

# SR 17 Downtown Avon Park Lane Repurposing and Complete Street Study

Avon Park City Council

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# Overview

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## Project Purpose

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- Evaluate lane repurposing on SR 17 between US 27 and Delaney Ave
- Consider on-street parking, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, streetscaping, among other street elements
- Integrate community perspectives about desires, needs, and challenges
- Define potential roadway concepts and elements that can be incorporated into planned *Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation (3R) project*



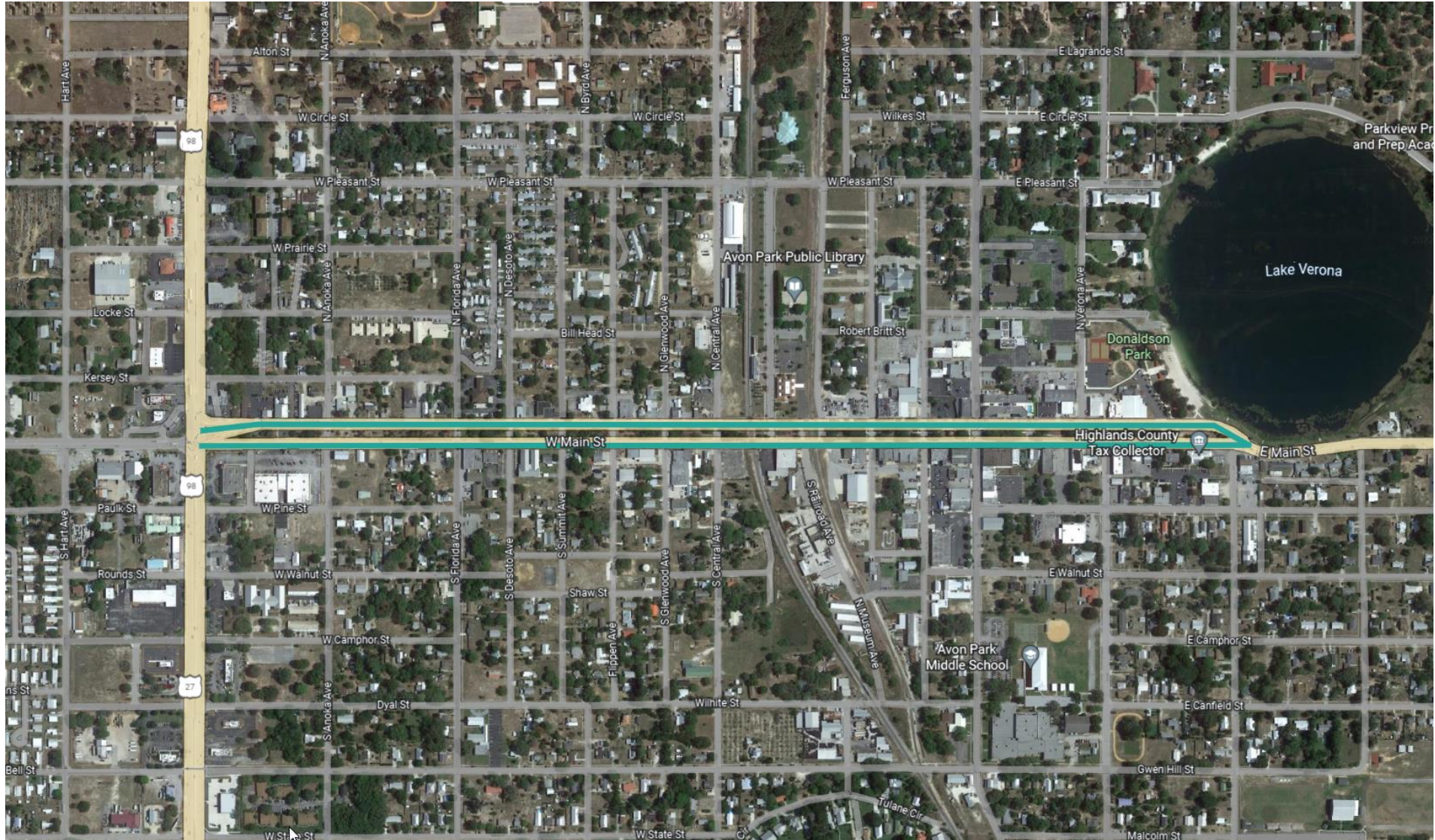


# Geographic Context





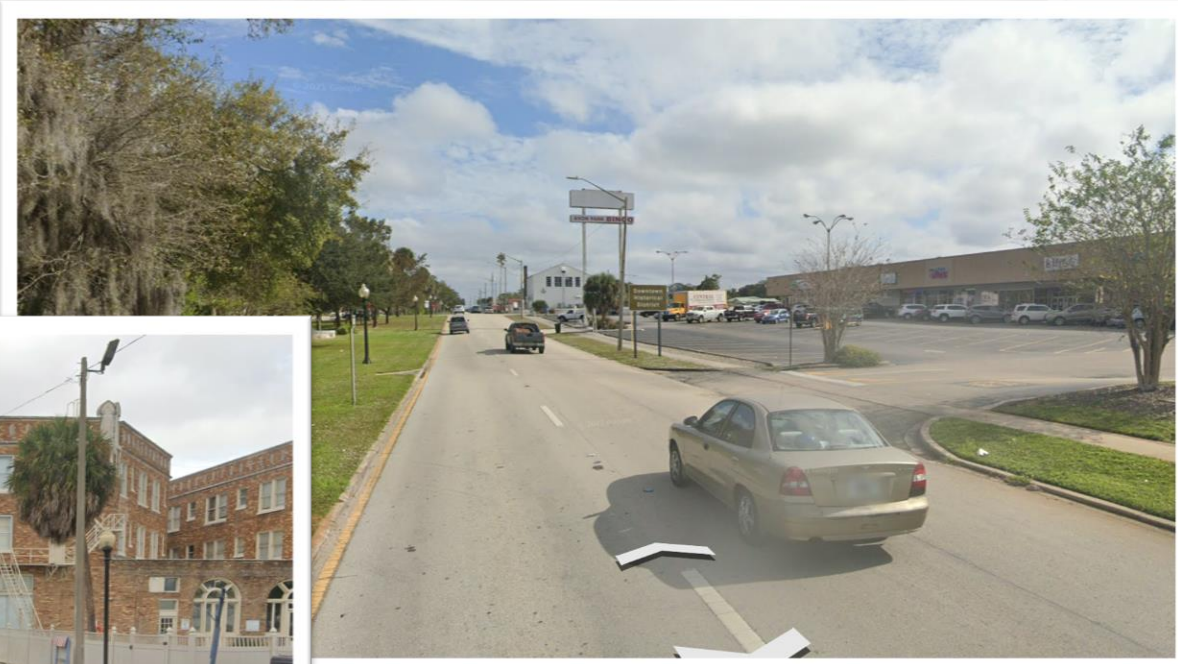
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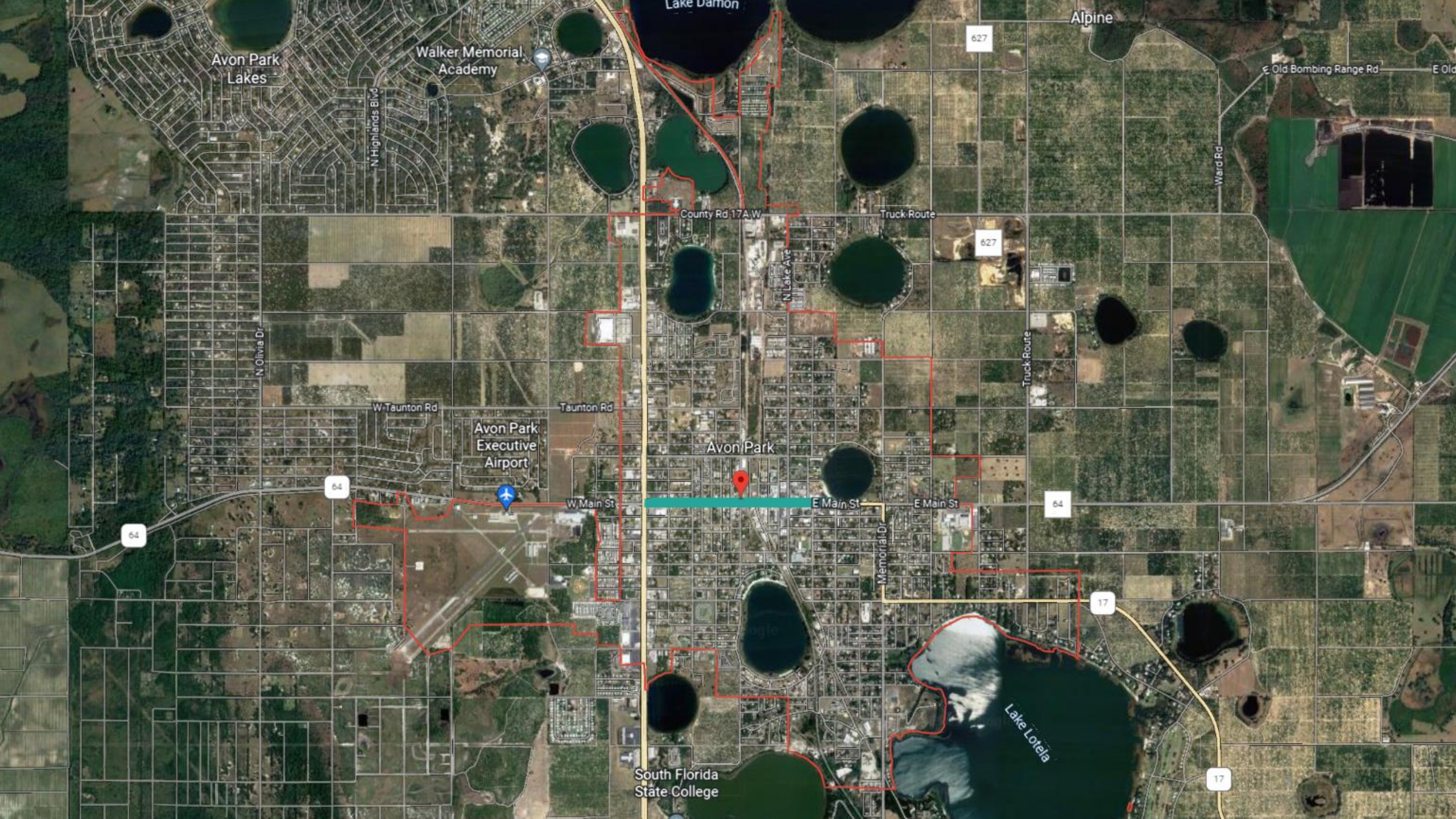




