

DEVILLIERS, REUS AND "A" STREETScape

Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL
Project Title: DeVilliers, Reus and "A" Streetscape
Budget: \$20.8 million

Complete Streets Serve As Powerful Economic Driver

Inadequacies within Pensacola’s existing downtown neighborhood transportation corridors undermine the community’s connectivity to the waterfront. Outdated and deteriorated infrastructure conditions create an unsafe and uncomfortable environment which diminishes pedestrian and non-vehicular activity. These infrastructure conditions also limit area market potential for redevelopment by deterring private sector investment. “Complete Streets” streetscape improvements will leverage recent drainage and recreational improvements provided by the construction of the Government Street Regional Stormwater Facility at Corrine Jones Park and encourage westward moving development. Construction of a Complete Streets system of improvements, will support smart and equitable growth, which capitalizes on existing infrastructure, development potential and market demand. These community thoroughfares will be redesigned to address safety, lighting and aesthetic inadequacies and will include widened ADA accessible sidewalk systems, decorative street lighting, landscaping with shade trees, on-street parking and subsurface infrastructure. The improvements will enhance community walkability providing health, environmental and economic benefits to all residents of the City’s downtown neighborhoods.

- Integrates Pensacola’s Downtown Core and inner city neighborhoods by upgrading three key transitional streets, North DeVilliers, Reus and “A” Streets , providing connectivity to the City’s waterfront as well as major commercial corridors - Cervantes, Garden and Main Street.
- Enhances livability and linkages by employing sustainable urban design within Pensacola’s Inner City neighborhoods targeted for blight removal and revitalization.
- Provides walkability between three historical downtown neighborhoods (Tanyard, Belmont-DeVilliers and North Hill), the Community Maritime Park, the newly developed Corrine Jones Stormwater Park, as well as other community amenities.

The streetscape enhancements will transform the public realm and serve a wide range of users. These improvements will act as a powerful social and economic driver providing improved urban access along Pensacola’s western transitional core. By bridging the gap between Pensacola’s lower income communities and the downtown amenities and commercial corridors, the project will drive economic vigor and catalyze westward moving growth and vitality spurred by the success of Pensacola’s Downtown Business District and waterfront.

