



MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Please be advised that the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (R2CTPO) **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)** will be meeting on:

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m. (EST)

PLACE: Daytona Beach International Airport
700 Catalina Drive (Airline Conference Room)
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

NOTE:
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established for remote
participation.

BPAC

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 2:00 PM (EST)

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Mr. Ted Wendler, Chairperson

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION *(Length of time at the discretion of the Chairperson)*

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024 BPAC MEETING MINUTES
(Contact: Donna King) (Enclosure, pages 3-7)

III. ACTION ITEMS *(continued)*

- B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-## SUPPORTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL** *(Contact: Stephan Harris) (Enclosure, pages 8-12)*

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PROGRAM FOR TRAIL TOWNS AND TRAIL DESIGNATION** *(Contact: Stephan Harris) (Enclosure, pages 13-27)*
- B. UPDATE ON BIKE/WALK CENTRAL FLORIDA'S OPERATION BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM** *(Contact: Pamela Blankenship and Stephan Harris) (Enclosure, pages 28-33)*
- C. UPDATE ON THE RIVER TO SEA TPO'S 2024 ANNUAL CALL FOR PROJECTS** *(Contact: Stephan Harris) (Enclosure, page 34)*

V. STAFF COMMENTS *(Enclosure, page 35)*

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS *(Enclosure, pages 35-42)*

- BPAC Attendance Record
- Spring to the Springs Event
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events

VII. BPAC MEMBER COMMENTS *(Enclosure, page 35)*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT *(Enclosure, page 35)*

*****The next meeting of the BPAC will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024*****

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**SUMMARY SHEET
BPAC
MARCH 13, 2024**

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024 BPAC MEETING MINUTES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Minutes are prepared for each meeting and must be approved by the BPAC. The February 14, 2024 BPAC meeting minutes are provided with this agenda packet for your review.

ACTION REQUESTED:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024 BPAC MEETING MINUTES

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024
Daytona Beach International Airport, Airline Room
700 Catalina Drive
Daytona Beach, FL 32114**

Members/Technical Appointees Physically Present:

Terry Lodge, Vice Chairperson
Luis Leal
Larry Coletti
Nic Mostert
Bob Storke
Gayle Belin
Tom Bahleda
Jason Aufdenberg
Elizabeth Bonds
Maggie Ardito
Emery Jeffreys
Eileen Sharp
Meghan Lindsey
Adam Mengel (non-voting)
Amy Stroger (non-voting)
Jacob Lunceford (non-voting)

Members/Technical Appointees Virtually Present:

Nancy Epps
Suzette Cameron (non-voting)
Penelope Cruz (non-voting)
Jay Williams (non-voting)
David German (non-voting)
Stephanie Moss (non-voting advisor)

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Doug Hall (excused)
Cassandra Jessie
Ted Wendler, Chairperson (excused)
Candice Cornelssen
Jauxniece Palmer
Patrick McCallister
Christy Gillis (excused)
Katheryn Meagher (excused)

Others Physically Present:

Donna King, Recording Secretary
Pamela Blankenship
Stephan Harris
Kia Powell

Representing:

DeBary
Deltona
Flagler County
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Ponce Inlet
Volusia County At-Large
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County District 1
Volusia County District 1 Alternate
Volusia County District 2
Volusia County Parks Recreation & Culture Alternate
Flagler County
Flagler County Transit
Volusia County Transit Services

Representing:

Ponce Inlet Alternate
Large City, Port Orange
Large City, Port Orange Alternate
Volusia County
Volusia County Schools
FDOT

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Alternate
DeLand
Flagler Beach
Flagler Beach Alternate
Lake Helen
South Daytona
South Daytona Alternate

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum / Pledge of Allegiance

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Terry Lodge. The roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with thirteen voting and four non-voting members physically present, and six non-voting members virtually present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Mostert to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.*

II. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of the January 10, 2024 BPAC Meeting Minutes

[Discussion inaudible regarding the east Volusia County trails]

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Storke to approve the January 10, 2024 BPAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coletti and carried unanimously.*

B. Review and Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Bicycle/Pedestrian Tasks for FDOT/FHWA Review

Mr. Harris explained the UPWP activities and the process of approval. He noted the revisions to the list and explained the process that will take place after the approval. He discussed the tasks that were removed since the last meeting and explained why they were removed.

Mr. Harris answered BPAC members' questions regarding the Bicycle Suitability Map; who will manage the traffic cameras in school zones; allocations/funding; the task 3.01 estimated budget detail sheet; and how the TPO coordinates with local governments.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Jeffreys to recommend approval of the draft FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Bicycle/Pedestrian Tasks for FDOT/FHWA Review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bonds and carried unanimously.*

C. Appointment/Reappointment of 2024 BPAC Project Review Subcommittee Members

Mr. Harris provided in-depth details of the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee's responsibilities and how often the meetings occur. He asked for volunteers and for confirmation of whether the current subcommittee members wanted to be reappointed. Ms. Sharp and Ms. Bonds volunteered to serve, and all the current members elected to be reappointed.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Mostert to appoint Eileen Sharp and Elizabeth Bonds and reappoint Maggie Ardito, Jason Aufdenberg, Gayle Belin, Terry Lodge, Nic Mostert, and Ted Wendler to the 2024 BPAC Project Review Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Belin and carried unanimously.*

D. Appointment/Reappointment of 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Members

Mr. Harris provided in-depth details of the TIP Subcommittee's responsibilities and how often the meetings occur. He asked for volunteers to serve and if the current members wanted to be reappointed. Ms. Ardito volunteered to serve, and Mr. Storke requested to be reappointed.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Bonds to appoint Maggie Ardito and reappoint Bob Storke to the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mostert and carried unanimously.*

IV. Presentation and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Roundabouts

Mr. Harris provided a video presentation on pedestrians, bicyclists, and roundabouts.