# Existing Streetscapes







Avon Park  
Lakes

Walker Memorial  
Academy

Lake Damion

Alpine

627

E Old Bombing Range Rd

E Old

N Highlands Blvd

County Rd 17A W

Truck Route

627

N Lake Ave

Truck Route

N Olivia Dr

W Taunton Rd

Taunton Rd

Avon Park  
Executive  
Airport

Avon Park

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W Main St

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Memorial Dr

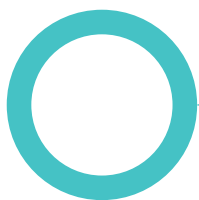
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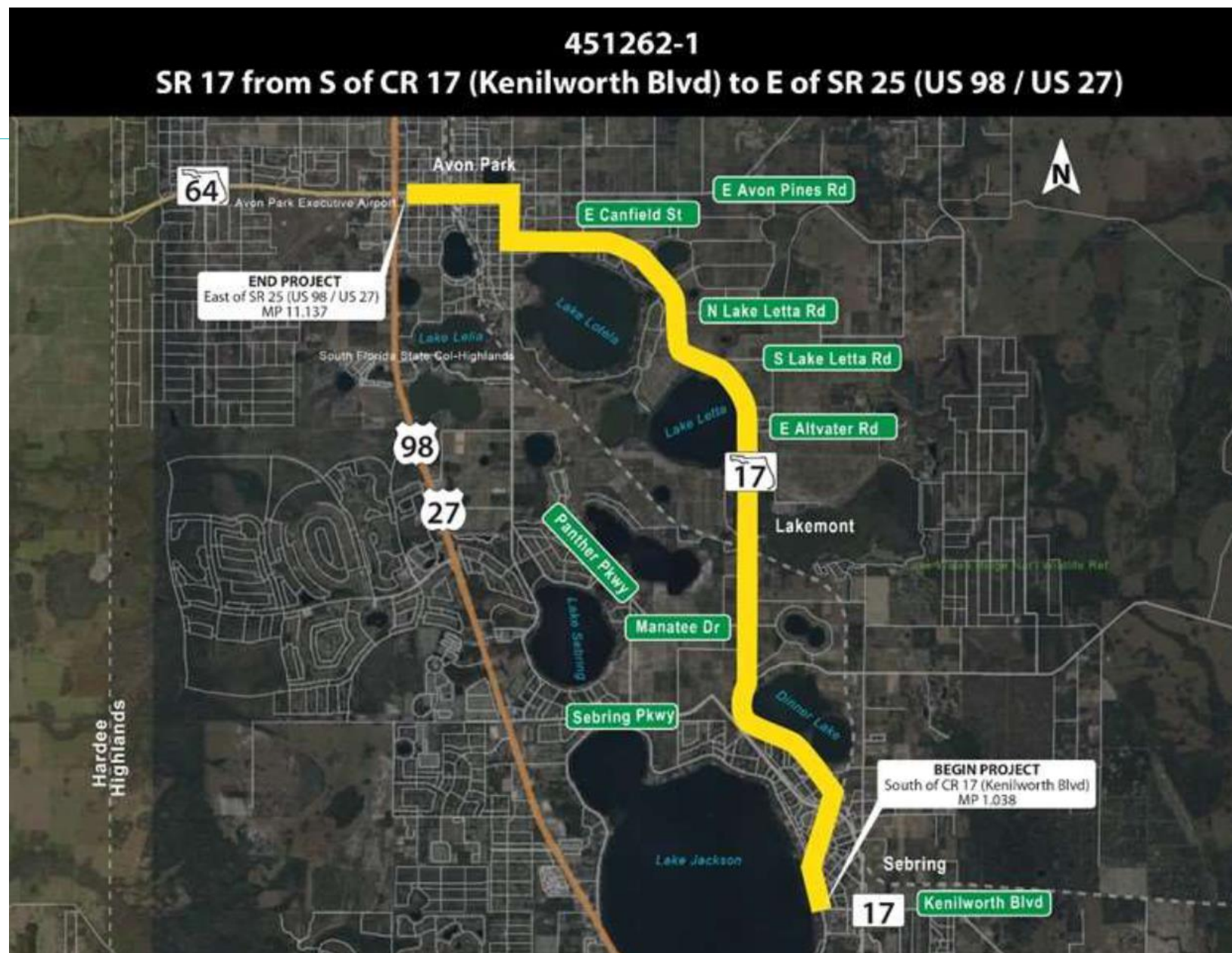
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## Part of Larger 3R Context







# Project Approach



# Inform Upcoming 3R Design Project

## Engagement Approach

Stakeholder Meetings  
Community Workshop  
Community Vision Video  
Public Meetings & Presentations

## Technical Approach

Traffic Analysis  
Safety Analysis  
Concept & Section Plans







# Initial Stakeholders

Organization	Stakeholder	Position
Avon Park / Main Street CRA	Mark Schrader	City Manager
Avon Park / Main Street CRA	Christian Hardman	City Clerk
Avon Park	Sharon Schuler	Planning & Zoning Board Member, Former Mayor
Avon Park Chamber of Commerce	George Karos	Executive Director
Highlands County Economic Development	Jeff King	Executive Manager of Business and Economic Development
Central Florida Regional Planning Council	Jeff Schmucker	Planning Director
Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization	Marybeth Soderstrom	Transportation Director
Sherco	Bob Schuler	Local Surveyor
South Florida State College, Avon Park Campus, Local Coordinating Board	Mark Bukowski	Ph.D., Dean, Student Services
South Florida State College, Avon Park Campus, Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services	Tiffany Barnes	Executive Assistant to the Vice President
Nucor Steel Florida, Inc.	Corey Allain	Division Controller
Thankful Hearts of Nutrition	Josh Myers	Owner
Cool and Cobb Engineering	Carl Cool	Retired Highlands County Administrator
Brickell Building	Daniel Sauls	Owner
Heartland Cultural Alliance	Gaylin Thomas	President



