



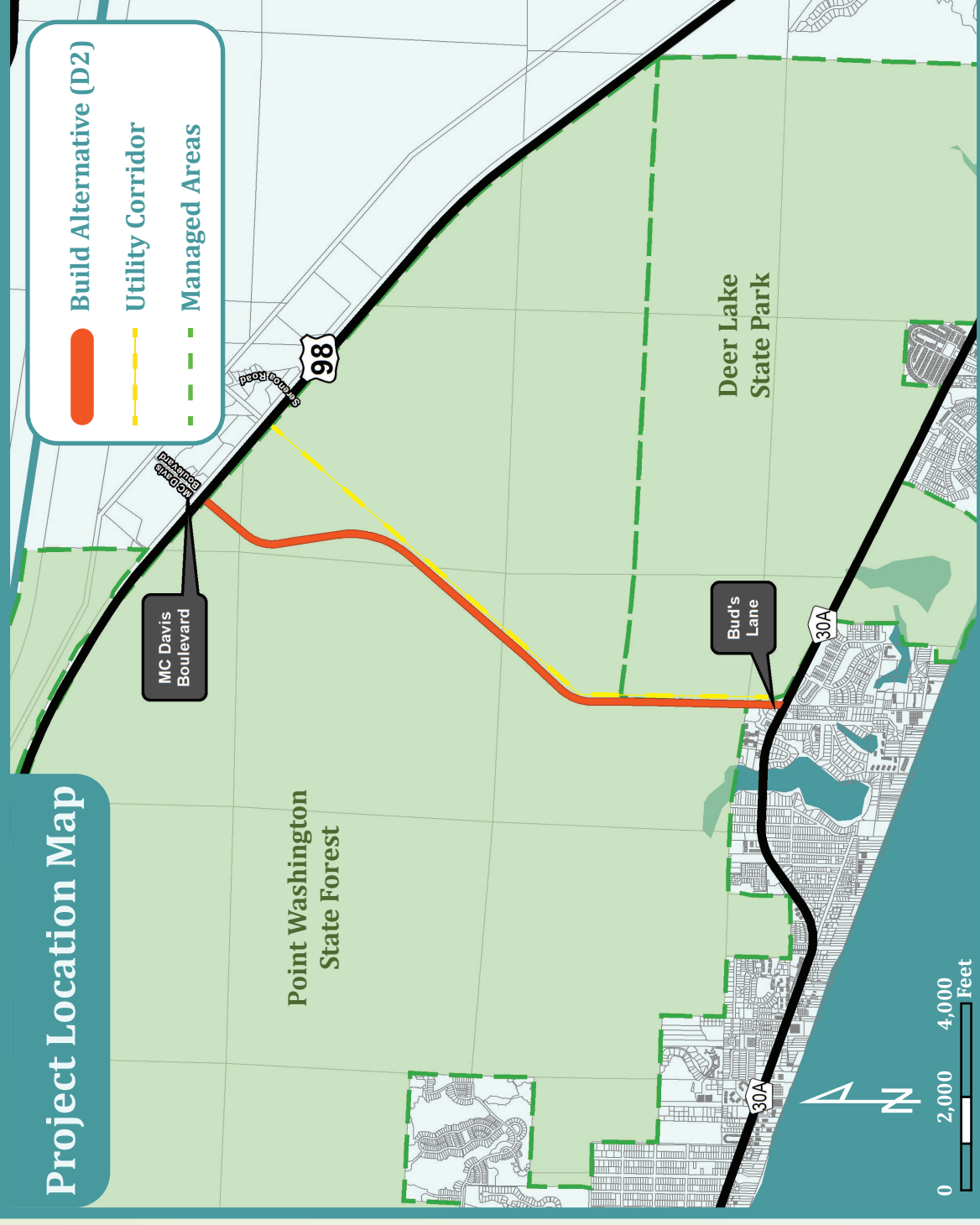
# South Walton Connector Road Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from County Road (CR) 30A to State Road (SR) 30 (US 98)

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

South Walton Annex, 31 Coastal Centre Boulevard, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

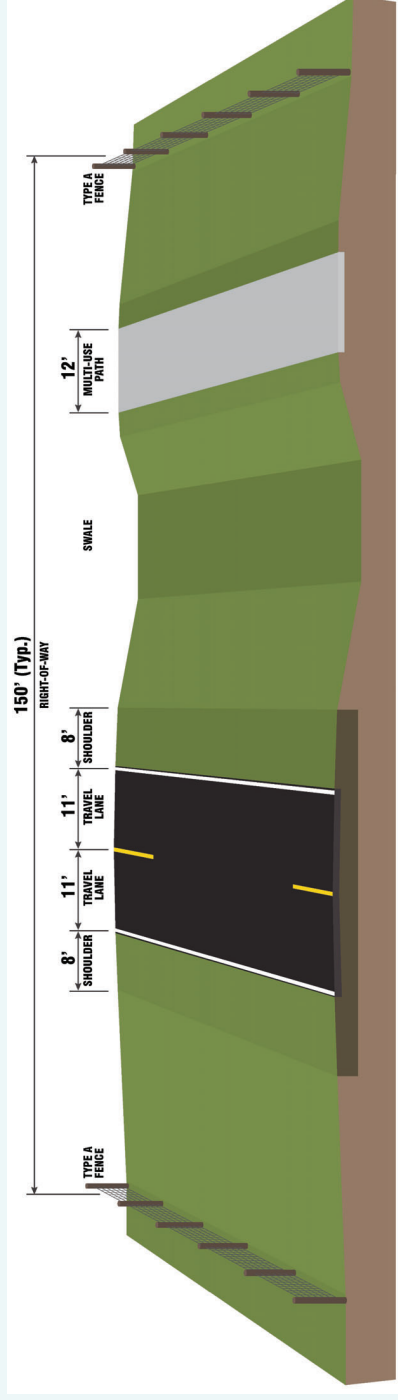
## Project Location Map



## Project Description

The project proposes improvements to the transportation network within the study area of south Walton County, Florida. The preferred alternative creates a new north-south corridor to connect CR 30A and US 98. This project utilizes a two-lane rural typical section with 11-foot travel lanes and a 12-foot multi-use path within 150 feet of right-of-way.

