



Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network Program

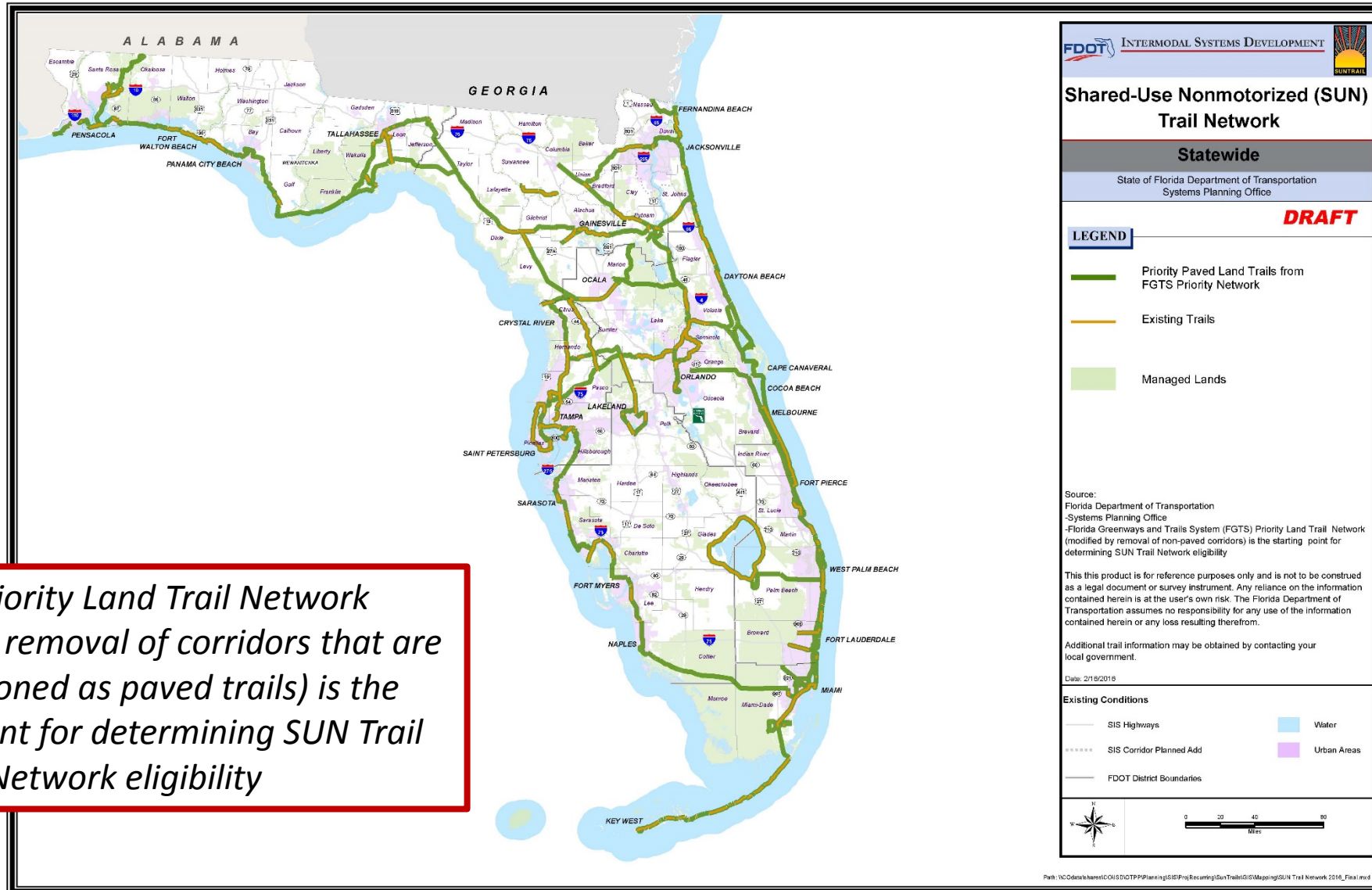
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Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network



- Created under 339.81, F.S.
- To develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)
- \$25 million annually funded from new vehicle tag revenues
- Public Open Houses & Webinar concluded March 9, 2016
- Public comment period concluded March 25, 2016
- Individual Trail Application period closed June 20, 2016

SUN Trail Network Map



Framework for SUN Trail Funding Selection

SUN Trail Eligible (Priority Land Trails Network)

