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From: Manis, Jennifer <jennifer.manis@myfwc.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Swanson Pleas, Joy; Yanchis, Kristi; Tim Day
Cc: Ackley, Jeffrey; Maples, Michael; McKenzie, John
Subject: RE: response from FWS - FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail
Attachments: 20180417_map_Service to others_boardwalk and sidewalk through park.jpg

Hi Joy,

I have no idea what Perdido Key State Park will think about having such a large portion of sidewalk. If it's properly mitigated for with Kristi, I don't have any additional FWC concerns with the map you have attached. I've CC'd some state park folks.

Michael and Mac, would something like this work for y'all?

Thanks!

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From: Swanson Pleas, Joy [mailto:Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Manis, Jennifer <Jennifer.Manis@MyFWC.com>; Yanchis, Kristi <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>; Tim Day <TRDAY@co.escambia.fl.us>
Cc: Ackley, Jeffrey <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: response from FWS - FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Hi Jennifer,

I noticed you said you were okay with the western section of the park boundary having the sidewalk, but didn't respond to Kristi's other scenario. I had to go back and find the original attachment Kristi sent. I've attached it here. Is the park okay with the 'red' line being sidewalk? I'm asking because we have to figure cost as we look ahead on when we will have enough funds to build this. We have a public meeting for the entire trail project later this month, May 24th, at the Community Center.

The more difficult question I have is what does the Park think about having the entire limits of the multi-use trail being a concrete 8 ft sidewalk? The 'red' and the 'blue' lines shown. I'm only asking because the cost to build boardwalk is so high (3x). I would want the sidewalk within the road right-of-way, and as far away from the road's edge of pavement as the dunes will allow. I do not want to impact any dunes. I know I would have more $$ in mitigation for impacting beach mouse habitat, but that is still significantly less than the boardwalk.

Sincerely,

Joy Swanson Pleas

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From: Manis, Jennifer [mailto:Jennifer.Manis@MyFWC.com]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Yanchis, Kristi <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>; Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us>; Tim Day <TRDAY@co.escambia.fl.us>
Cc: Ackley, Jeffrey <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>
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Hey Kristi,

I'm ok with it being on grade for the western section of the park. It's a high wash over area, so whatever is there will most likely take the brunt of any storm that hits the island.

Thanks!

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From: Yanchis, Kristi [mailto:kristi_yanchis@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us>; Tim Day <TRDAY@co.escambia.fl.us>; Manis, Jennifer <Jennifer.Manis@MyFWC.com>
Cc: Ackley, Jeffrey <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: response from FWS - FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Hey Tim or Jennifer-
I haven't heard from either one of you. Just wondering if you want to have a discussion about my thoughts with Joy or if you are good with them. I believe DOT is eager to get through the design phase and onto the public comment period.

My thoughts are for on grade side walk at the smallest footprint through the PKSP Western section of the park indicated in red on the map. My last emailed failed to spell out the western section only for on grade.

On Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 8:33 AM, Yanchis, Kristi <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Joy-
> Here is what we discussed today. I wanted to have a discussion with Jennifer Manis (FWC) and Tim Day (Escambia Co) and you regarding this new idea. The red areas are the potential 8 foot sidewalk and the green is 10 foot wide boardwalk. The small portion of red on the eastern portion of the park is the area between the fire station and a transfer station that due to utilities needs to be sidewalk.
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> Tim and Jennifer-
> DOT was able to come up with a cost estimate for the sidewalk and boardwalk portions of the proposed multi-use trail. The difference in cost is $5 million. I was looking at the aerial and talking to Joy and thought maybe we could go for on-grade 8 foot sidewalk in the PKSP ROW section. My thoughts were this section

appears subject to washovers from the aerial and maybe the concrete sidewalk would wash into the habitat less than the wood from the boardwalk. You never really know how these structures will be damaged in a hurricane, but I was trying to think of some ecological benefits for the sidewalk. In the end, it isn't ideal, but will have to mitigate extra for the additional impacts and the entire project is better than the road widening. I think if the sidewalk is pushed away from the road, then the area between the sidewalk and road is planted enough to provide suitable cover, mice will cross the road then cross the sidewalk to get to the north side of the park.

Thoughts? Ideas? Discussion?

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 8:57 AM, Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us> wrote:

Hi Kristi,

I just tried your office number and cell phone. I can't leave a message on your cell phone as the mail box is full. I really need to know an answer soon. I've cc:ed in Jeff as maybe he can respond for you.

Thanks.

Joy Swanson Pleas

Environmental Manager

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From: Swanson Pleas, Joy
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:15 AM
To: 'Yanchis, Kristi' <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>
Cc: 'Ackley, Jeffrey' <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>; Maples, Michael <michael.maples@dep.state.fl.us>; 'Wilson, Kiersten L.' <Kiersten.L.Wilson@dep.state.fl.us>
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Kristi,

Please see response from my design engineer. The limits you mentioned in your response, didn't seem to make sense. 500ft does not cover the distance on the north side of SR 292 from the Park's western-most parking lot, west to the private property. Maybe you were thinking of the southern side of the road?

