MetroPlan Orlando Studies in Apopka

Introduction

MetroPlan Orlando is conducting two studies in Apopka: **1)** the Rock Springs Road Study, and **2)** the West Orange Trail Extension Study. Both studies are currently in the planning stage. During the planning phase, the project need is identified, improvement strategies are evaluated, and a recommendation is selected to move forward to the design phase. These studies are expected to be completed in December 2022 and are being conducted in partnership with the City of Apopka and Orange County.

The purpose of the Rock Springs Road Study is to evaluate options to enhance safety and access improvements along Rock Springs

Road and at the intersections of Rock Springs Road at Welch Road and Sandpiper Street at Park Avenue.

The purpose of the West Orange Trail Extension Study is to evaluate options for connecting the existing West Orange Trail to the Wekiwa Springs State Park Entrance and Wekiva River Blueway Trail, Wolf Lake Elementary and Middle Schools, and the City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, and the proposed Wekiva Trail.

The location maps in this newsletter (pages 2 and 4) show the limits of each study along with the recommendations to improve mobility and safety within the study area.

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Visit the study website for up to date information and to view study documents: **MetroPlanOrlando.org/RockSprings**

West Orange Trail Extension Study

The West Orange Trail Extension Study is proposing to extend the trail along Rock Springs Road from the existing terminus at Lester Road to Kelly Park Road, tying into the proposed Wekiva Trail. The study is also proposing two additional trail connections in the area to provide connections to the Wekiwa Springs State Park Entrance (via Welch Road), Wolf Lake Elementary and Middle Schools, and the City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex (via Ponkan Road).

The proposed route for the trail extension and spurs are shown in green on the location map above. Detailed trail concepts can be viewed on the boards at the in-person public meeting or on the project website **MetroPlanOrlando.org/RockSprings**.

Tell us your thoughts about the proposed routes by taking the **Recommended Improvements Survey**. You may also submit a comment card at the in-person meeting, virtually via Zoom, or directly through the project website.

Proposed Design

The following options are under consideration to improve operations and safety as part of the Rock Springs Road study:

1. Additional turn lanes, raised traffic separators, and sidewalk at the intersection of Welch Road at Rock Springs Road

2. New signal at Publix North entrance

3. New mid-block crosswalk south of Tanglewood Drive (to be considered after new signal at Publix North entrance)

4. Extended turn lanes and updated intersection striping at Lester Road and Rock Springs Road

5. Sandpiper Street realignment of east approach and new signal at Park Avenue intersection

6. New sidewalk along north side of Sandpiper Street from Lake Avenue to Park Avenue

7. New sidewalk along south side of Sandpiper Street from Park Avenue to Ustler Road

Legend:
- Corridor Study – Lester Rd to Welch Rd.
- ◆ Intersection Improvements
- Sidewalk – north side of W Sandpiper St.
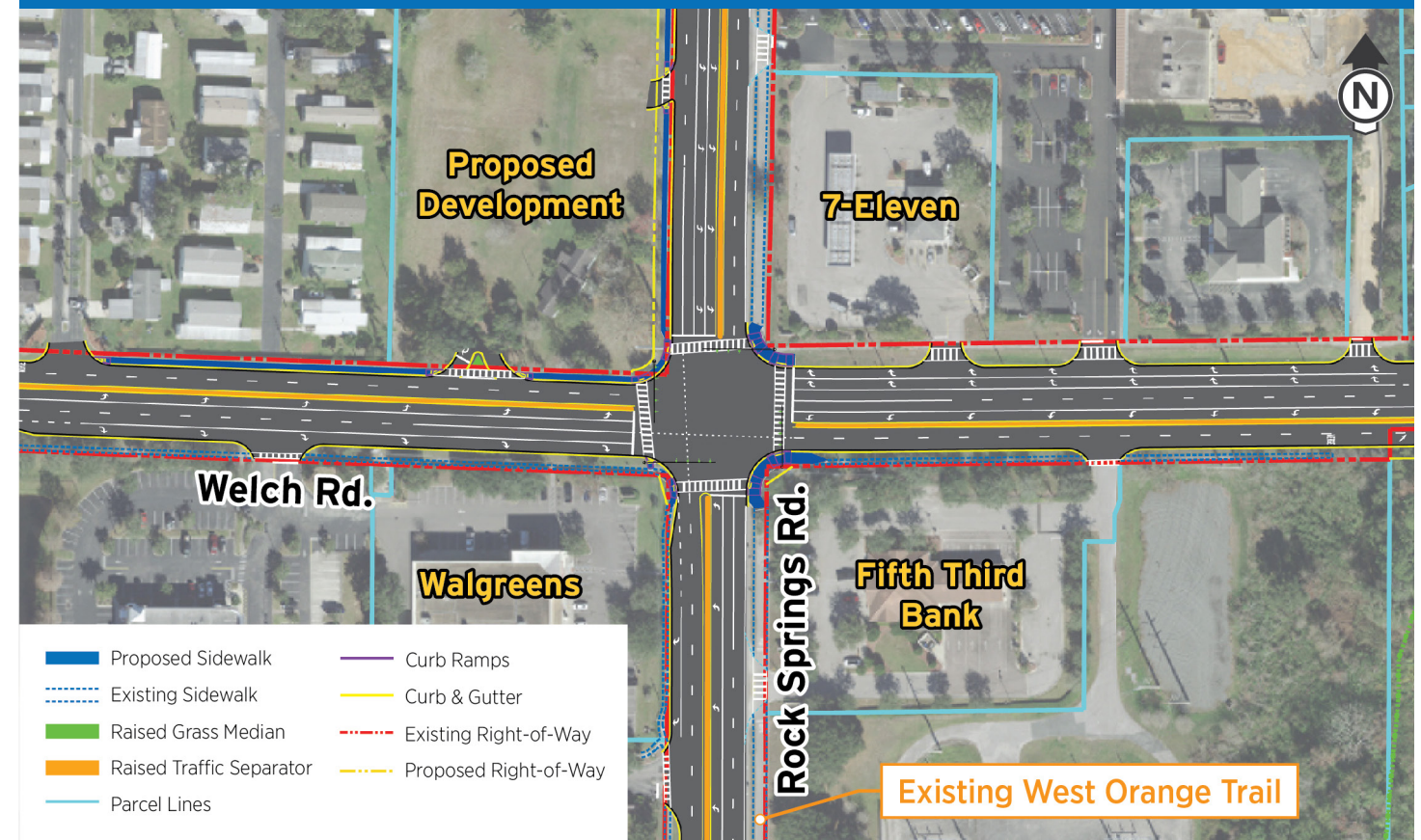- Sidewalk – south side of E Sandpiper St.

Rock Springs Road Study

Rock Springs Road Study

MetroPlan Orlando is recommending updates for Rock Springs Road from Welch Road to Lester Road (approximately 0.55 miles) and at the intersection of Sandpiper Street and Park Avenue, including new sidewalks along Sandpiper Street from Lake Avenue to Ustler Road.

Tell us what you think about the proposed changes by taking the **Recommended Improvements Survey**. You may also submit a comment card at the in-person meeting, virtually via Zoom, or directly through the project website.

Welch Road Intersection Improvements

Legend:
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Raised Grass Median
- Raised Traffic Separator
- Parcel Lines
- Curb Ramps
- Curb & Gutter
- Existing Right-of-Way
- Proposed Right-of-Way

Existing West Orange Trail

Sandpiper Street at Park Avenue Realignment

Legend:
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Proposed Roadway Re-alignment
- Proposed Right-of-Way
- Existing Right-of-Way
- Parcel Lines
- Curb Ramps
- Curb & Gutter
- Wetlands

Existing West Orange Trail