



# LINKING LEALMAN

Let's Get Moving!  
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## IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION IN THE LEALMAN COMMUNITY

### WHAT IS LINKING LEALMAN?

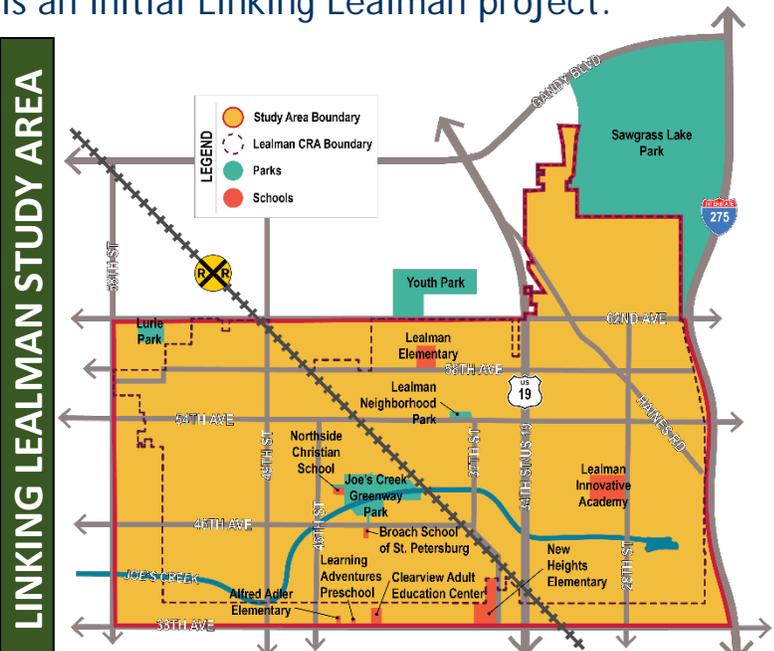
Linking Lealman is a plan for improving how EVERYONE moves in Lealman: by car, bicycle, bus, mobility device, or on foot. The study will identify challenges and opportunities, look at alternative improvements, and result in a plan that can be implemented through the Pinellas County Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

### WHERE IS THE STUDY AREA?

The focus of Linking Lealman is the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in Unincorporated County. The study area is larger than the CRA to include more of the surrounding transportation network. Projects will be considered throughout the study area. Improvements to 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North between 49<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Streets North is an existing CIP project. An evaluation of potential "complete streets" improvements on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 49<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Streets North is an initial Linking Lealman project.

### WHAT IS THE LEALMAN CRA?

The Lealman CRA was established to optimize opportunities and improve quality of life in Lealman. The Lealman CRA Plan acts as a framework for redevelopment and revitalization. Linking Lealman is being developed in cooperation with CRA efforts. Learn more about the CRA at: [www.pinellascounty.org/cra/lealman](http://www.pinellascounty.org/cra/lealman)



## WHAT ARE “COMPLETE STREETS”?

“Complete streets” is a concept that roads should safely accommodate all users, regardless of age or ability, based on the context of the roadway and its surrounding area. In the past, the primary focus of transportation in Pinellas County was moving people by personal automobile. Frequently, complete streets projects include enhanced facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users to improve safety conditions. However, because complete streets projects consider the context of the facility and surrounding uses, not all projects are the same. For instance, in Joe’s Creek Industrial Park, the movement of freight and truck traffic would need to be considered.



## WHY ARE COMPLETE STREETS IMPORTANT?

- **Safety** - Enhanced facilities that address the needs of all users reduce the likelihood of crashes.
- **Equity** - Balanced transportation systems increase mobility options for everyone, including children, older adults, disabled people and low-income citizens.
- **Choice** - Providing options allows people to choose how they want to get around, and can increase the overall capacity of the transportation network.
- **Health** - People are more likely to walk or bike if they have safe facilities they feel comfortable using, which can increase activity and improve health.
- **Wealth** - Balanced transportation systems can facilitate economic growth by improving connections between where people live, work, and play; enhance property values; and decrease losses associated with crashes.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Sidewalk bicycle-riding, especially against the flow of traffic, is more dangerous than riding in the road due to the potential for conflicts at driveways and intersections. People often feel safer separated from fast-moving vehicles, even if it is actually more dangerous. Well-designed bicycle facilities can reduce these risks.

## WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED?

A range of projects are being considered to develop a more balanced and safe transportation network in Lealman.

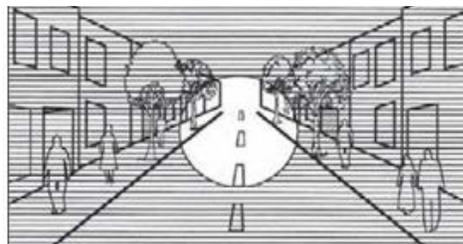
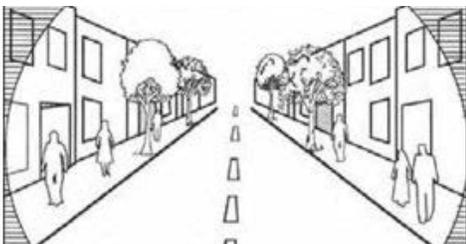
- Sidewalks
- Bicycle Lanes
- Turning Lanes
- Medians
- Crosswalks
- Multiuse Paths
- Street Connections
- Signals
- Lighting
- Safety Improvements
- Signs
- Public Art
- Bicycle Racks
- Benches
- Greenways

## HOW COULD SAFETY BE IMPROVED?

Safety improvements could include a number of measures, such as signs, signals, markings, or a change in roadway design. An evaluation of travel speeds, both posted and actual, will be considered in areas identified as safety concerns. Additional education and enforcement can also be tools to improve safety.



## WHY DOES SPEED MATTER?

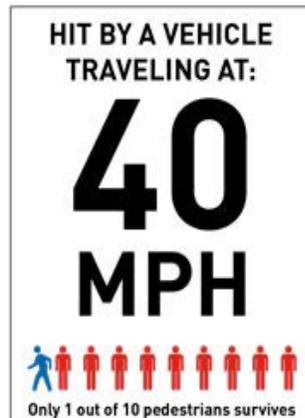


FIELD OF VISION AT 15 MPH

FIELD OF VISION AT 30 TO 40 MPH

At lower speeds, drivers can see more of their surroundings and have more time to react to potential hazards.

Speed is especially lethal for vulnerable users like pedestrians and cyclists. The risk of injury and death increases as speed increases.



## WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

The Linking Lealman Plan is a first step towards getting projects constructed. Some projects in Lealman, such as improvements to 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, are already part of the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and are currently under development. This plan will identify additional improvements in Lealman that can be included in future CIPs and pursued through other programs. The Linking Lealman Plan will identify short-term projects that may be able to be completed relatively quickly, as well as mid- and long-term improvements that may take many years to complete.



## WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions about the Linking Lealman Plan, please contact:  
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## WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The Project Team is currently gathering information about existing conditions to identify challenges and opportunities. You can help by providing any information about specific areas of concern on the project webpage:

[www.pinellascounty.org/plan/linking\\_lealman.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/plan/linking_lealman.htm)

The project team will meet with the community to present their findings and begin developing concepts.

Concepts for improvements will be developed and refined with input from the community.

An action plan will be developed for implementation of improvements.

The plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2018.

## HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

Check out the project webpage regularly. Opportunities for surveys and other ways to provide input will be hosted through the webpage:

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We will also have a series of public meetings where the community will help develop the plan, share concerns, and ask questions. Look for notices for meetings on the Pinellas County website, the project webpage, local messaging boards, and flyers that will be distributed throughout the community.