Mr. Harris and Ms. Moss (FDOT) answered BPAC members' questions and concerns regarding roundabouts not having a bike lane; dangers of vehicles speeding through roundabouts; what is being done to improve the safety of cyclists; and local laws for pedestrians and cyclists.

Ms. Moss suggested having someone from FDOT give a presentation to the BPAC on roundabouts; the members agreed.

V. Staff Comments

Mr. Harris announced the upcoming FDOT Safety Workshop in Titusville on February 27; he invited the BPAC members to attend from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and asked that they RSVP by February 16.

VI. Information Items

- BPAC Attendance Record
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events
- 2024 Priority Project Process Schedule
- FDOT Safety Workshop Invitation

VII. BPAC Member Comments

Several BPAC member comments were received regarding virtual attendees not being able to hear the audio of the meetings.

Mr. Aufdenberg discussed his experience cycling with a professor from Hawaii who is trying to beat the world record for cycling the world on a ten-speed bicycle. He noted that the St. Johns River to Sea Loop was complete between Ridgewood Avenue and LPGA Boulevard.

Ms. Ardito discussed the importance of the River to Sea Loop Alliance. She noted that the Office of Greenways and Trails has decided to re-rank all the SUN Trails; she is unsure if the St. Johns River to Sea Loop will be changed from the number two ranking. She explained that a phone call meeting will be held tomorrow, and a meeting will also be held at the end of the month in Winter Haven on this topic. She asked that members interested in supporting the River to Sea Loop Alliance join the call and added that members could email her for more information. She also asked that the members send letters of support to the Office of Greenways and Trails supporting the current ranking for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop.

Ms. Sharp stated that she had ridden the recently completed LeHigh trail.

Ms. Stroger discussed several trail projects that are underway in Flagler County.

Mr. Mostert congratulated the newest BPAC Project Review Subcommittee members and commended Mr. Lodge for doing a great job of chairing the BPAC meeting.

Ms. Belin apologized for being late due to a train and traffic.

Mr. Leal apologized for being late and announced his resignation as the city of Deltona BPAC representative, stating it was a pleasure working with everyone.

Mr. Bahleda asked about the three-foot bicycle passing law.

Mr. Storke noted that the TPO produces a bumper sticker promoting the three-foot passing law.

Mr. Harris stated he would bring copies of the sticker to next month's BPAC meeting for the members.

Mr. Coletti stated that he prefers paper products to digital products and would like to see the TPO keep a paper version of the Bicycle Suitability Map. He also noted that a law was recently passed where ten bicycles can go through a stop sign as one vehicle.

VIII. Adjournment

The BPAC meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization

**Mr. Ted Wendler, Chairperson
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 13th day of March 2024.

**Donna King, Recording Secretary
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization**

****A recording of the February 14, 2024 BPAC meeting is available upon request.***

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III. ACTION ITEMS

B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-## SUPPORTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail is a 260-mile, Shared-Use, Non-Motorized (SUN) trail through Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties. In March 2016, the Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC) designated the Coast-to-Coast Trail the #1 regional trail and the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail the #2 regional trail in Florida. With the passing of SB 106 in 2023, Chapter 260.0142(4)(2), Florida Statutes, was amended to include the following language:

Recommend priorities for regionally significant trails within the Florida Greenways and Trails System for inclusion by the Florida Department of Transportation in the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network as defined by s. 339.81. For purposes of this section, the term “regionally significant trails” means trails that cross multiple counties, attract national and international visitors, and serve as an opportunity for economic and ecotourism development; showcase the natural value of this state’s wildlife areas, ecology, and natural resources; and serve as main corridors for critical links and trail connectedness across the state.

Because of the additional statutory language, the FGTC will be developing a prioritized/reprioritized list of the current regional trails at their March 27-28, 2024 meeting in Winter Haven, Florida. Draft Resolution 2024-## supporting the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail is provided with this agenda packet for your review.

ACTION REQUESTED:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-## SUPPORTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2024-##

RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA LOOP TRAIL

WHEREAS, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Volusia County and portions of Flagler County inclusive of the cities of Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach, and portions of Palm Coast and Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. 5303 require that the urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan establishes the vision for implementing a connected statewide system of greenways and trails for recreation, conservation, alternative transportation, healthy lifestyles, a vibrant economy, a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River to Sea Loop is a 260-mile Shared-Use, Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail traversing Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail is one of fourteen regionally significant trails in the FGTS Plan that cross multiple counties, attract national and international visitors, and serve as an opportunity for economic and ecotourism development; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail showcases the natural value of Florida's wildlife areas, ecology, natural resources, and serves as a main corridor for critical links and trail connectedness across the state; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail is the second leading regional trail priority in the State of Florida, behind the Coast-to-Coast Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails Council will be developing a prioritized/reprioritized list of the current FGTS regional trails at their March 27-28, 2024 meeting in Winter Haven, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO is a strong proponent of the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the River to Sea TPO that the:

1. River to Sea TPO supports the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail as one of the leading regional trail priorities in the State of Florida; and the
2. Chairperson of the River to Sea TPO (or his designee) is hereby authorized and directed to submit this resolution to the following:
 - a. Florida Department of Transportation;
 - b. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation);
 - c. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation);
 - d. Florida Greenways and Trails Council;
 - e. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC);
 - f. Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC);
 - g. Members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance; and
 - h. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT);

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on the **27TH** day of **March, 2024**.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

DELAND MAYOR CHRISTOPHER M. CLOUDMAN
CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on March 27, 2024.