Top Regional Trail System

Coast-to-Coast Connector

Selected at December 2015 meeting

Second Regional Trail System

St. Johns River to the Sea Loop

Selected at March 2016 meeting

Individual Trail Category

Project Application

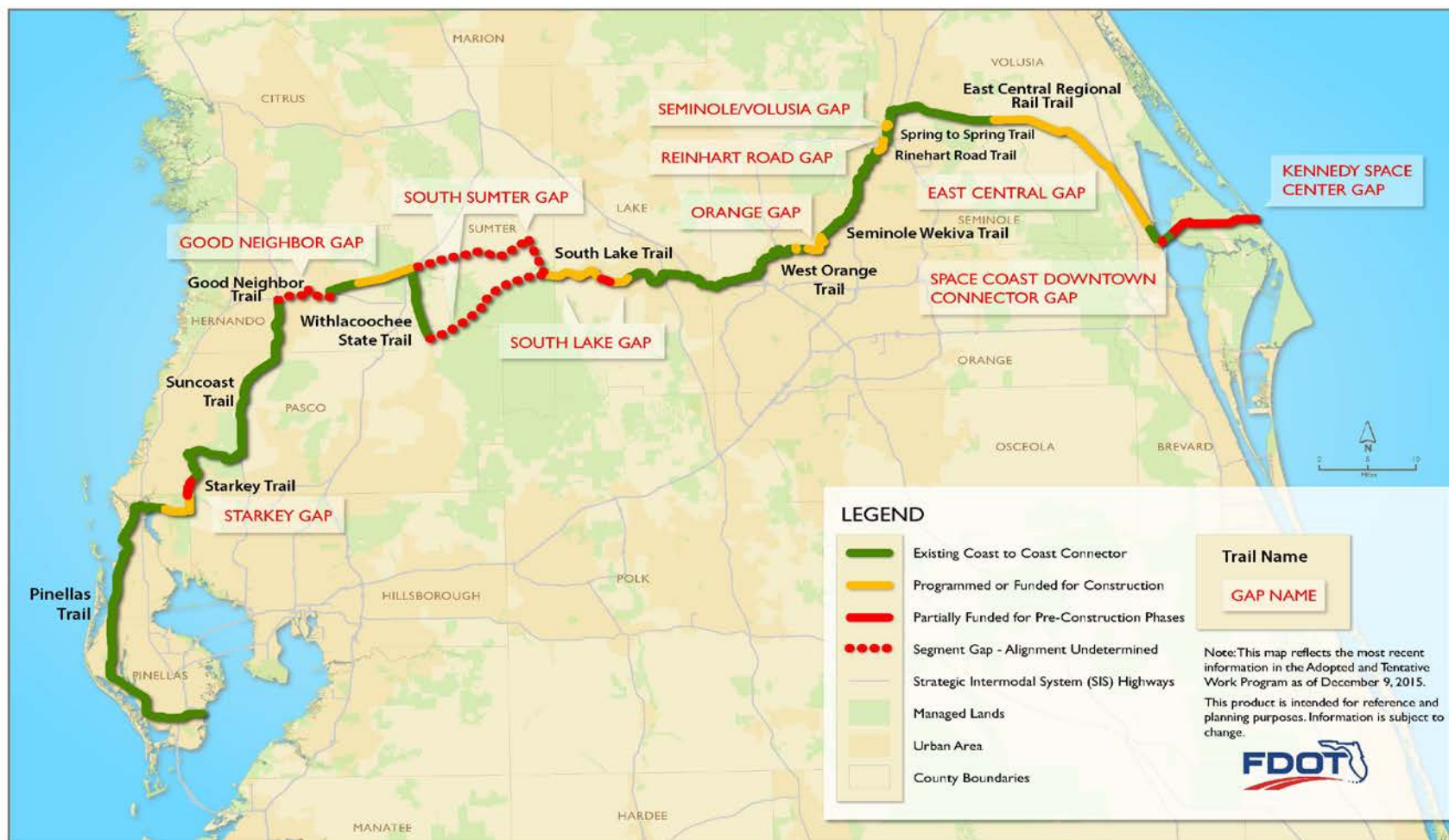
**Selected by
Florida
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(FDEP)**

