



Downtown Talk

Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance Newsletter

From the desk of the President...

Who's ready for Spring Break 2024?

In high school and college there was always a lot of excitement leading up to it. For some beach towns, they dread the thought of being overrun with all the shenanigans that come with the college students. But from what I've noticed in the past, we seem to get a decent group of spring breakers down to stay with grandma and grandpa. I don't recall things getting too crazy here.



But spring break also means we are getting close to the end of season. With Easter falling on the last day of this month, it's a short season this year. Hopefully we may see some snowbirds stay longer, especially if the weather isn't great up north.

With our meeting date falling on Easter week this month and a meeting about our city's busiest intersection also happening, the board decided not to hold a March meeting this year.

We learned that there is a Bonita Beach Rd and US 41 intersection meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 26th at Bonita Springs Rec Center, it would be beneficial for all members to attend. This is an important meeting, as it affects all of us. See more information below.

I hope we all make the most of this busy month between the Art Show on the 2nd & 3rd, Bonita Fest on the 7th, daylight savings time on the 10th (I've been looking forward to that extra hour of light in the evening), The Bonita Y's Why Cook event on the 13th, St. Patrick's Day (also my son's birthday) and then Easter on the 31st.

Don't forget, no Alliance meeting this month!

Hope to see you at the Intersection meeting,

Mike Gibson
President, Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance

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Follow us on Facebook @bonitaspringsdowntownalliance.

NO MARCH MEETING

City of Bonita Springs Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop & Drop-In Sessions

Members of the public are invited to a workshop and drop in sessions on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan resulting from the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Review

Learn About

The Bonita Springs Comprehensive Plan
The Scope of Amendments
Proposed Amendments

Questions & Input

Ask Questions about Amendments
Provide Input and Feedback

Public Workshop Tuesday 3/5 (5:30-7pm)

City of Bonita Springs City Hall
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Drop In Sessions Tuesday 3/5 (12-2pm) Wednesday 3/6 (3-4:30pm)

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Email questions or comments to: compplan2024@cityofbonitasprings.org

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US 41 AT BONITA BEACH ROAD Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Bonita Springs, Florida
FPID: 444321-1
Newsletter #3 - March 2024

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the US 41 (SR 45) at Bonita Beach Road Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study in Lee County on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**. This study evaluates potential capacity and safety improvements, as well as multi-modal features to address congestion and meet future demand. Additional components under consideration include crosswalks with a pedestrian hybrid beacon, a new transit stop, and 12-foot wide shared-use paths at all intersection approaches.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Throughout this process, FDOT will consider the no-build or "do-nothing" option.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You can participate live online or in-person. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have the opportunity to comment. The materials will be available by **March 19, 2024** on the project webpage.

IN-PERSON OPTION: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

Bonita Springs Recreation Center
26740 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Anytime between 5 - 6 p.m. Open house
6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment displays will be available starting at 5 p.m. to review at your own pace and the formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

Register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/US41PublicHearing>
5:45 p.m. Overview for how to submit comment
6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event <https://www.swfroads.com/project/444321-1>. Materials will be posted by **March 19, 2024**.

Project documents will be available for public viewing from **March 4 to April 5, 2024**, at the City of Bonita Springs City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135; Bonita Springs Public Library, 10560 Reynolds Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 and at Florida Department of Transportation, Southwest Area Office, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. They will also be available on the project webpage.



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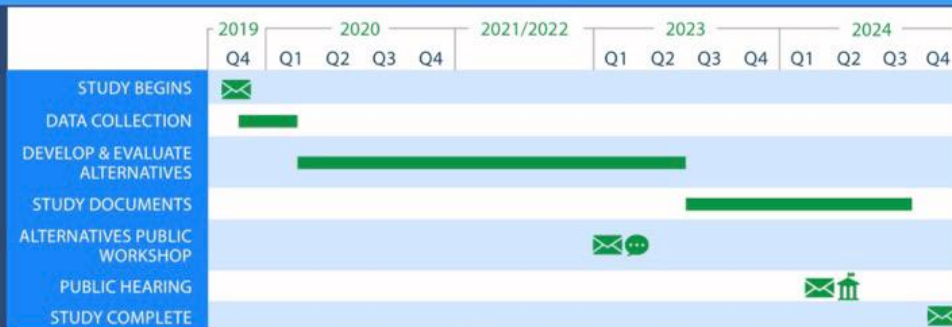


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View all materials online at <https://www.swfroads.com/project/444321-1>. Comments can be provided through the project webpage and questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Patrick Bateman, PE at (863) 519-2792.



STUDY SCHEDULE



Preliminary - Subject to Change



Public Workshop



Public Hearing



Newsletter

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §527 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



