

ORANGE AVENUE LINEAR PARK

The Orange Avenue Linear Park will be a much needed east/west protected bicycle and pedestrian connection on the south end of Amelia Island.

The proposal to create the Linear Park includes:

- Closure of Orange Avenue to vehicular traffic, and establishment as a canopy road (2019);
- Obtain ownership of Sabal Palm and close to vehicular traffic (2020); and,
- Construct approximately 650' trail to connect Orange Avenue to Sabal Palm and resurface existing roads.

Benefits include:

- Provides a shaded and protected east/west connection between existing facilities on Amelia Island;
- Reduces dependency on automobile by providing better access to shopping centers (Amelia Island Market) and public beach accesses;
- Promotes healthy living and increases recreational opportunities in close proximity to where people live;
- Increases property values and economic benefit to the community;
- Expands the network of public and private greenways and has a positive impact on tree preservation; and
- Protects lifestyle and quality of life.

Funding Mechanism:

- The major project improvements are in the FY2023-24 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
- Improvements and additional enhancements (i.e. exercise equipment, benches), via partnerships with local non-profits and private developers.

