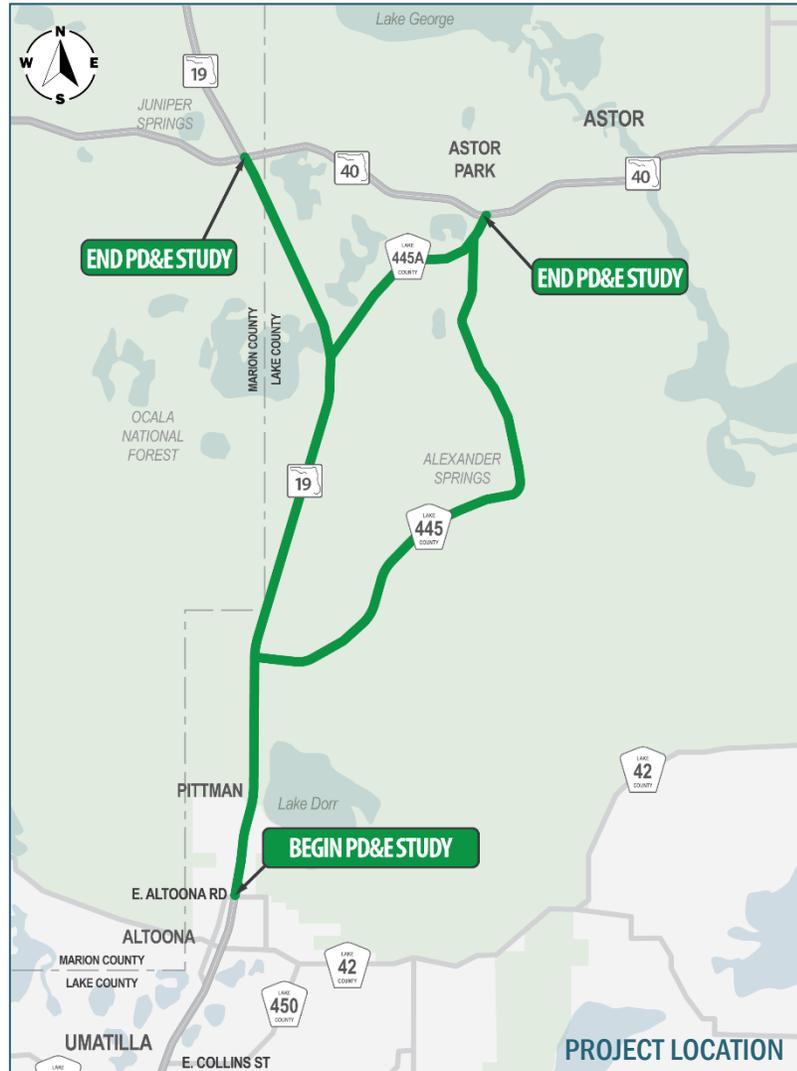


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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Limits

- Begins: E. Altoona Road
- Ends: State Road 40

Rural Communities

- Altoona
- Pittman
- Astor Park

Features

- Part of River to Hills Regional Trail
- Included on Florida Office of Greenways and Trails Priority Map
- Located in the Ocala National Forest