Do I need to get up with Kiersten about the pedestrian crossings in/out of the park at the parking lots? I want to make this a joint effort/collaboration because DOT is just as concerned about pedestrian safety as the park is. DOT is the responsible party for safety on any new feature added.

Lastly, please see the utility transformer section in the photo below. I need to request extending the sidewalk 150ft to the east to accommodate utility access to it. I would include this impact in the PK permit.

We do plan to reduce the sidewalk width to 8 ft, and have the boardwalk width at 10-12 ft. We are preparing a cost estimate for the Sun Trail and any amount of additional sidewalk (in lieu of boardwalk) greatly reduces the cost of the overall project and makes it easier to fund.

I'm call you later today. Thanks.

Joy Swanson Pleas

Environmental Manager

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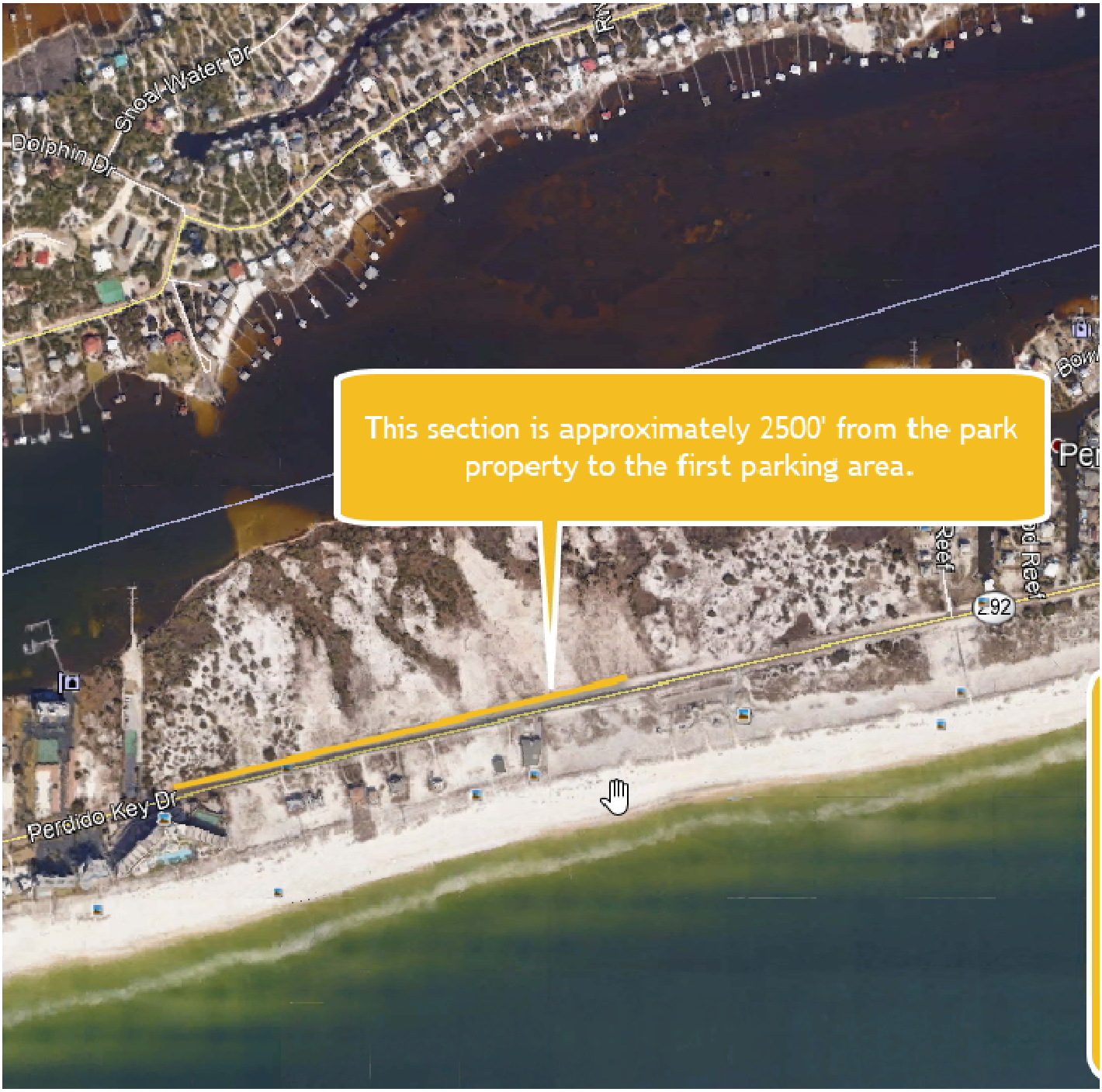
From: Fussell, Kevin
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: response from FWS - FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Joy,

Please see the areas highlighted below. Our current path alignment is all north of SR 292. The section that begins at the State Park property and ends at the first park parking area is approximately 2500'. We are planning to have an at-grade midblock crossing here for pedestrians to use the parking lot that we can discuss with the State Park personnel (everything would be at-grade at the midblock crossing locations and we wouldn't build anything beyond our R/W).

