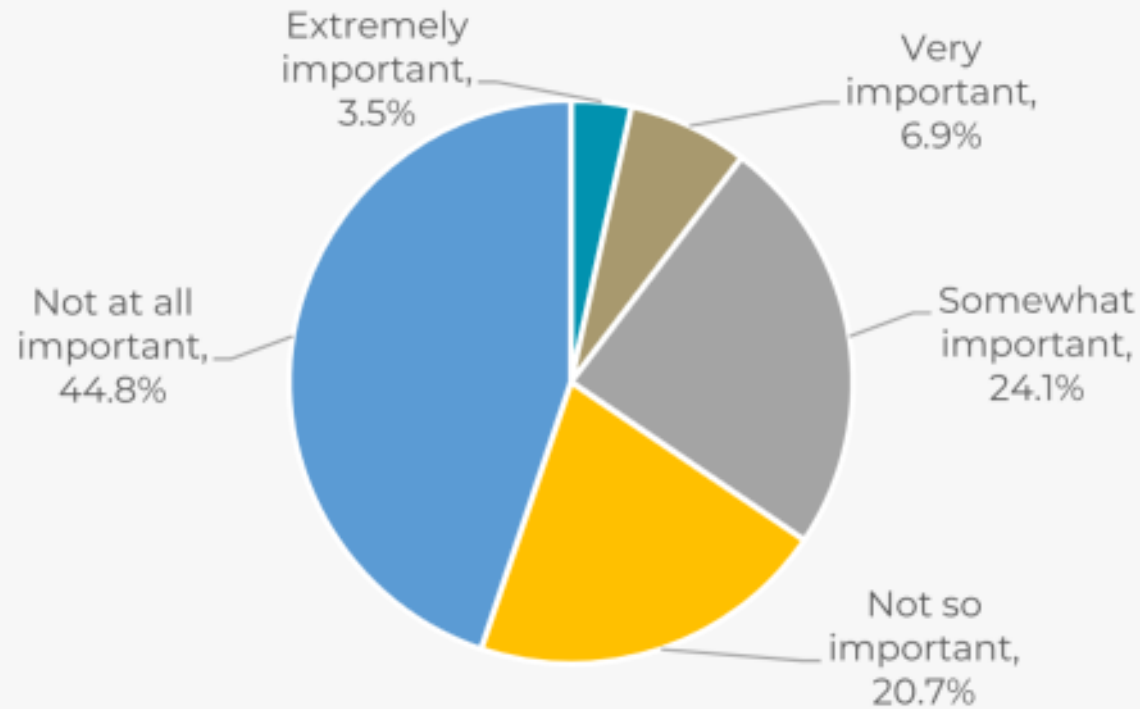
- **When you think of a greenway, what three words do you think of?**



What We Heard



How important is it to you that the extension look like the current section south of Webber Street?



What We Heard

- What do you see as the biggest opportunity to make the extension a wonderful amenity for the City?



What We Heard

More Desirable

("Desirable" and "Slightly Desirable")

- Canopy Trees
- Shade Trees
- Benches and Trash Cans
- Natural Edge Treatments
- Destination Guides and Mile Markers
- Boardwalk Surface
- Nature-Based Drainage Treatments

Less Desirable

(Less than "Neutral")

- Stone Edge Treatments
- Boardwalk Railing



Desirable



Slightly
Desirable



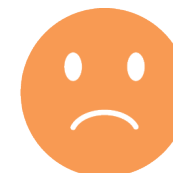
Very Slightly
Desirable



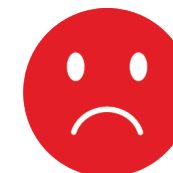
Neutral



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Undesirable



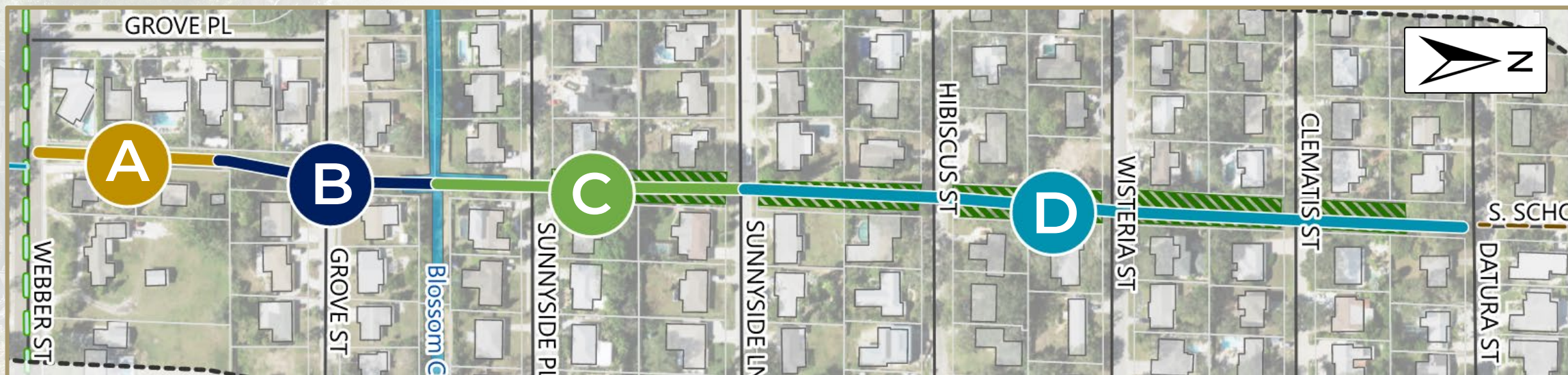
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Undesirable

