



In March 2012, more than seven miles of new bicycle paths opened to the public, improving connections to the General Van Fleet National and TECO-Auburndale Trail system. These bicycle paths are located on the south side of the recently-completed University Boulevard and Research Way Road projects constructed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds awarded in 2009 to provide access to the new Polytechnic University campus in Lakeland. The University Boulevard/Research Way Trails continue east through the new Polk Parkway/Pace Road interchange and along the south side of Pace Road to CR 655/Berkley Road. Polk County constructed the Pace Road Trail with Federal Transportation Enhancement Program funds, which includes benches and enhanced landscaping in the project design. Access to this new trail network from Lakeland is provided via State Road 33 to University Boulevard or the Polk Parkway to Pace Road. Ample on-street parking can be found along Research Way, just west of the Polk Parkway/Pace Road interchange.



Research Way Trail at entrance to new polytechnic university currently under construction.



Pace Road Trail at intersection with TECO-Auburndale Trail