



Santa Rosa County Development Services



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kristen A. Shell, AICP, Senior Urban Planner

THROUGH: Beckie Cato, AICP, Planning Director
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DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: Pace and Pea Ridge Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board discuss a potential bicycle and pedestrian planning effort for the Pace and Pea Ridge areas of the County and authorize staff to complete a Plan for those areas using in house resources.

BACKGROUND:

In the beginning of 2015, staff requested Board support for a grant application similar to the grant utilized for the South End Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to conduct a similar effort in the Pace and Pea Ridge areas of the County. The Board authorized staff to prepare this application to the Department of Economic Opportunity, however, the County did not ultimately receive the grant funding.

Staff is currently requesting authorization to conduct the project using in-house resources and staffing. Staff anticipates a similar process to the one recently completed in the South End, with up front public involvement that includes online outreach and a possible citizen based focus group approach. The end result would hopefully provide citizen prioritized projects that accomplish connectivity and safety while providing recreational opportunities as well, recognizing the various needs of different parts of the County.

NEXT STEPS:

The timeline for the planning project would most likely span a six month time period beginning in March of this year and ending in September. Initially staff will research accident data and land use patterns and then design the public involvement component of the project.

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