# Community Vision Video for Avon Park

## Main Street (SR 17)

### Purpose

- Identify local insights (desires, challenges, opportunities) for Main Street

### Approach

- **WHAT:** 4-8 min. “community story” video comprised of recorded, on-site interviews with local community members.
- **WHO:** Diverse voices from residents, leaders, stakeholders, etc.
- **WHERE:** Main Street and important locations nearby – public spaces, historic sites, businesses, etc.
- **WHY:** Catalyze community input by using the video to kick-off the community workshop. Inspire community-driven design elements for FDOT’s “3R” project



Wauchula Community Story:  
on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/DM6ir4KqOG0>



Fort Meade Community Story:  
on YouTube - [https://youtu.be/jfUGB7m\\_g5E](https://youtu.be/jfUGB7m_g5E)





# Traffic and Safety Analysis

## Traffic Analysis

- Existing and future travel conditions
- Multimodal analysis
- Evaluate roadway design alternatives

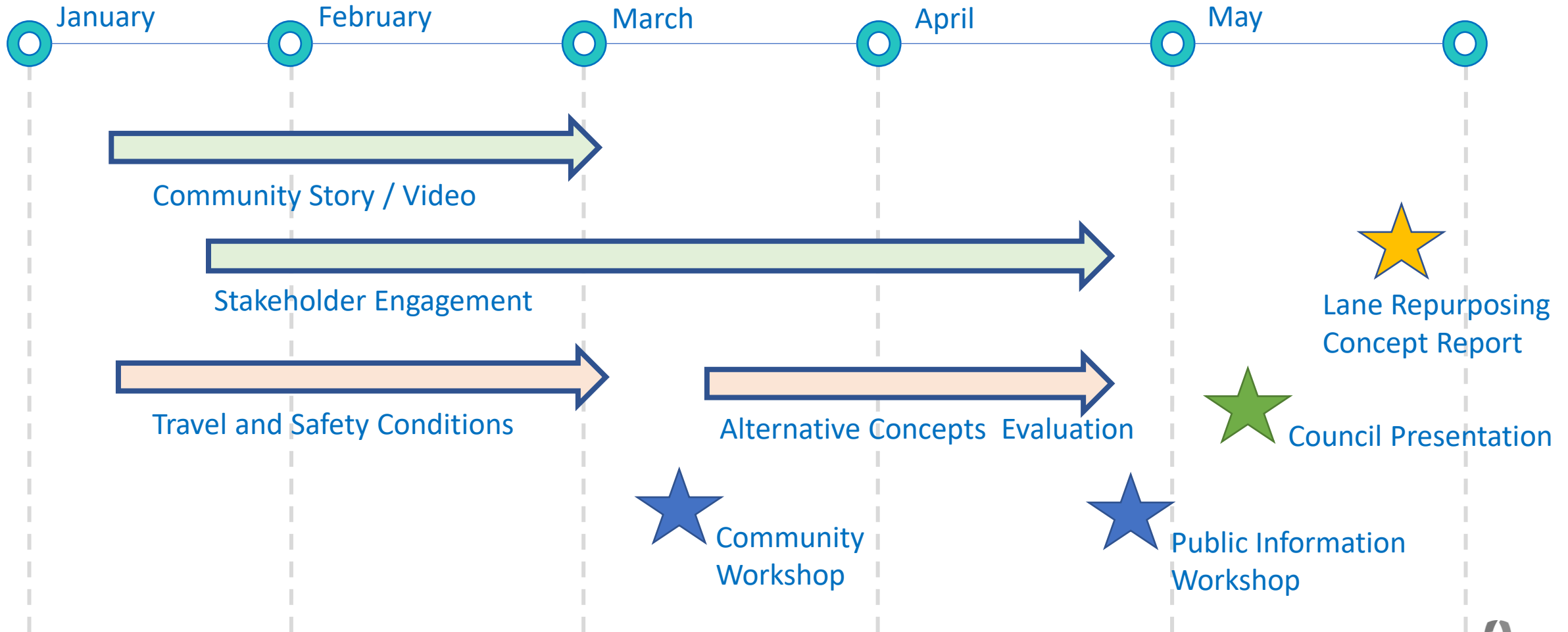
## Safety Analysis

- Evaluate historical crash data and contributing causes
- Identify vulnerable road user crashes (pedestrian & bicycle crashes)
- Recommend safety improvements & evaluate alternatives

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# Schedule and Milestones





Thoughts / Questions

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