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## **City of Bartow Invites Community Input into Road Improvements on S. Jackson Ave .**

(Bartow, FL - January 29, 2025) City of Bartow officials are inviting public feedback on initiatives being considered in response to a study completed in 2024 that assessed traffic safety conditions along the 1.3-mile corridor of S. Jackson Ave. between E. Clower St./E. Soledad Ave. and E. Main St. The study evaluated safety, operations and existing facilities to identify improvements that could lower motor vehicle speeds and enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Results of a speed study focused on traffic between E. Wabash and E. Lemon Streets indicated that the average car was traveling more than 10 mph above the posted 25 mph limit, with some cars traveling nearly twice the limit.

The City already has plans for improvements in the area to include better lighting and additional four-way stops but also is considering features that would support future designation of the corridor as a segment of the long-distance Collier to Polk Trail being planned by the Florida Department of Transportation. Grant funding may be available to implement the final design and construction of this and other study recommendations, including the extension of the corridor from Mary Holland Park to the southern end of the Fort Fraser Trail along the south side of State Road 60.

Public feedback on the proposed improvements and support for the funding application will be sought at a meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Bartow City Hall, 450 N. Wilson Ave. Residents, especially those who live near or frequent the area designated for improvements, are encouraged to attend.

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