**Selected by
FDOT**

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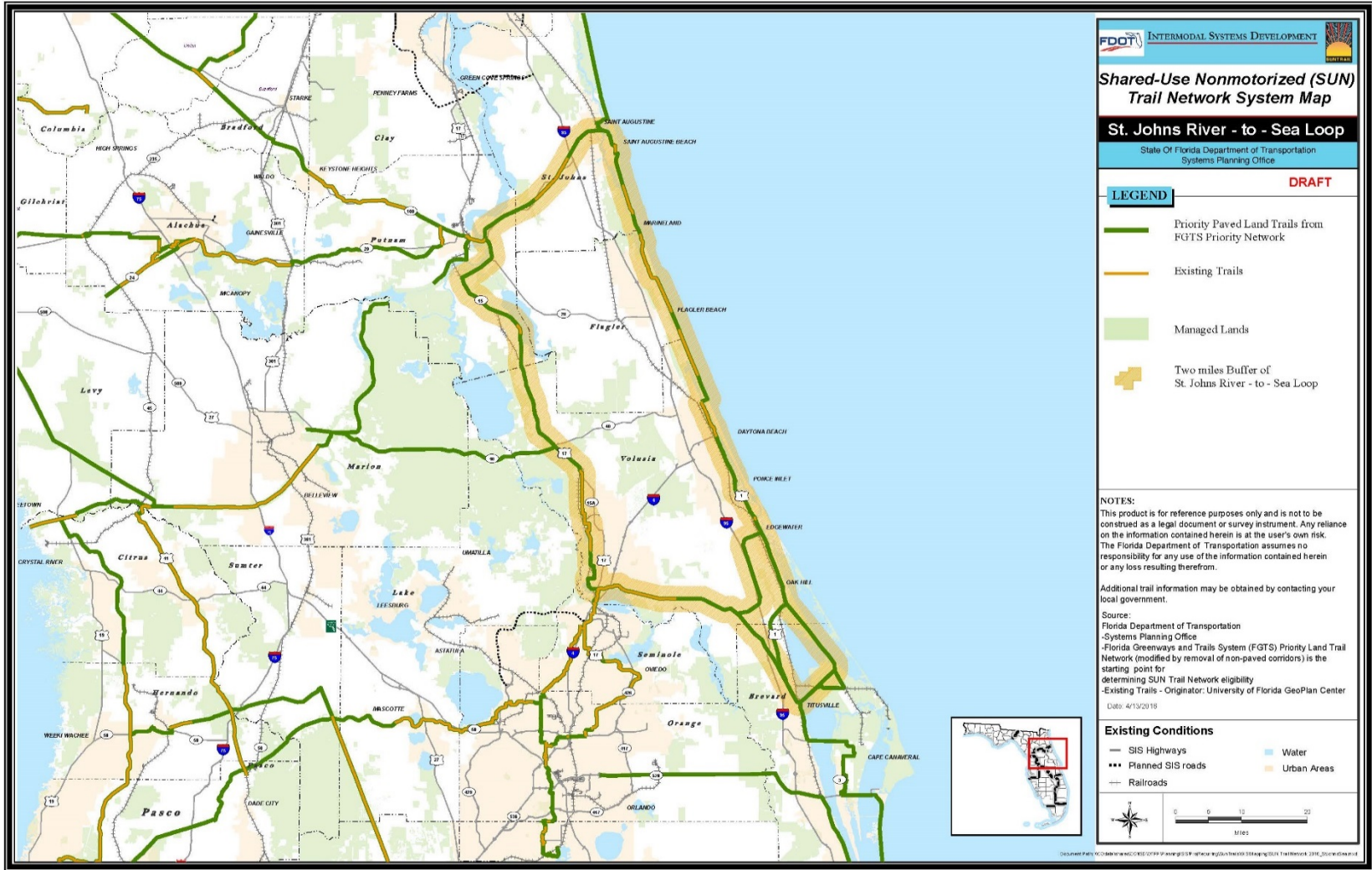


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Eligibility Criteria for Individual Trails

*There are four **eligibility criteria** a project **must meet** to receive consideration for SUN Trail funding. The applicable entity will transmit a priority list and project details to the respective FDOT District Trail Coordinator.*

1. The project is envisioned as a paved component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Priority Land Trail Network, and therefore the SUN Trail Network
2. Project is identified as a priority by the applicable jurisdiction;
 - If the project is within a boundary of a Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Transportation Planning Agency (MPO), it must be a MPO priority.
 - For areas outside of MPO boundaries, the project is an identified priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), tribal government, federal or the state managing agency.
3. A local entity is formally committed to the operation and maintenance of the project;
4. The project is consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan or the long-term management plan.