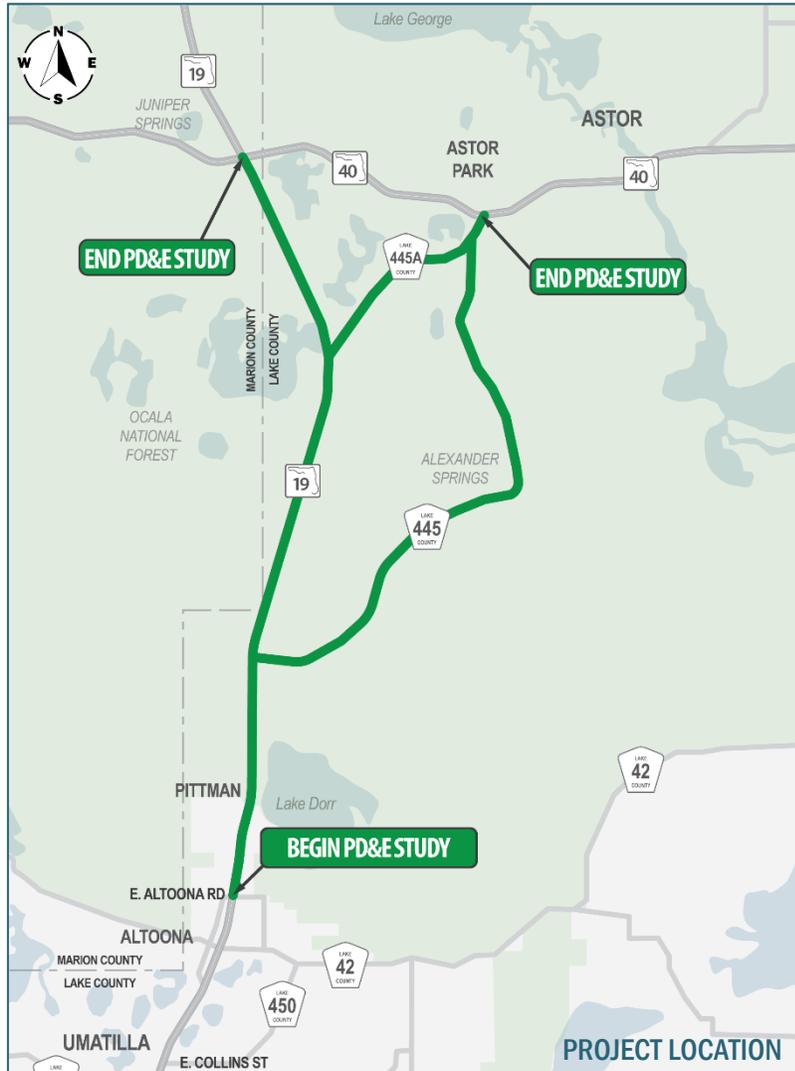
PROJECT AREA



Ocala National Forest

- Established in 1908
- Current size: 386,000 acres
- Alexander Springs is 1 of 27 first-magnitude springs within Florida
- Logging is one of the revenue-generating operations
- Regular control burns
- Trail will be approved “by permit”

PURPOSE AND NEED



PURPOSE

Provide a safe, comfortable, and accessible paved facility for:

- Bicyclists and pedestrians
- Other non-motorized users
- Completes gaps in regional trail network

NEED

- Gaps in the regional trail network
- Lack of safe, comfortable and accessible pedestrian bicycle facilities

TRAIL FEATURES & BENEFITS

Ways Trails Can Enhance a Community

- Healthy alternative for getting around
- Connects key community assets and gems
- Opportunities to support local businesses
- Improve safety for pedestrians & cyclists

