

Capital City Cyclists
Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path
Position Statement - November 2021



The Capital City Cyclists Board of Directors (CCC) approves this position statement regarding the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path currently being considered by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)

1. The CCC believes that the section of Thomasville Rd from Betton St. north to Metropolitan Blvd is currently not sufficiently safe for bicycles and other modes of active and environmentally responsible transportation.
2. In line with typical guidance from the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), traffic volumes and traffic speeds in the Thomasville road corridor call for a separated bicycle facility. CCC strongly supports the implementation of a multi-use path, which has the ability to improve safety and address current and future needs not only for cyclists, but also for pedestrians, joggers, strollers, etc.
3. The CCC supports the CRPTA Board continuing with this project beyond the current feasibility study phase. A good design of the multi-use path will make Thomasville Road safer, not only for cyclists, but for all users.
4. The need for multi-modal mobility in this corridor is clear from the high ranking in the recent Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. This need has only grown in the current Covid crisis, and the current climate crisis. We feel it is necessary for our community to make it possible for people to choose environmentally responsible and healthy forms of transportation, without jeopardizing their lives.
5. The CCC strongly supports the CRTPA efforts to obtain community input during this process and wants to be kept informed as the project continues through the planning, design, and implementation stages.

Supporting facts and considerations:

The CCC is aware that Thomasville Road is an important north-south arterial road in Leon County and that the multi-use path in this corridor has been identified as a major multi-modal project in the current Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The CCC is aware that many neighborhoods along the corridor rely on Thomasville Rd as their only exit and entrance point. This currently limits multi-modal choice for these communities, while it also limits the possibility for alternative routes.

Thomasville Road should be maintained as a welcoming thoroughfare to and from the downtown/midtown areas for all modes of transportation, rather than merely an express route for motorized traffic to get from downtown to I-10 and beyond.

This project is of great importance to the rapidly expanding Tallahassee cycling community. The multi-use path would provide a safe linkage from Midtown to the Market District for residents, commuters, and recreational users. It allows non-motorized forms of transportation to more safely and effectively access neighborhoods, community parks, schools, and businesses.

This project enhances the livability of Tallahassee, while making it possible for residents to choose active and environmentally responsible forms of transportation that have a positive impact on air quality, noise pollution, global warming, and health.

CCC looks forward to the design phase of this project, which we believe can be done in a way that increases safety for both automotive as well as alternative/active modes of transportation, and that allows all users of the corridor to get to their destinations safely and harmoniously.