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

**Project enhances the safety
of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists**



Courtney Campbell Causeway



East Central Regional Rail Trail



Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

**Project is identified as having
regional, state or national importance**

For Example:



Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

**Additional financial contribution
committed to the project**



Legacy Trail Connection, Venice



Seminole Wekiva Trail, Lake Mary



Nocatee Trail, Ponte Vedra

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project blends transportation modes by complementing, improving or enhancing existing facilities



Safe Routes to Schools



Urban Palatka Trail to Amtrak



Amelia Island Trail, Complete Streets

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Construction Readiness



Tallahassee-St. Marks State Trail



Bagdad Mill Site, Santa Rosa County

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project has a high level of public support



Amelia Island Trail



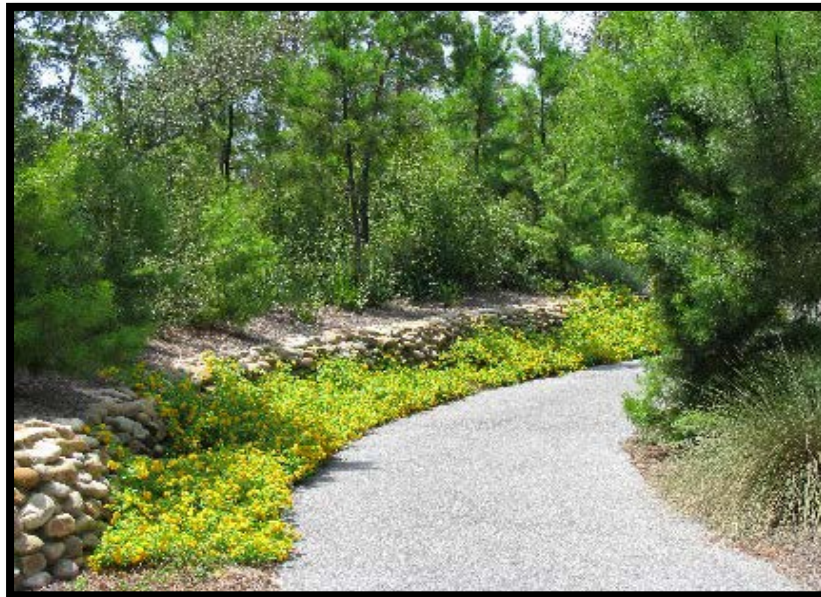
Little Econ Greenway, Orange County



Withlacoochee State Trail

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project has a significant impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities & providing connectivity to destinations



Timpoochee Trail,
Beaches of South Walton



Suwannee River Greenway at Branford



Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail,
South Central Rural Area of Opportunity

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project enhances or preserves environmental resources



Polk Co., Upper Peace Legacy Trail: Fort Fraser Trail to SR 540



Cross Florida Greenway – Wildlife Crossing



Nature Coast State Trail

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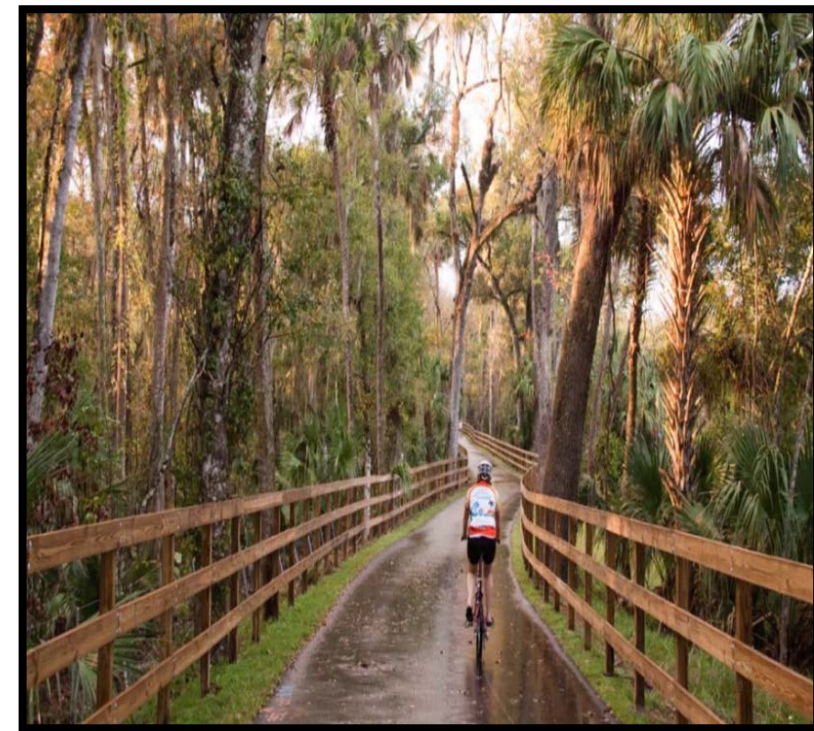
**Project facilitates a system of interconnected trails
by closing a gap in the SUN Trail Network**