North Lake Trail Features

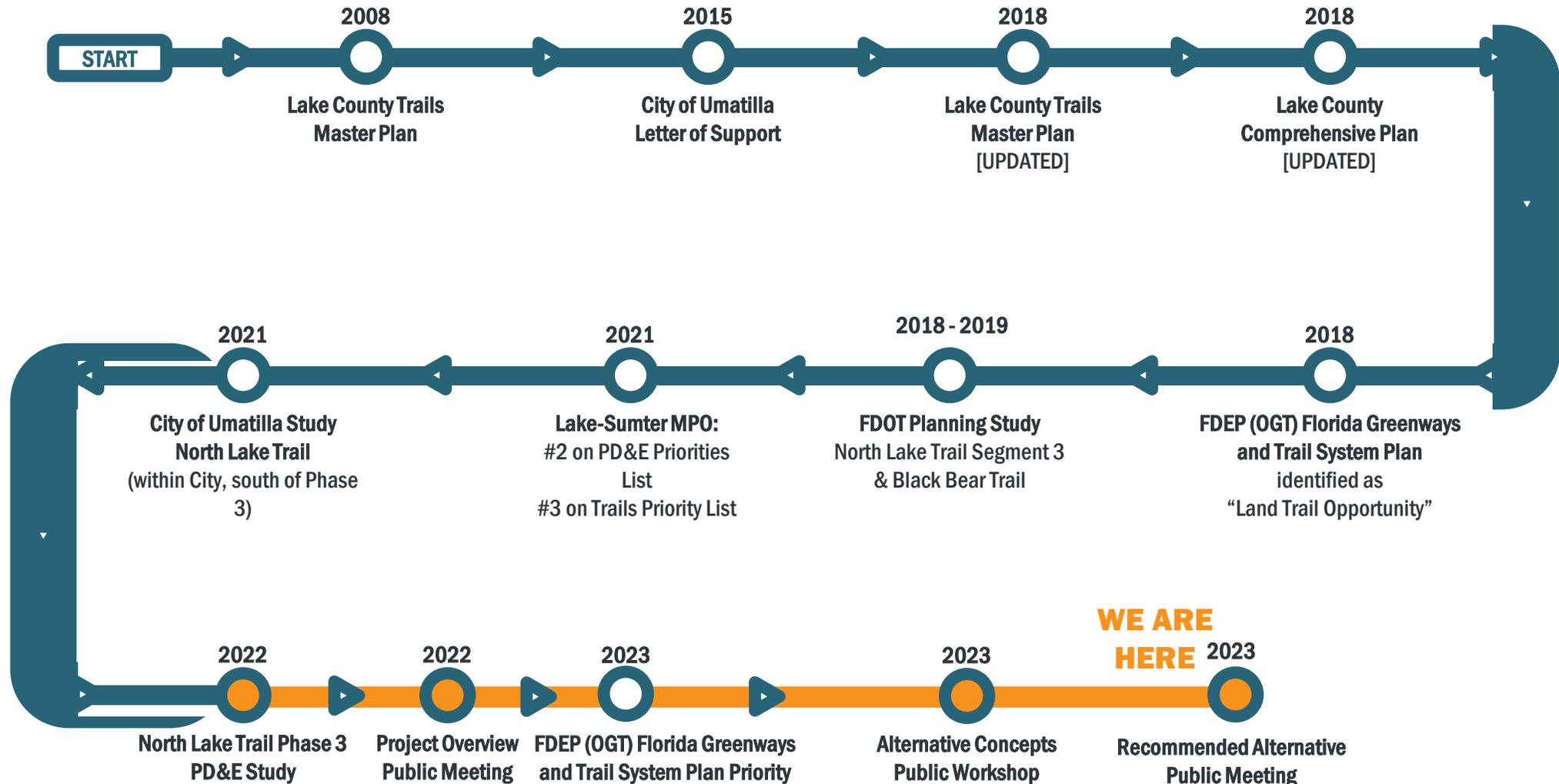
- Travels through Ocala National Forest
- Connects Altoona to Pittman, Astor Park, and recreation areas
- Paved width varying from 8 to 14 feet
- Motorized vehicles not permitted
- Trailheads identified in the Design Phase



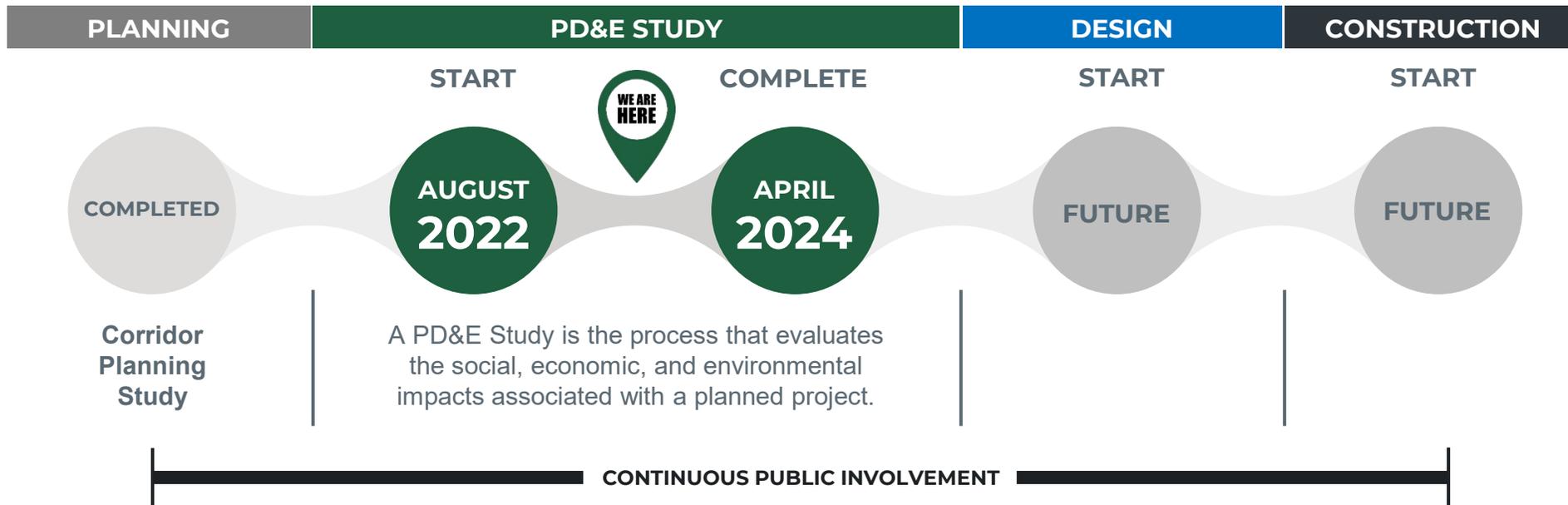
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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY

