Task One: Citizen Participation

In the fall of 2016, Santa Rosa County contracted with WFRPC to develop a bicycle-pedestrian plan in the Pace-Pea Ridge area in Santa Rosa County as part of a grant by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The overarching goals of the plan are to determine area needs and public desires in regards to either non-motorized transportation alternatives or recreational bicycle, pedestrian, or equestrian facilities; analyze existing plans and programs and determine priorities based on identified and formulated goals and appropriate linkages; integrate transportation and land use decisions; and identify funding strategies for the development of the plan which will include prioritization of existing projects. The plan will synthesize the various bicycle and pedestrian activities related to multi-modal mobility, quality of life, safety, connectivity, health, education, recreation, and environmental concerns in a manner that is pedicated on citizen input.

Social media has played a major role in public involvement for this project. A website, online survey, and Facebook page were created for gathering feedback and sharing information on existing bike-ped facilities, crash data, and project ideas.

In October and November 2016, a series of meetings were held to gather vital public feedback. The citizen comments from public meetings, the surveys, and Facebook pages have been summarized for the goals and objectives.