There is a very short section just east of the fire station that I have also shown as we would request that this area be allowed to be sidewalk for utility maintenance purposes. If we put boardwalk in this area, I could see it getting tore out and replaced numerous times to have access to the overhead utilities. I wanted to ask, but it seems reasonable to have this short section as sidewalk (below is also a street view screenshot from google earth of this area). Please let me know if the limits shown are appropriate as soon as possible to update the construction estimate.



Thanks,

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From: Yanchis, Kristi [mailto:kristi_yanchis@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us>
Cc: Jeffrey Ackley <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>; Maples, Michael <michael.maples@dep.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Hey Joy-

Michael and I went out and looked at some areas. The only area where you can extend the on grade trail is west of the PKSP Western parking lot. This area is approximately 500 linear feet of State Park land that extends to the developed private lands. I did speak to Kristen, the park manager and was asking about her concerns. Sounds like Michael maybe had a discussion with her as well. They are doing improvements to that mentioned parking lot and I was asking how the trail can tie into that. There is some discussion to have regarding that. Kiersten was concerned about emptying the trail into any of the parking lots when it comes to safety. I told her DOT was super concerned about safety issues as well and would discuss that with them. Also, they do not want any added boardwalk going into the parking lot that they would have to maintain and had questions about fee for access.

As for the width of the trail, 8 feet for the on-grade is what we have been talking about. I know this is two feet smaller than the current standard, but the Walton and Gulf County coastal multi-use trails are 8 feet on-grade. I don't foresee this PK trail being used more than Walton County, plus the PK trail goes through sensitive habitat which is the real size limiting factor. This will also limit the impacts to PKBM habitat and reduce the mitigation needed. The raised boardwalk can be 10 feet wide (I think that was the size mentioned, could have been 12 feet) to accommodate two bikes passing with the handrails. If you don't want handrails and want it to be lower than 3 feet (no lower than 2 feet though), that is possible too as long as there is a rope of something to keep people on the boardwalk and out of the State Park. Also, there was a mention of the existing fence in the park that would need to make sure it is fully intact, this will also (and currently does) keep people from walking through the habitat. The HCP is the permitting entity for this project to stream line the regulatory process. The HCP requirements do call for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts to PKBM habitat, this project is following that plan.

Did I cover everything?

On Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 10:03 AM, Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us> wrote:

Hi Kristi,

Are you available to discuss? Do you want me to call or set up a time to call? Thanks.

Joy Swanson Pleas

Environmental Manager

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From: Swanson Pleas, Joy
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:24 AM
To: 'Ackley, Jeffrey' <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>
Cc: Yanchis, Kristi <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Ok. I believe it is spring break in bay county. Thank you for letting me know.

Joy Swanson Pleas

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From: Ackley, Jeffrey [mailto:jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us>
Cc: Yanchis, Kristi <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: SR 292 multi-use trail

Joy,

Kristi is on leave this week, and I don't have the project/species background to handle this question. I will see if I can track her down on monday.

Cheers,

jeff

Dr. Jeffrey W. Ackley, Ecologist.

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On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 9:46 AM, Swanson Pleas, Joy <Joy.SwansonPleas@dot.state.fl.us> wrote:

Kristi,

I talked with Michael and he is going to get me Kiersten's ideas on where the park wants the crossings. But as far as the sidewalk additional limits, he is deferring to you. I haven't heard back from you that I am aware of. I was out last week due to the flu. Please get up with me as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Joy Swanson Pleas

Environmental Manager

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From: Swanson Pleas, Joy
Sent: Friday, March 9, 2018 10:13 AM

To: 'Yanchis, Kristi' <kristi_yanchis@fws.gov>; 'Maples, Michael' <Michael.Maples@dep.state.fl.us>
Cc: 'Jeffrey Ackley' <jeffrey_ackley@fws.gov>
Subject: SR 292 multi-use trail

Hi Kristi and Michael,

I need to hear back from you on two things:

1. the amount of sidewalk you would allow us to use within the park boundary in lieu of boardwalk.
2. The sidewalk width elsewhere on the key – Kristi was telling me 8 ft but I'm hearing from the Suntrail funding criteria is 10 ft. I wanted to provide a justification for reducing the sidewalk to 8 ft. I know at least a reduced footprint would reduce impacts to beach mouse habitat, but I was also thinking the HCP was a contributing factor.

Thank you!

Joy Swanson Pleas

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