HISTORY OF SUPPORT



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



STUDY ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)

Project Role

- Project advisors
- Diverse membership
- Review project information at key decision points and provide feedback
- Share updates with project team
- Involved throughout PD&E study



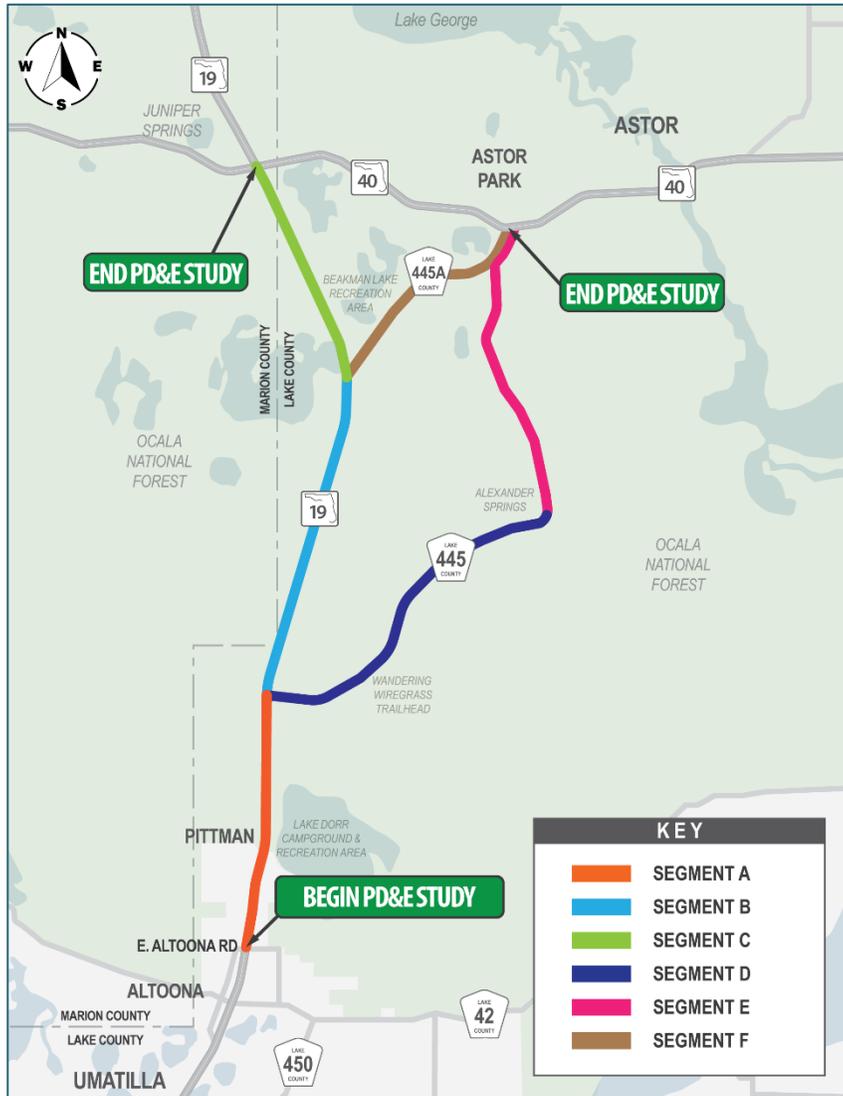
SAG Members

- Altoona School
- Astor Chamber of Commerce
- City of Umatilla
- East Central Florida RPC
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Friends of Lake County Trails
- Lake County
- Lake County Public Schools
- Lake County Water Authority
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- Marion County
- Ocala-Marion TPO
- Umatilla Chamber of Commerce
- USDA – Forest Service (Ocala National Forest)