## Typical Section



## What's Next

Phase 1 of the PD&E will conclude at the end of April 2023 with draft technical and environmental documents, as well as a summary of public involvement and agency coordination to date. Phase 2 of the PD&E can be initiated by Walton County when funding becomes available. Phase 2 of the PD&E will update relevant project data, provide additional public involvement opportunities, and finalize agency coordination and mitigation proceedings. At the end of the Phase 2 PD&E, to meet Location Design Concept Approval (LDCA) requirements, the project will need to have consistency with relevant local planning documents, preliminary agency coordination completed, and mitigation plans developed. Funding would then need to be identified for further refinement of the preferred alternative in the Design and Permitting phase.

## How to Provide Comments

Complete a comment form at the meeting tonight and drop it off in the comment box.

Send comments or questions to the contacts provided below or on the project website.

The comment period for this meeting will remain open through Friday, April 28th, 2023. Comments will be accepted via email or sent by mail postmarked by that date.

Thank you for your participation!

## Project Goals

- 1 Enhance local transportation network
- 2 Address congestion
- 3 Improve emergency service and evacuation times
- 4 Improve local multi-modal transportation network

Should you have any additional questions, please contact  
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## Build Alternative Advantages

### State Forest



Would improve access to sites within state parks and forests, wildfire management, and public amenities and trail connections.

### Access



Would provide a “missing link” by connecting CR 30A and SR 30 (US 98) which would improve access to emergency services, schools, and businesses, and would enhance emergency evacuation.

### Multi-modal



Would link to planned transportation hubs allowing “park-once” access to local attractions, potentially removing vehicles from CR 30A.

## Build Alternative Concerns and Potential Solutions



### Environmental

Potential impacts to the natural ecosystems from the project and potential restriction of controlled burns within state forests and parks.

- 1 Locating the roadway adjacent to the powerline right-of-way minimizes new ecological impacts and aids in prescribed burning.
- 2 Mitigation for impacts to natural systems will result in net ecological benefit.
- 3 Potential for wildlife crossings, where possible, during the Design Phase.



### Congestion

Increased traffic delays along CR 30A and associated bicycle and pedestrian safety.

- 1 Traffic flow will be managed through intersection design and implementation of Walton County planned improvements.
- 2 Provision of an adjacent bicycle and pedestrian multi-use trail provides modal choices leading to reduced congestion.



### Development

Secondary or induced development, proximity to personal property, and residential and business owner displacement.

- 1 Designing the roadway to be a limited access facility prevents opportunities for development adjacent to the connector road.
- 2 Walton County is committed to preserving existing conservation areas by restricting future development alongside the proposed new roadway.
- 3 The location of the proposed alternative minimizes the proximity to personal property.

## Transportation Development Process



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## Evaluation Matrix

Alternatives	No-Build	D2
<b>Purpose and Need</b>		
Improves Emergency Response and Evacuation	No	Yes
Improves Congestion	No	Yes
Improves Access to Facilities North of US 98	No	Yes
<b>Social and Economic</b>		
Existing Land Use (acres)		
- Conservation	0	43.7
- Other*	0	3.1
Future Land Use (acres)		
- Conservation/Recreational	0	44.8
- Other**	0	1.4
Parcels impacted (does NOT include existing right-of-way parcels)	0	11
Proposed New Right-of-Way (acres)	0	46.2
Residential Relocations (number)	0	0
Business Relocations (number)	0	2
<b>Cultural Resources</b>		
Archaeological/Historic Sites	No	No
Public Parks/Recreational Areas		
- Parks/State Forests	No	Yes
- Trail Connections (count of crossings, not individual trails)	0	3
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Wetlands (acres)	0	16.8†
Floodplains (acres)	0	18.6
Outstanding Florida Waters	No	Yes
Dune Lakes Coastal Barrier Resources	No	No
Protected Species and Habitat (State/Federally Listed Species)	No	Yes
- Strategic Habitat Conservation Area	No	No
- The Nature Conservancy Ecological Resource Conservation Area	No	Yes
- Wildlife/Black Bear/White-tailed Deer Management Area	No	Yes
<b>Physical</b>		
Noise Sensitive Sites (adjacent parcel to right-of-way)	0	5†
Potentially Contaminated Sites (500 feet to 0.5 mile from right-of-way)	0	0
<b>Cost (2019)</b>		
Right-of-Way Easement / Mitigation Costs	\$ -	TBD
Other (residential, business, and other non-state forest right-of-way costs)	\$ -	\$ 2,772,000
Design Cost Estimate (15% of Construction Costs)	\$ -	\$ 1,315,500
Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) Cost Estimate (15% of Construction Costs)	\$ -	\$ 1,315,500
Construction Cost Estimate	\$ -	\$ 8,770,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$ -	\$ 14,173,000

\* Commercial & Utility Land Uses

\*\* Mixed-Use Future Land Use

† Field verified data.