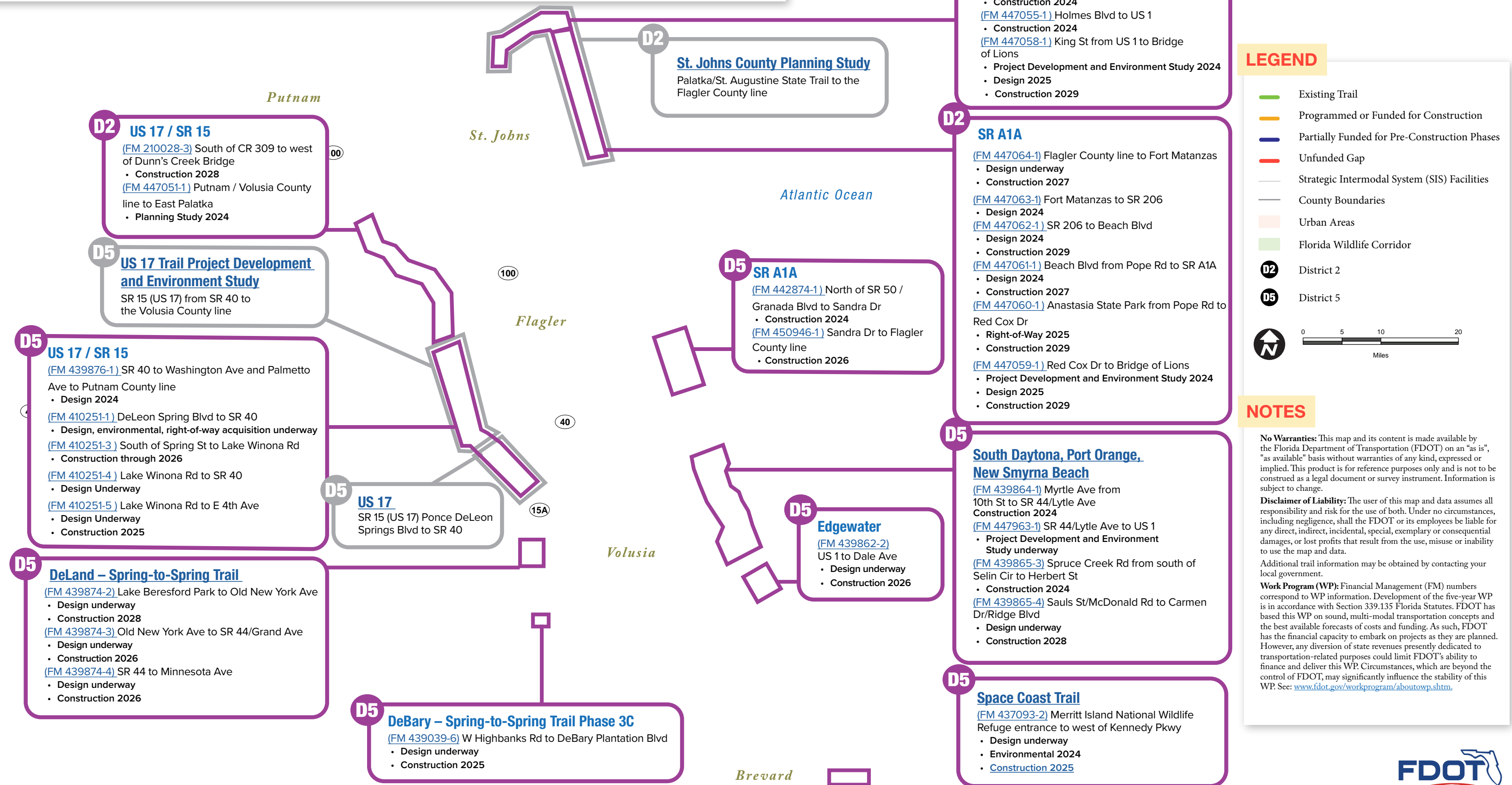
ATTEST:

DONNA KING, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



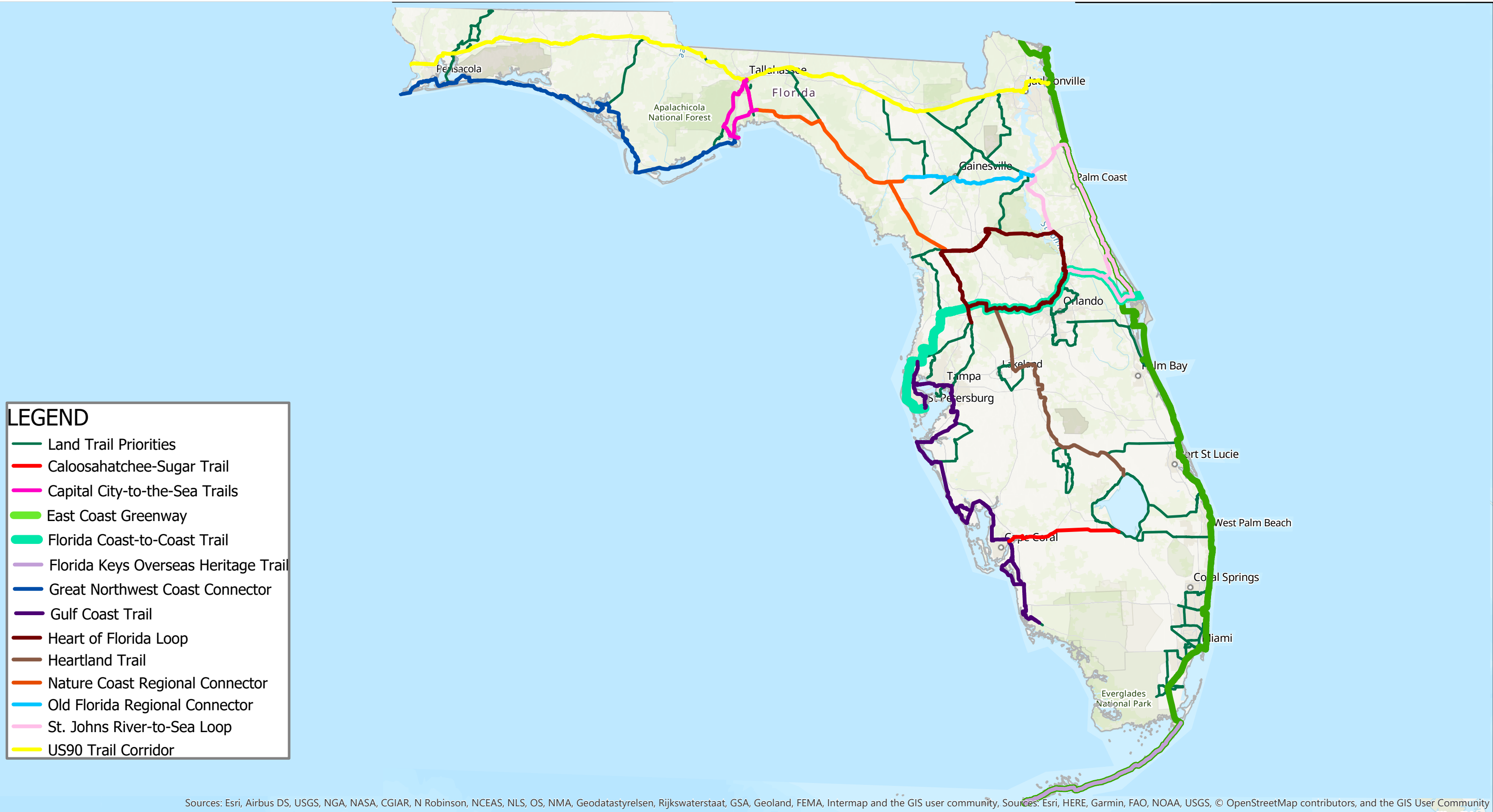
St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop

Connecting the Gaps

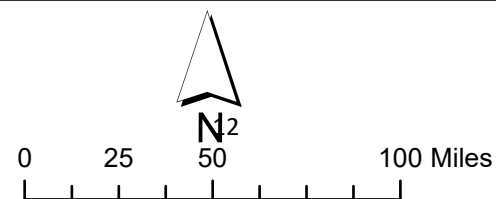




Identified Multi-Use Regional Trails



Last Updated: 2/4/20



Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks

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IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PROGRAM FOR TRAIL TOWNS AND TRAIL DESIGNATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The mission of the Florida Greenways and Trails System is to create a network of greenways and trails throughout Florida, connecting one end of the state to the other, from Key West to Pensacola. The system has its roots in the Florida Canoe Trails System, the Florida Recreational Trails System, and Florida's public parks, forests, refuges, wildlife management areas, and water management areas.

A trail town is a vibrant destination where people come together. It is a place where trail users can venture off a hiking, biking, equestrian, or paddling trail to enjoy the amenities and unique heritage of the community, benefiting the town economically and socially.

The Florida Greenways and Trails Designation Program provides for the designation of public lands, waterways and private lands.

Anna Hopkins, Northeast/Central Regional Coordinator with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails, will provide an overview of Trail Towns and the Florida Greenways and Trails Designation Program.

ACTION REQUESTED:

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BPAC



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THE OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Office of Greenways and Trails was established to fulfill the Florida Greenways and Trails Act...

To ... *"conserve, develop and use the natural resources of this state for healthful and recreational purposes"*.

[Florida Greenways and Trails Act, Chapter 260, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)



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THE OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC)

- Established in Chapter 260.0142, F.S.
- Advises** the department on greenway and trail related issues.
- Promotes **intergovernmental cooperation** and **private partnerships** for developing the greenways and trails system.
- Recommends **priorities** for critical links in developing and managing the system.



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Florida's Greenways and Trails System Includes:

- 1,500-mile Florida National Scenic Trail.
- 1,515-mile Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail.
- 250-mile Florida Coast-to-Coast Trail.
- 260-mile St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop.
- 270-mile Gulf Coast Trail.

... And much more.



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Florida's Designated Trail Towns

- Dunedin
- Titusville
- Malabar
- Vilano Beach
- Clermont
- Palatka
- Inverness
- Deltona
- Everglades City
- Winter Garden
- Depot Park,
Gainesville
- DeBary
- Winter Haven
- Mount Dora
- Brooksville
- Capital Cascades
Corridor, Tallahassee
- Milton
- Sopchoppy
- White Springs



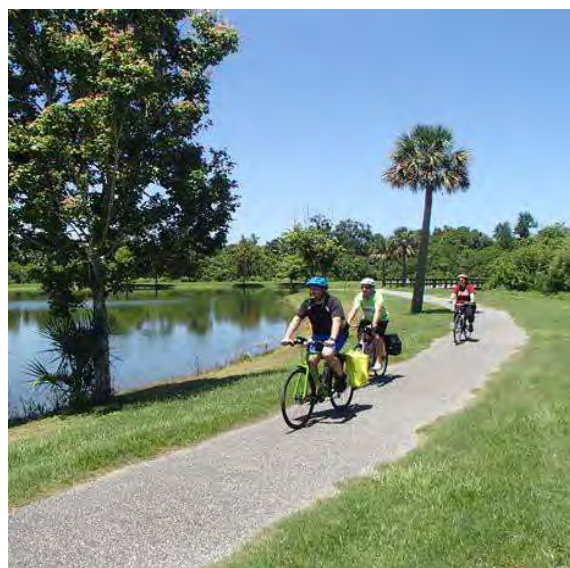
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Trail Town Goals:

- Enhance the quality of Florida's trail experience.
- Promote tourism and growth of Florida's trails and throughway towns.
- Increase the amount and frequency of trail users in Florida.
- Engage citizens with Florida's trail system through active community participation.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- A portal, gateway or hub to a regional or priority trail or trail system.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- Trails and greenway action plan.
- Shared vision.
- Local business support – Trail Town business pledge.
- Social infrastructure.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- Trail-related services and businesses such as:
 - Shuttles.
 - Supplies and gear for hiking, biking, paddling or horseback riding.
 - Rentals of canoes, kayaks or bikes.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- Amenities for trail users that are safe and easily accessible such as:
 - Lodging.
 - Restaurants.
 - Points of Interest- museums, retail shops, etc.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- Clear directional signage on and to the trail.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- “Trail friendly” experience with knowledgeable citizens who interact with visitors.
- Business owners and employees who can answer trail questions.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- A variety of community events/competitions that promote the outdoors or involve local trails.



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What Makes a Trail Town?

- Provides a "sense of place"
 - Local citizens willing to share culture, history, and stories.
- Local trail users and local trail promotion.
- "Trail Champions" – standout citizen supporters.



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Interested in becoming a Trail Town?

- Interested communities should contact their OGT Regional Coordinator and complete the Trail Town Self-Assessment found at www.floridadep.gov/ogt.



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The Trail Town Process:

Trail Town Questionnaire

Use the Self-Assessment to assist with completing the questionnaire.

Trail

What types of trails connect to or are located near your town? (biking, hiking, paddling, shared use non-motorized, multi-use, equestrian, etc.)

List any neighboring trails and their proximity to your town.

Who maintains your trail(s)? Please identify each trail and the manager.

- Interested communities review the Trail Town Self-Assessment and complete the Questionnaire.



- OGT staff conduct a site visit with local trail advocates and planners after receiving an application.



- After a town is approved, the Designation is presented to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council for official recognition.

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The Trail Town Process



4. Designated Trail Towns receive signage, stickers, website presence and publicity/promotion.



Brooksville: a Florida Trail Town

Equal parts historic & scenic, Brooksville offers trails with historic sites and adventure amongst the Spanish-moss draped oak streets.

5. Story Map tours are developed for each Trail Town and posted on the OGT website.

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Trail Town celebration events are great for publicity and community involvement.



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Legislation passed in 2023 directed Visit Florida to increase promotion of trails and Trail Towns.

[Webpage Link](#)



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Choose your adventure- there is a Trail Town for everyone!



Small Town



Developed City



Paddling



Biking



Lakeside



Beachside

And So Much More!

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Land & Paddling Trail Designation Program

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Designation Program

- Land trails, greenways, blueways, and sites across the state can be designated as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) through an application process and voluntary landowner agreement.
- Lands may be public or private.
- Paddling trails are included.





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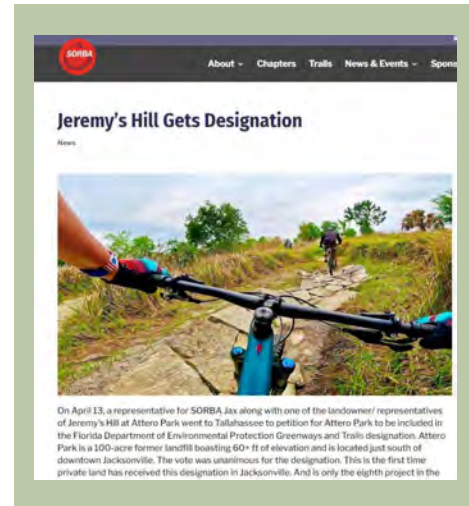
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Purpose of Designation

- Further the goals and objectives of the FGTS, creating an **interconnected system**.
- Encourage **voluntary partnerships** in conservation, development, and management of the system's many pieces.
- Provide **recognition** for individual pieces of the system and partners involved.
- Raise **public awareness** of the conservation and recreation benefits of the system.



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Basic Criteria

- A designated land or waterway must protect and/or enhance natural, recreational, cultural or historic resources.

AND

- Provide linear open space, a hub or a site.

OR

- Promote connectivity between or among conservation lands, communities, parks, other recreational facilities, cultural sites, or historic sites.

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Paddling Trail Criteria

- Local, regional or state entity agrees to be the **manager** of the trail in terms of development and long-term maintenance. The manager must agree to monitor the trail at least once a year.
- At least **three miles** in length.
- Adequate **public access**.
- Adequate **information** is provided in terms of difficulty, mileage, safety considerations and environmental conditions.
- Campsites** and **overnight stops** are only required when public access points are further than **20 miles** apart so that paddlers can complete day trips in a reasonable amount of time.



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Benefits of Designation

- Gives **public recognition** to local greenway and trail projects.
- Private landowners receive **liability protection**.
- Lands and waterways receive **additional consideration** in some acquisition and grant programs, such as the Florida Communities Trust Land Acquisition Program, the Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP), and the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).
- Paddling trails included in OGT **regional story maps**. Paddling guides created as needed/able.