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD



- **Project Overview Public Meeting**
 - Held December 8, 2022
 - 26 participants
 - 28 written comments submitted
- **Alternative Concepts Public Workshop**
 - Held June 8, 2023
 - 41 participants
 - 26 written comments submitted
- **Input Received**
 - Support for the trail
 - Suggested trail elements



ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Build Alternatives

Along SR 19

- Segments A, B, and C

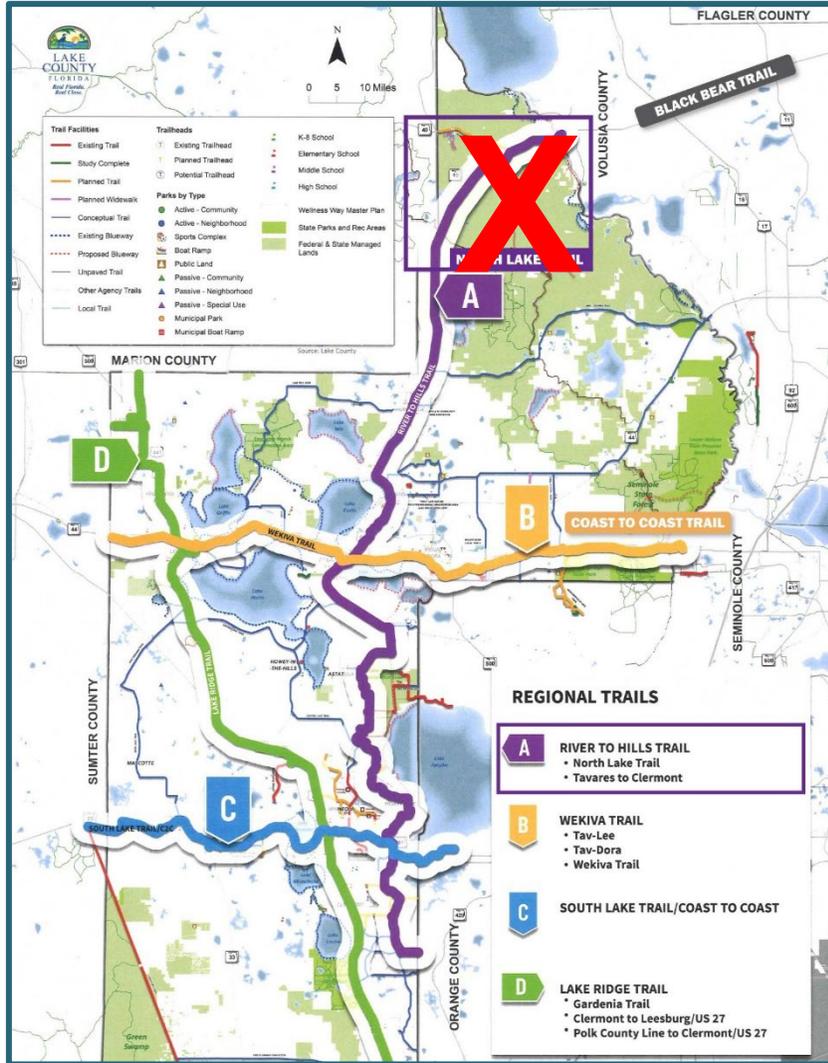
Along SR 19 and CR 445

- Segments A, D, and E

Along SR 19 and CR 445A

- Segments A and F

NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE



Baseline

- Comparison to Build Alternatives

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Evaluation Criteria

- Trail Design
- Trail Safety
- Social and Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources
- Physical Resources
- Local and Regional Support
- Costs



Recommended Alternative Public Meeting

November 9, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Participation Options

