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The Infinity Line (B)

In an effort to respond to the Board's request to learn more about the Infinity Line, Staff has put together a practical approach specifically for the sections of the Infinity Line within the GCRA district.

One of the larger sections of the Infinity Line that sits within the GCRA district runs a total of 2.4 miles along the Eastside/Waldo Road corridor. The goal for this segment would be to redesign the Eastside Rails-to-Trails and Waldo Road corridor to address safety issues, residential blight, and neighborhood connectivity. A subsequent goal of redesigning the Waldo Road corridor is to encourage redevelopment and reinvestment in the Eastside Duval neighborhoods. Furthermore, connecting the Rails-to-Trails at University Avenue and Waldo Road (Five Points) with a pedestrian bridge can provide safe passage for Duval residents to Depot Park and vice versa.

The second largest portion that sits within the GCRA district is along the 6th St. Rails-to-Trails which spans a total of 1.7 miles. This trail is well established and represents the standard "place making" character of the Infinity Line; i.e. an extension of Depot Park. Although this trail is well established, similar residential blight occurs along the Porters neighborhood where the trail interacts with the neighborhood. The goal for this segment is to address neighborhood connectivity, invite redevelopment and reinvestment, and provide residents of Porters safe access to the other amenities within the City.

The overall purpose of the Infinity Line is to provide Gainesville residents with an alternative way to explore and experience the diverse and rich culture within the City while also providing a safe and comfortable way to do so and spur economic development. Today's update is to continue the conversation and focus on the areas within the GCRA District. Next steps include meeting with internal departments and state agencies to discuss the feasibility of the proposed enhancements, create a project scope and order of magnitude costs.

None

GCRA Director to GCRA Board: Hear update from Staff