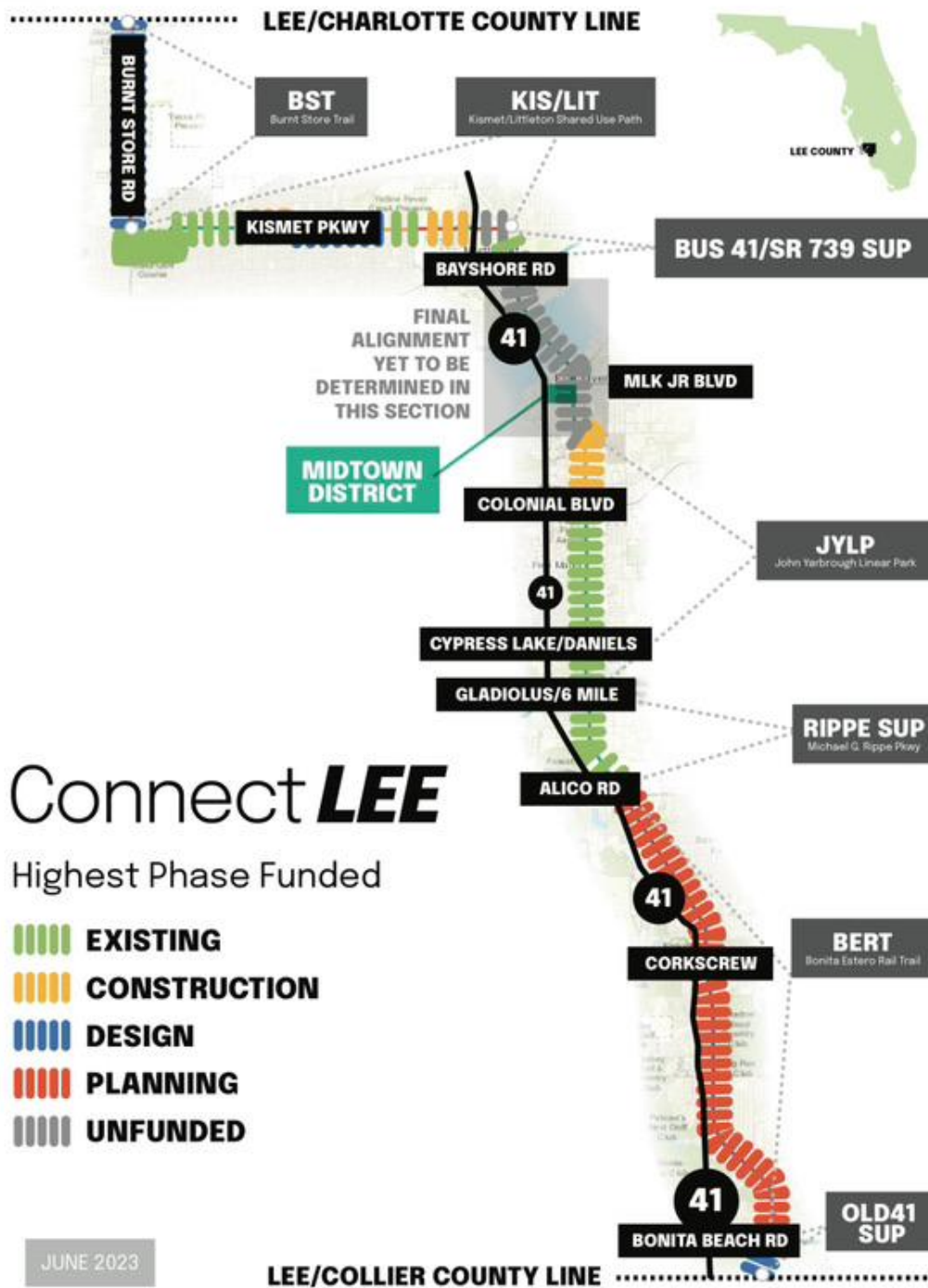
BREAKING NEWS! Seminole Gulf Railway Agrees to Sell Bonita-Estero Rail Corridor

On March 28th the Office of Greenways and Trails will meet. Their objective is to reprioritize regional trail systems for SUN Trails award dollars. Our representative is Katie White and we are asking supporters to send letters to her in support of the Florida Gulf Coast Trail, of which BERT is an important segment. Friends of BERT goal is 30+ letters sent to Katie.

If you could, please send a letter of support in email, Word doc or pdf format to Katie.

Please include your current and past roles and why trails in SW Florida are important. Your support for Bonita Estero Rail Trail and its significance for our county and municipalities too. Your specific mention of your business and Bonita Springs as a potential Florida Trail Town would be terrific. If you could send this along to other businesses, etc. it would be terrific. Our deadline is prior to March 28th.

Send emails to
Katherine.bernier@FloridaDEP.gov
Katherine White
Office of Greenways and Trails



Upcoming Events



Center for the Arts
Fine Arts Festival
10AM-5PM



GOATS of Bonita Inc.
Bonita Fest
11AM-4PM



Stardust Memories
Big Band
Riverside Park
7PM-9PM



Bonita Springs
Concert Band
Riverside Park
2PM-4PM



Stardust Memories
Big Band
Riverside Park
7PM-9PM



Easter Sunday
Service
Riverside Park
9:30AM

Please Check the Status of all events with the city as they are weather permitting.

**If you are interested in sponsoring a future meeting,
Email Mike at bsdaprez@gmail.com**

March Member Spotlight



FINEMARK
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In 2007, when FineMark National Bank & Trust opened its doors in Fort Myers, Florida, our goal was to create a company with like-minded individuals—people who shared an entrepreneurial spirit and cared deeply about doing what is right—that would grow and prosper while remaining agile and dynamic.

Since then, we've achieved that goal by hiring highly experienced, deeply committed, civic-minded financial professionals, expanding our reach in three states, and maintaining our focus on a key reason why our company was established: to serve our communities.

We believe in a collaborative approach, which allows us to spend significant time learning about you, your loved ones, and your goals and objectives. Once we've gotten to know you, we use our expertise and creativity to manage and sustain your wealth, now and for the generations to come.

Our priorities are Relationships, Service, Transparency, and Community Involvement.

[Visit the Website](#)

Sugarshack Downtown 2007



Sugarshack Downtown 2022



We have watched wonderful businesses enter our growing Downtown Bonita Springs the past few years. Thank you for helping us grow Downtown Bonita!

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downtown for the Bonita Springs
Historic Old 41 District"**

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