Northeast Paddling Trails

Name	Guide	Story Map
Palm Beach County Blueways	External Link	
Peddie Creek	Paddling Guide	See this trail
Wallow Creek	Paddling Guide	See this trail
Tomboka River	Paddling Guide	See this trail
Spruce Creek	Paddling Guide	See this trail
St. Johns River Blueway	Paddling Guide just Data Book	See this trail
Weeks River/Rock Springs Run	Paddling Guide	See this trail
Acantokatchee River	Paddling Guide	See this trail
Shingle Creek	External Link - Launch/Mark info	External link - paddling guide

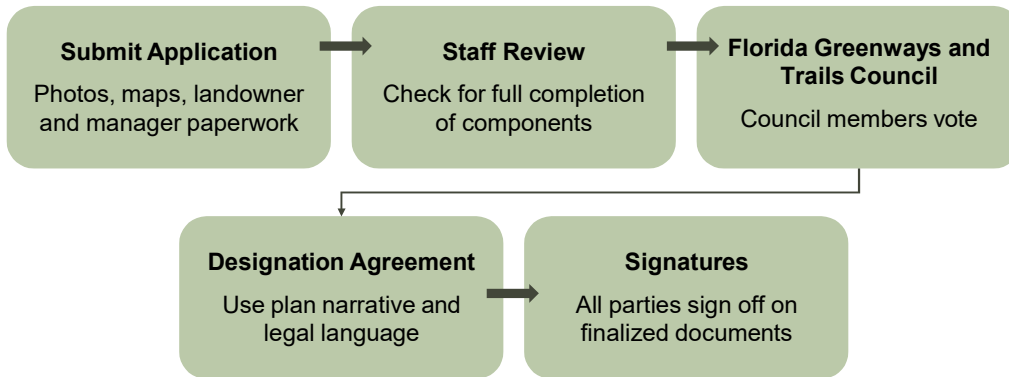
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B. UPDATE ON BIKE/WALK CENTRAL FLORIDA’S OPERATION BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Bike/Walk Central Florida, a nonprofit advocacy organization that administers pedestrian and bicycle safety programs across the Central Florida region has recently partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation to bring the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety program to Volusia County, expanding on its current footprint in Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties.

The program takes a three “E” approach to educating drivers on the driver yield law and encouraging community members to stop and let people at marked crosswalks cross the street. The program has been ongoing in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties for over 10 years with significant results.

In February 2024, five High Visibility Crosswalk Enforcement Operations were completed in Volusia County. Law enforcement officers issued 94 citations and 24 warnings to motorists who failed to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

TPO staff will provide an update on Operation Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BPAC



Crossing Guards See Crosswalk Enforcement Ramping Up in Six Central Florida Counties

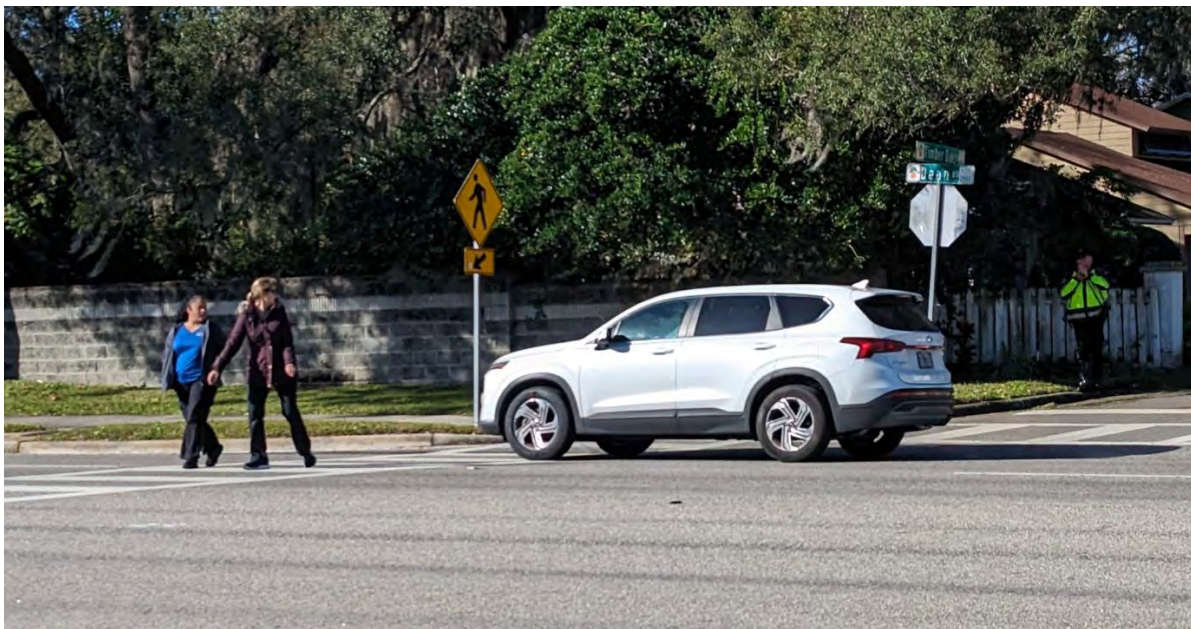
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[Brevard County](#), [Enforcement](#), [Marion County](#), [Orange County](#), [Osceola County](#), [Seminole County](#), [Volusia County](#)

Operation Best Foot Forward wrapped up its most expansive enforcement to date last Friday, with **14 law enforcement agencies** across **six counties** issuing **366 warnings and citations** to drivers that failed to yield to pedestrians. Many of the crosswalk locations chosen for enforcement were located within one mile of a school where students walk, in recognition of Crossing Guard Appreciation Day earlier this month. In total, there were **25 enforcement details** conducted at **22 crosswalk locations**.



During Operation Best Foot Forward, plainclothes officers and deputies cross streets at marked crosswalks, giving drivers enough time to slow down and stop safely. Drivers who do not stop as Florida law requires face a \$164 citation and three (3) points on their license. Operation Best Foot Forward is part of the Best Foot Forward coalition's larger effort to improve road safety.



Occurring February 6 – 16, this two-week high-visibility window saw returning participation from law enforcement partners in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. For the first time, law enforcement partners from Brevard, Volusia, and Marion Counties also participated as part of FDOT's Target Zero initiative to reduce traffic-related serious injuries and deaths to zero.