- In Person at Altoona School
- Virtually (Must Register Before Meeting)
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/920985457686658392>
- Telephone (Listen Only)
Dial: 562-247-8422
Passcode: 876-617-232

Project Website: www.NorthLakeTrail.com

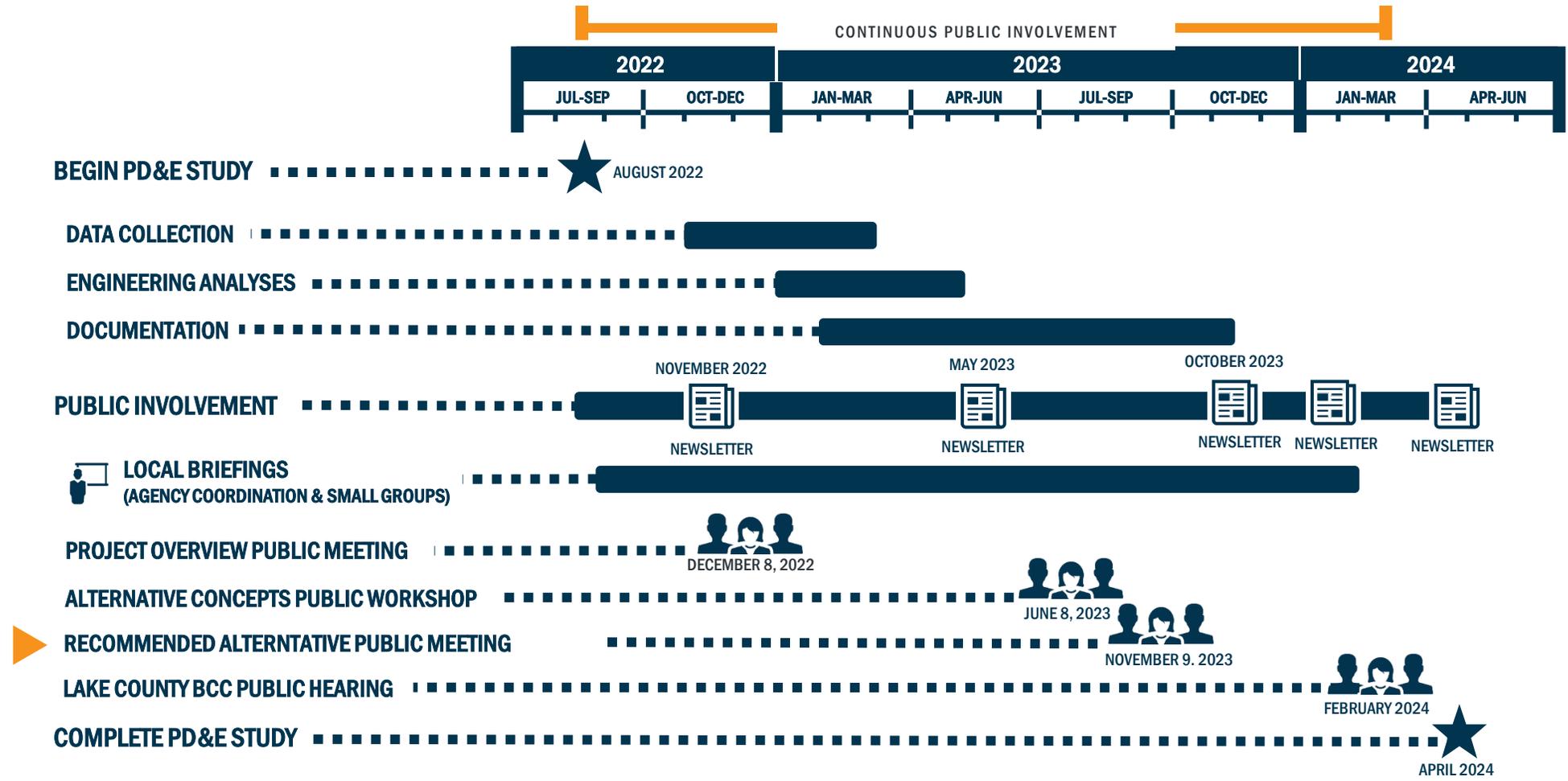


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PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE



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Thank You!

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