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Cc: Swanson Pleas, Joy
Subject: FINAL meeting minutes for SR 292 Multi-Use trail (438908-1)
Attachments: map of designated critical habitat 2012.pdf; view of transformer station just east of Fire Station.jpg; facing east SR 292 within limits of park.jpg; west end of State Park looking east.jpg

Dear Attendees,
I have finalized the meeting minutes. Please see below. The next step is to hear back from USFWS (Kristi) and Park Service (Michael) about suitable areas to have sidewalk, in lieu of boardwalk, within the limits of the State Park.

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FDOT asked the Park staff to describe any restrictions they have:

Warren Poplin – either side of the road is good for the trail
Michael Maples – a trail on the north side may have less impacts

Kevin Fussell asked the Park Staff – *Would you consider allowing the trail to go behind the utility line on park property?*
Response (Warren) – yes, but it would take years to get it approved.

Tim Day – Q to FDOT – tell us what the concerns are to Gulf Power?
Response: Anywhere we have a raised boardwalk because it limits their access to the overhead power lines.
Escambia County requested to attend any follow up meetings we have with Gulf Power.

Warren Poplin – Q to FDOT – for the areas proposed for on-grade, would the FDOT provide fencing?
Response: FDOT would consider it; asked for criteria for fencing. Warren to provide.

Kristi Yanchis – Q to FDOT – any chance for educational signs?
Response: no, that would need to be provided by the county after the project is completed.

Tim Day reminded us of the white sands ordinance on the Key. Tim said recent projects in the area have had trouble finding available sand in local pits. He estimated $30/yard for white sand is the going rate.

Kristi Yanchis and Michael Maples offered to review the limits of the State Park roadway right-of-way to identify locations to reduce boardwalk. The reduction in boardwalk limits will reduce construction costs and utility conflicts tremendously. 8 or 10 ft sidewalk will be installed.

Current midblock crossing areas were also discussed. Some have been recently added, and this trail may need to add at the State Park parking facilities. At-grade sidewalk would be used to transition from boardwalk to crossings to meet ADA requirements. We will continue to coordinate any new midblock crossings with the county and State Park.

Kevin Fussell – Q to County – is lighting required at the pedestrian crossings? (crossing proposed at State Park parking areas)
Response: Tim Day – lighting would have to be Amber LED, low as possible.
State Park staff – parking lots are Day Use only so crossings might not need to lit at all. Any lighting needed throughout Key would need to meet the Turtle Friendly lighting requirements.

Kevin Fussell to Michael Maples – when you go out to review possible areas to reduce boardwalk, please give special consideration to where the transformer group is located on the ground. (see attached)

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Michael Maples – he will field review the State Park limits along the north side of the roadway and identify potential areas to reduce boardwalk. Michael said he will be able to do this in January 2018. Kristi Yanchis may have time to accompany him. GPS coordinates might be provided to FDOT if locations are found. ***STATUS: Michael and Kristi did a field review and are finalizing a response.***

Joy will contact Michael in January and ask about the status of the field review. FDOT (Kevin and his design engineer) would like to accompany Kristy in the field to discuss logistically where the boardwalks are going to be located to balance the costs associated with design slope of boardwalk and beach mice impacts.

Restoration (Habitat) plantings will be discussed in later phases of the project, and during the county permit process (for impacts to beach mouse habitat per HCP).

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