Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure

Project Highlights

- Creates a gateway for northeast Leon County that is split into two project phases.

  - **Phase 1 project elements include:**
    - Creates a regional road to support a new I-10 interchange
    - Constructs four lane Welaunee Boulevard South (Fleischmann Road to I-10) and North (I-10 to Shamrock Way)
    - Extends two lane Shamrock Way (Centerville Road to Welaunee Boulevard)
    - Creation of the 8.4 mile Welaunee Greenway, with a footbridge across I-10 to connect to the Miccosukee Greenway, creating a 17-mile trail loop

  - **Phase 2 project elements may occur once transportation connections north of Roberts Road have been identified and funded consistent with the County and City interlocal agreement. Phase 2 project elements include:**
    - Extends four lane Welaunee Boulevard North (Shamrock Way to Roberts Road)
    - Extends two lane Shamrock Way (Welaunee Boulevard to Mahan Drive)
    - Adds four additional trailheads on Miccosukee Greenway

- Estimated Cost: Phase 1 - $47.3 million; Phase 2 - $30.7 million

The Northeast Gateway includes major infrastructure within the entire 7,000-acre Welaunee Critical Planning Area. Building region-serving roads to support a new I-10 interchange will provide leverage to attract interchange funding from other sources. The I-10 interchange, Welaunee Boulevard and other region-serving roads may take pressure off the scenic and protected Miccosukee and Centerville canopy roads, and potentially avoid costs for upgrades at the Thomasville Road and U.S. 90 I-10 interchanges. Except for a portion of the Welaunee Greenway, all potential development spurred by these road improvements will be located inside the Urban Services Area on lands planned for urban development since 1990.