Some of the crosswalk locations targeted near schools include:

<u>Crosswalk Location</u>	<u>Enforcement Agency</u>	<u>Nearby School</u>
W. Oak Street & N. Emory Ave.	Kissimmee Police Department	Thacker Elementary
N. Dean Rd. & Timber Oaks Ct.	Orange County Sheriff's Office	Union Park Middle
Dowden Rd. & Story Time Dr.	Orlando Police Department	Innovation Middle
Bear Lake Rd. & McNeil Rd.	Seminole County Sheriff's Office	Teague Middle
SE 28 th St. & SE 52 nd Ave.	Marion County Sheriff's Office	Maplewood Elementary
Stadium Pkwy. midblock S. of Judge Fran Jamieson Way	Brevard County Sheriff's Office	Viera Charter



Police departments from Apopka, Casselberry, Orlando, St. Cloud and Winter Park also returned as regular participants of Operation Best Foot Forward. For the first time, police departments from Holly Hill, Indian Harbour Beach, and Daytona Beach Shores joined the operation. Crosswalks were enforced in both Cape Canaveral and Viera by Brevard County Sheriff's Office, while Volusia County Sheriff's Office ran crosswalk details in DeBary and Ormond Beach.

Thank you to our local news broadcast stations for bringing awareness to the enforcement, with 48 media placements reminding an estimated 646,000 Central Florida viewers that it's the law in Florida to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. We'd also like to give a special shout out to all our Best Foot Forward partners who were able to attend a crosswalk enforcement to support, including elected officials such as Apopka Mayor Brian Nelson, Brevard County Commissioner Rob Feltner, and Apopka Commissioner Nick Nesta, as well as partners from:

- **Orlando Health**
- **MetroPlan Orlando**
- **River to Sea TPO**

- Ocala Marion TPO
- Space Coast TPO
- Orange County Government
- Town of Oakland
- City of Holly Hill
- City of Kissimmee
- City of Winter Park
- City of Daytona Beach Shores
- City of Indian Harbour Beach
- Bike/Walk Central Florida Board of Directors



Additional pictures are available to view on our Operation Best Foot Forward [Flickr album](#). To see the full enforcement schedule with an interactive map of the crosswalk locations, visit <https://www.iyield4peds.org/operationbff/>

HEADS UP, CFL DRIVERS!

Stop for people in
crosswalks or face:



\$164 or more
citation



3 pts on your
license



Put YOUR Best Foot Forward!
iyield4peds.org



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C. UPDATE ON THE RIVER TO SEA TPO'S 2024 ANNUAL CALL FOR PROJECTS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Interested parties were invited to submit bicycle/pedestrian project applications on or before the February 29, 2024 deadline. TPO staff will provide an update on project applications received during the current Call for Projects cycle and lead a discussion of the next steps.

ACTION REQUESTED:

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BPAC

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V. STAFF COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- BPAC Attendance Record
- Spring to the Springs Event
- TPO Board Report
- TPO Outreach & Activities
- TPO Upcoming Events

VII. BPAC MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

******The next meeting of the BPAC will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024******

BPAC ATTENDANCE RECORD 2024

BPAC Member	Representing	Apptmt Date	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Doug Hall	Daytona Beach	03/2012	P	E										
Luis Leal	Deltona	11/2021	V	P										
Terry Lodge	DeBary	08/2020	P	P										
Ted Wendler	DeLand	05/2011	P	E										
Candice Cornelissen	Flagler Beach	05/2023	A	A										
Jauxniece Palmer	Flagler Beach-Alt	05/2023	A	A										
Larry Coletti	Flagler County	02/2016	V	P										
Patrick McCallister	Lake Helen	02/2022	E	A										
Nic Mostert	New Smyrna Beach	03/2015	P	P										
Bob Storke	Orange City	12/2007	P	P										
Gayle Belin	Ormond Beach	01/2015	E	P										
Tom Bahleda	Ponce Inlet	11/2023	P	P										
Nancy Epps	Ponce Inlet Alt	08/2021	V											
Vacant	Palm Coast													
Christy Gillis	South Daytona	01/2016	V	E										
Katheryn Meagher	South Daytona Alt	09/2023	P	E										
Elizabeth Bonds	Volusia County	10/2023	P	P										
Jason Aufdenberg	Volusia County	07/2012	P	P										
Maggie Ardilo	Volusia County	02/2022	P	P										
Emery Jeffreys	Volusia County Alt	05/2022	P	P										
Eileen Sharp	Volusia County	04/2023	P	P										
Vacant	Volusia County													
Suzette Cameron	Large City-Port Orange	11/2023	V	A										
Penelope Cruz	Large City-PO Alt	11/2023	V	A										
Jacob Lunceford	VC Transit Division	03/2023	P	P										
Ralf Heseler	VC Transit Division Alt	03/2023												
Lisa Divina	VC School Board	03/2023		A										
David German	VC School Board-Alt	03/2023	P	V										
Adam Mengel	Flagler County	08/2021	P	P										
Vacant	Flagler County-Alt													
Sean Castello	VC Traffic Engineering	09/2022	A	A										
Meghan Lindsey	VC Traffic Eng-Alt	08/2022	A	P										
Hamid Tabassian	Flagler County Transit	08/2023	A	E										
Trevor Martin	FC Transit-Alt	08/2023	A	A										
Stephanie Moss	FDOT	11/2019	E	V										
QUORUM			Y											
Vacancies		Legend												
Bunnell		Present	P											
Beverly Beach		Virtual Present	V											
Daytona Beach Shores		Excused	E											
Edgewater		Absent	A											
Flagler County School Board														
Holly Hill														
Oak Hill														
Pierson														
Port Orange														



2024 Spring to the Springs

Family Fun Ride and Trail Celebration
Bikes and BBQ in the Park

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Gemini Springs Park
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary, FL 32713



5-Mile Casual Ride
10-Mile Explorer Ride
18-Mile Blue Spring Ride
28-Mile Lake Monroe Loop

A Casual, Family-
Oriented Event, **Fun For
All Ages and Abilities,**
Games, Prizes & BBQ!