What We Analyzed

- **Surface Types:**
 - Paved, Boardwalk, Pervious, Natural, and No Build
- **Segmented study area by available right-of-way**



What We Analyzed - Metrics



**Connections
and Safety**



**Design
Standards and
Permitting**



Right-of-Way



Tree Canopy



Amenities






































Drainage Type



Maintenance Costs

What We Analyzed - Results



	Paved	Boardwalk	Pervious	Natural	No Build
Connections and Safety					
Design Standards and Permitting					
Right-of-Way					
Tree Canopy					
Amenities					
Drainage Type					
Estimated Maintenance Costs					



Positive



Neutral



Negative

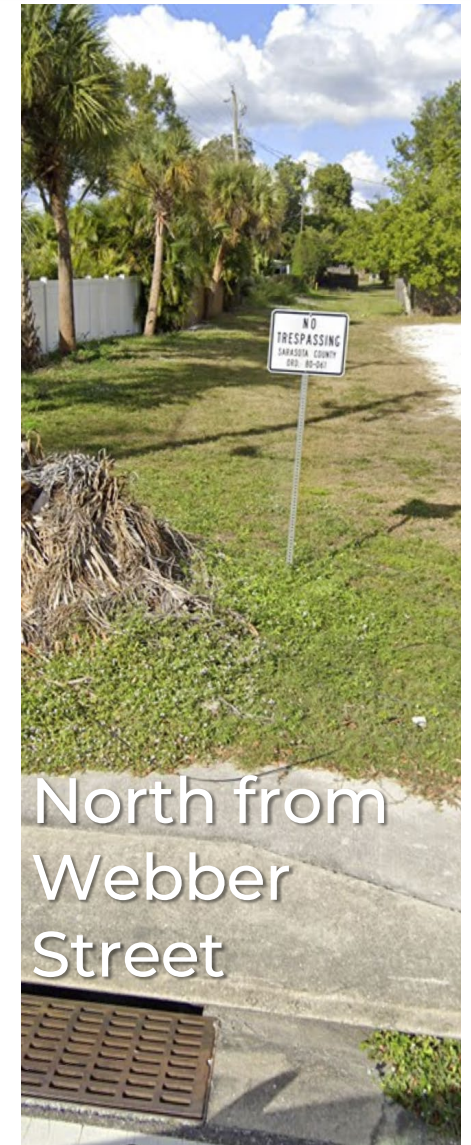
Results

- These are high level concepts – ideas – and don't depict specific details like houses and specific benches, light fixtures, and pavement paint, for example.
- They do depict the idea of the greenway's alignment and its surface.

Results – No Build

- We explored a No Build option where no changes are made to the study area.

Results – No Build



- Currently mowed twice a year
- Shows evidence of use
- No lighting or other safety features

Results – Concept One

- This concept uses a paved surface on the entire length of the extension (except a bridge). The surface may be typical concrete – what is on the existing School Avenue MURT – or it may be a pervious treatment depending on available funding.

Results – Concept One

- Video Tour



Results – Concept Two

- This concept uses a paved surface for the southern portion of the extension and transitions to a boardwalk just south of Blossom Brook Canal. The boardwalk allows the existing ditch to remain in Segments C and D.

Results – Concept Two

- Video Tour



Cost Estimates

- **Costs are for construction only, but do include all materials and labor, even amenities like benches and lighting**
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	Concept One (Asphalt)	Concept One (Pervious)	Concept Two
Estimated Construction Costs	\$2,500,000 – \$3,800,000	\$3,000,000 – \$4,300,000	\$3,800,000 – \$5,800,000
Allocated Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Remaining Funding Needs	\$500,000 - \$1,800,000	\$1,000,000 - \$2,300,000	\$1,800,000 – \$3,800,000

What Now?

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Concepts Survey - Instructions

- Scan the QR code with a smartphone to access the survey
- Or go here:
SarasotaFL.gov/School-Ave-Greenway
 - Please ask project staff if you need help completing the survey.

Survey is
open
through
**MARCH
28th**

**THANK
YOU!**

