

Washington Street New Smyrna Beach Streetscape

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The Washington Street Streetscape project in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, is a significant undertaking to enhance the safety, appearance, and functionality of this important roadway.

Key features and improvements

- **Enhanced safety:** The project addresses deficiencies in the existing infrastructure to improve safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- **Aesthetic upgrades:** It includes undergrounding existing power lines to remove unsightly poles and utility components, beautifying streetlights and landscaping.
- **Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure:** The project incorporates wider sidewalks (8-foot wide with 4-by-8-foot palm trees) and improved crosswalks to enhance pedestrian mobility and safety.
- **Infrastructure upgrades:** It involves reconstructing the stormwater system, roadway, and upgrading the underground water and sewer mains and services.
- **Economic development catalyst:** The improvements aim to stimulate economic development in the area by creating a more attractive and accessible environment.

Project specifics

- **Location:** The project focuses on a 0.35-mile segment of Washington Street between US 1 and Riverside Drive
- **Timeline:** The design was completed in 2021, and construction was anticipated to begin in 2025 and completed by Spring 2026.

- **Funding:** The estimated total project cost is \$3.4 million, funded by various sources including a Florida Department of Transportation grant, city road impact fees, and a city general fund share.
- **Community involvement:** The city hosted public forums to gather input on the project design and address community concerns.

This streetscape project is part of a larger effort by the City of New Smyrna Beach's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to revitalize and enhance the community, according to the City of New Smyrna Beach, FL.