# LANE REPURPOSING ON STATE ROADS

# What Is Lane Repurposing?

Lane repurposing reimagines how roadway space functions. By converting a vehicular travel lane into a bike lane, sidewalk, landscaped curb, or on-street parking, a lane-repurposing project can beautify communities and balance the needs of all users.

## How Can I Start a Lane-Repurposing Project?

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has a three-step approval process for agencies seeking to repurpose lanes:



# Lane Repurposing Transforms Communities

On roads that meet certain traffic volume and operations thresholds, lane repurposing can increase:



#### Safety and Comfort for All

Projects calm traffic and create space for walking and biking.



### Economic Development

Projects spur the economy by improving commercial access.



## Placemaking

Projects beautify spaces, creating places people want to linger.



#### Walking and Biking

Projects facilitate walking and biking in all ages and abilities.



#### **Public Health**

Projects encourage healthier transportation habits.

# South Florida Knows the Value of Lane Repurposing

In 2015, lane repurposing transformed the stretch of State Route A1A between East Sunrise Boulevard and NE 18 Street.

The revamped corridor, which went from four to two lanes, freed up space for wider sidewalks, new bike lanes, a landscaped median, and increased lighting and signal crossings for pedestrian safety. The \$13.8 million-dollar State-funded project slowed driving speeds, increased safety, and provided an attractive, welcoming space for all to enjoy.

# For more information

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## **Community Use Determines How Lanes Are Repurposed**

FDOT classifies areas according to land use: that is, according to whether people have developed the land to be lived in, worked in, or traveled through. During a lane-repurposing project, these classifications help FDOT to adjust the roadway's design to better match the role the area is already playing in the community.



# What Are the Keys to **Successful Repurposing Projects?**



## **Find Community Champions**

Community members and elected officials can build the community enthusiasm that pushes projects forward.



#### **Coordinate with Partners Early and Often**

Teams can work with FDOT and partners to identify challenges, resolve problems, and avoid surprises.



#### **Be Mindful of Process** and Schedule

Prompt action is especially important when projects are time sensitive, like with resurfacing and rehabilitation work.



#### Set and Communicate Expectations

Community members should know what to expect from the project and their involvement.



## Work with FDOT to Solve Challenges

FDOT is open, flexible, and ready to discuss and solve challenges in the process.

## **Involve These Partners in Your Project Discussions:**







Emergency Response



**Freight and** Deliverv

Community **Members** 



Local Businesses



Schools and Universities

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