*All participants must
register as **Trail Alliance Friends***



Friend's Event Registration:
River2SeaLoop.Org/SpringRide
Become a Trail **Friend**:
River2SeaLoop.Org/TrailAllianceFriend
Info@River2SeaLoop.org

**River to Sea TPO Board
Meeting Summary
February 28, 2024**

- A physical quorum was not present for this meeting
- Attending members agreed to have the Executive Committee tentatively take action on all action items from the February 28, 2024 TPO Board meeting agenda, at their March 6, 2024 Executive Committee meeting
- Received the FDOT report; announced the most up-to-date project information can be found at www.cflroads.com; there are three current intermittent road closures; the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail is complete; SR A1A at Ormond Beach has a new safety improvement, and FDOT opened a new big block crosswalk at the intersection of Rockefeller Drive and A1A
- Received the Executive Director's report regarding updates on the TPO's office relocation; HB 7049/SB 1032; the TPO's outreach and activities; the FDOT Safety Strategic Plan Workshop; and Best Foot Forward progress
- Received TPO Board member comments
- Received TPO Chairperson comments

The next River to Sea TPO Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.



River to Sea TPO Outreach & Activities

www.R2CTPO.org

February 2024

Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Crosswalk Enforcement

In February, Bike/Walk Central Florida partnered with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, Holly Hill Police Department, New Smyrna Beach Police Department, Ormond Beach Police Department, and the Daytona Beach Shores Police Department to conduct quarterly high-visibility crosswalk enforcement operations. These crosswalk enforcements are part of a more comprehensive effort to educate drivers about Florida's right-of-way laws and curb the pattern of aggressive behavior towards pedestrians. During the operation, plainclothes officers cross the street at marked crosswalks, giving drivers enough time to yield as [Florida law requires](#). Uniformed officers are monitoring driver behavior and drivers who fail to stop are pulled over and may be issued a warning or a citation of at least \$164 and three points on their license. The five Volusia County crosswalk enforcement operation locations included:

- S. Atlantic Ave. & Ocean Ave in New Smyrna Beach
- S. Atlantic Ave. & Bellemead Dr. in Daytona Beach Shores
- Ocean Shore Blvd. & Tom Renick Park in Ormond Beach
- Walker St. & Center Ave. in Holly Hill
- Dirksen Dr. & Mansion Blvd. in DeBary

In total, for the five high-visibility enforcement operations, 24 warnings were given to drivers and 94 citations were issued.

For more information on the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program [click here](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO OF A PLAINCLOTHES OFFICER CROSSING AT THE DIRKSEN DR. & MANSION BLVD. CROSSWALK IN DEBARY](#)





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February 2024

Families & Communities Together (FACT) Fair

On Thursday, February 15, the TPO attended the Volusia County Schools FACT Fair at Heritage Middle School in Deltona. The TPO encouraged attendees to be safe while riding their bikes and walking, as well as providing instructions for drivers to enable the do not disturb function on their phones.



Junior League Child Health Fair

On Saturday, February 24, the TPO attended the Junior League Child Health Fair at Buddy Taylor Middle School in Palm Coast. The TPO discussed safety for children and adults while riding their bikes and walking.

Ongoing Projects, Studies, & Activities

- Implement Regional Resiliency Action Plan
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Implementation
- Call for Projects Process - Subcommittees ranking project & study applications
- Best Foot Forward for Ped Safety Program
- FY 2024/25 and 20 25/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development

NSB Health & Wellness Fair

On Saturday, February 17, the TPO participated in the New Smyrna Beach Health & Wellness Fair at the Babe James Community Center. The TPO promoted distraction-free bicycle/pedestrian and driver safety. This well-attended event showcased more than 50 vendors.

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Subscribe to the TPO's monthly newsletter, Transportation Talk, for more transportation news and information. Simply click the link below, fill out the form and sign up!

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March-April 2024 Events

March 7

Volusia County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Meeting

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Volusia County Public Works Northeast Services Facility
3771 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach

March 11

Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Dennis R. McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport
700 Catalina Dr, Suite 300, Daytona Beach

More info: [Click Here](#)

March 12

Flagler County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Meeting

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Flagler County Commissioner Conference Room
1769 E. Moody Blvd. Bldg. 2, Bunnell

March 14

Daytona Chamber Eggs & Issues

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Halifax River Yacht Club

331 S Beach St. Daytona Beach

The River to Sea TPO Executive Director will be presenting on the TPO and upcoming projects.

More info: [Click Here](#)

March 28

Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) Board Meeting

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Lynx Administrative Building
455 North Garland Ave, Orlando

More info: [Click Here](#)

April 4

Volusia County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Meeting

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Volusia County Public Works Northeast Services Facility
3771 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach

April 9**Flagler County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Meeting**

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Flagler County Commissioner Conference Room

1769 E. Moody Blvd. Bldg. 2, Bunnell

April 10**Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Lynx Administrative Building

455 North Garland Ave, Orlando

More info: [Click Here](#)

April 12**Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Meeting**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

MetroPlan Orlando

250 South Orange Ave, Suite 200, Orlando

More info: [Click Here](#)

April 25**MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Joint Governing Board & Staff Directors' Advisory Committee Meeting**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando

More info: [Click Here](#)

April 25**Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) Board Meeting**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Lynx Administrative Building

455 North Garland Ave, Orlando

More info: [Click Here](#)