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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 5.2**

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**GOAL # 5: INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION**

*Invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems*

INITIATIVE 5.2: SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO ENCOURAGE REDEVELOPMENT OF 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**Champion:** Teresa Scott, Public Works Director

**Sponsoring Commissioner:** Thomas Hawkins, Commissioner (At-large)

**Committee:** Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee

**Stakeholders:** Citizens of the City of Gainesville, Porters Neighborhood, Depot Park District residents and businesses, Santa Fe College (SFC) Downtown Campus, Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Neighborhoods, Grove Street Neighborhood, Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida (UF), Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Bicycle Pedestrian Board, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO), and FDOT

**Desired Outcome:** Completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Trail.

**Background:** This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2006 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 12, 2007, then adopted again on February 25, 2008 as an on-going initiative.

**Progress to Date:**

The State of Florida completed acquisition of the trail corridor in April 2008. The City Commission approved the design consultant contract at their meeting on April 14, 2008. A lease agreement between the City of Gainesville and the State of Florida is undergoing review. There is a combined \$2 million in funding provided through partnerships with the University of Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Gainesville.

**Supporting Documentation:**

- Lease Agreement
- Survey of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Trail Corridor
- Design Contract with Volkert and Associates, Inc.

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**Action Plan to Complete the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Trail for FYs 2009 – 2010**

| <b>Action Steps</b>                      | <b>Estimated Completion Date:</b> |
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| 1. Complete Design Documents for Phase 1 | January 2009                      |
| 2. Complete Construction Phase 1         | January 2010                      |
| 3. Complete Design Documents for Phase 2 | May 2009                          |
| 4. Complete Construction Phase 2         | April 2011                        |

**Critical Success Measures**

- Percent of stakeholders engaged in the design phase
- Percent of amenities able to be constructed in conjunction with the Trail
- Schedule is maintained