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Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest Expanded Project Development and Environment (EPD&E) Study Public “Kickoff” Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Blueprint 2000 & Beyond, a joint organization of Leon County and the City of Tallahassee, has begun a study to examine proposed improvements to a portion of Capital Circle (State Road 263), from south of Orange Avenue (SR 371) to Tennessee Street (SR10/US 90)—a distance of approximately 2.9 miles.

The study process is an expanded version of the Florida Department of Transportation’s standard Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study. A standard PD&E study determines the best location, or “alignment,” for the project, the best design concept, and the effects the project would have on the natural, physical and social environment. Blueprint 2000’s expanded PD&E study also includes these elements but is structured to incorporate other components, such as retrofit of existing flood controls; enhanced measures for protection of water quality; connection to greenway properties for Blountstown Highway recreational trails; and, contributing to ongoing efforts to restore the Gum Swamp.

A study “kickoff” meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, to announce the beginning of the study, to explain the study’s purpose, and to hear public comments and suggestions. The meeting will include an open house for informal comments, questions, and discussions from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., with a short presentation and question and answer session, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information about this meeting in general, contact Bonnie Pfuntner, at Blueprint 2000, by phone (850) 891-1880, or email at: pfuntneb@blueprint2000.org.

Public “Kickoff” Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2004
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
A presentation will be given at 6:00 P.M.
At
Tallahassee Community College
Student Union
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida



NEWS

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September 3, 2004

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BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE SELECTION FOR TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY'S FIRST TRANSPORTATION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

Prior to the first of its penny sales tax being collected, Blueprint 2000 opened bids for its first construction contract on August 31, 2004. M, Inc. and C.W. Roberts, a Joint Venture teamed with PBS&J and Parsons Brinckerhoff have been selected over four other firms for the design-build best value contract after a rigorous selection process based on both technical and financial proposal evaluations. The Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency is expected to award the project at its meeting on September 20, 2004. The apparent winning bid was \$30,448,080.00 to design and construct Capital Circle Southeast from Tram Road to Connie Drive, just south of Apalachee Parkway. Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Agency and Leon County Commissioner Cliff Thaell remarked, "Not only do we get great partners to help us fulfill our Blueprint 2000 vision but we get the work done at an extremely competitive cost to our taxpayers."

This project will reconstruct approximately three miles of Capital Circle Southeast from two lanes to six lanes. The new roadway will include curb and gutter, significant stormwater improvements, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, a substantial landscaped median, extensive landscaped borders, and a multi-use trail.

The M, Inc./C.W. Roberts/PBS&J/Parsons Brinckerhoff team, have approximately 300 employees in the Leon County area. Responsibilities will include design, construction, and construction inspection services. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid 2005 and be completed within 1000 days.

Capital Cascade Trail Master Plan - Community Workshop Notice

Community Workshop #2

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Presentation scheduled to begin at 6:15 P.M.

Location:

Florida Department of Transportation Auditorium
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency will host the second public **Workshop** regarding the **Capital Cascade Trail Master Plan**. The project corridor extends along Franklin Boulevard through Cascade Park, south of Gaines Street, then west from South Monroe running adjacent to FAMU Way and then south along Lake Bradford Road to Munson Slough. This project is funded by an extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters in November 2000.

The community workshop will be held on **November 30, 2004**. The purpose of this workshop is to present the design alternatives and to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed improvements and public amenities.

The workshop will provide the following:

- *Project Status Update*
- *Data Collection Results*
- *Existing Condition Findings*
- *Desired Trail and Greenway Amenities (including Cascade Park)*
- *Potential Stormwater and Roadway Improvements*
- *Opportunity for Public Comment*

The Capital Cascade Trail project is addressed in four segments. Three design alternatives are being developed for each of the four segments.

St. Augustine Branch

- ❖ Segment – 1: Franklin Boulevard from East Tennessee Street to the downstream side of Lafayette Street where the culvert under Apalachee Parkway discharges into Cascade Park.
- ❖ Segment – 2: Cascade Park from the downstream side of Lafayette Street to the downstream side of the culverts passing under South Monroe Street.
- ❖ Segment – 3: From the downstream side of the South Monroe Street culverts running west adjacent to FAMU Way to the downstream side of the Gamble Street Bridge (confluence of the St. Augustine Branch and the Central Drainage Ditch).

Central Drainage Ditch

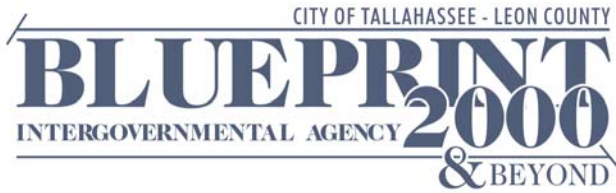
- ❖ Segment – 4: From the downstream side of the Gamble Street Bridge running south to the confluence of the Central Drainage Ditch with Munson Slough.

Opportunities will be provided for those in attendance to review and rank the design alternatives for each segment. Please join us for this very important public workshop.

Note: A final Community Meeting will be conducted in January 2005 to review the Final Master Plan and the recommended alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Ed Ringe - Project Manager; or
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The public meeting will be held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Anyone requesting special accommodations may call Bonnie Pfunter at (850) 891-1880, at least 7 days prior to the meeting. TDD users may call 711 for assistance.



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Dave Bright, Planning Manager for Blueprint 2000 & Beyond, Named Transportation Professional of the Year by the Big Bend Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Mr. Bright, who has served as the Planning Manager for Blueprint2000 in Tallahassee, Florida since October 2002, was recognized as the Transportation Professional of the Year (2004) by the Big Bend Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. His work at Blueprint2000 involves the Capital Cascade Trail project, Capital Circle improvements, and numerous environmental projects. Prior to joining Blueprint2000 Mr. Bright served as Senior Transportation Planner/Director of Planning for URS. His extensive planning experience also includes eighteen years with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department where he served as the Senior Transportation Planner.

Mr. Bright attended Muscatine High School, Class of 1970 and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1974 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He earned a Masters of Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1975. He is the son of the late Ken and Carol Bright and the stepson of Betty Bright, Muscatine.