Dunnellon Trail – Withlacoochee River



Jupiter Riverwalk, Palm Beach County



Spring to Spring Trail, Volusia County

Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project includes cost-saving elements



Suncoast Trail



6th Avenue Trail and Road, Gainesville
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Capital Circle Trail and Road, Tallahassee
photo credit Stephen Hodges

Process for Funding Individual Trails

Project Identification

- Identification of purpose, location and goals of the project;
- Consistent with the community's vision, plans, and policies;
- Consistent with transparent public involvement procedures.

Project Prioritization

- Identified priority of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- Identified priority of the county (inclusive of their cities), tribal government, federal or state managing agency.

Project Selection & Programming

- Priority List and project details submitted to FDOT District by applicable entity;
- District project evaluation and development of draft funding scenario;
- Development of Statewide draft prioritization scenario;
- Upon approval, projects are programmed into appropriate fiscal year of the five year Tentative Work Program.

Schedule

Development, selection and programming of projects for the five-year Tentative Work Program

<i>Through early February 2016</i>	<i>Develop SUN Trail Program and Process Based Upon Targeted Outreach</i>
<i>Late February – March 2016</i>	<i>Public Input (Open Houses and Webinar)</i>
<i>April 2016</i>	<i>SUN Trail Program Finalized</i>
<i>May 6, 2016</i>	<i>Individual Trail Application Period Opened</i>
<i>June 20, 2016</i>	<i>Individual Trail Applications Period Closed</i>
<i>September 2016</i>	<i>Work Program Amendment for FY 17 Projects Submitted</i>

Five-Year Work Program Illustration

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
COAST TO COAST					
Segment #	PE	ROW		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	ROW		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED	
ST. JOHNS RIVER TO SEA					
Segment #	PD&E	PE		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	FS	PD&E		PE	CON
INDIVIDUAL TRAILS					
Segment #	PD&E	PE		CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED
Segment #	PE	CON	CON	NEXT PROJECT TO BE PROGRAMMED	
Segment #	FS		PD&E	PE	ROW
TOTAL	48 million	24 million	28 million	24 million	26 million

LEGEND
 (FS) Feasibility Study
 (PD&E) Project Development & Environment
 (PE) Preliminary Engineering/Design
 (ROW) Acquisition of Right-of-Way
 (CON) Construction

Available Funds

 FY17 - \$50M (FY16 & FY17)
 FY18 - \$25M
 FY19 - \$25M
 FY20 - \$25M
 FY21 - \$25M
 FY22 - \$25M

Strategic, Effective and Efficient Investments

SUN Trail will not fund development of amenities associated with trail projects.

These amenities include but are not limited to:

- Benches, trail furniture or seating areas;
- Bicycle racks, air stations or lockers;
- Buildings, restrooms, wayside structures or overlooks, shelters or picnic pavilions;
- Kiosks (regulatory and safety signage permitted);
- Landscaping (trail stabilization permitted);
- Litter or recycle receptacles;
- Parking areas or trailheads;
- Playgrounds, fitness equipment or structures;
- Promotional or educational materials;
- Sculptures, fountains or art; and
- Water fountains, spigots or showers.

Maintenance

For FDOT Constructed Trails Inside of FDOT ROW – FDOT will maintain the pavement and any bridge structures for a trail in its ROW, and will apply normal roadway maintenance standards such as mowing and litter control to the entire ROW inclusive of the trail. Beyond this, a local sponsor/agency will enter into a maintenance agreement with the department to undertake all other trail maintenance. The area of responsibility will be the footprint of the trail within FDOT ROW as defined by the district. **The local agency/sponsor will be responsible for any mowing and litter control above FDOT roadway standards and maintenance of drainage and trail specific facilities and features such as ornamental landscaping, wayside areas, benches, litter receptacles, and restrooms.** The local sponsor/agency will be identified prior to programming the PD&E phase. The maintenance agreement detailing the full maintenance requirements of that entity must be executed prior to letting for construction.

For FDOT Constructed Trails Outside of FDOT ROW – Trails that are constructed outside of FDOT ROW shall be maintained by an entity other than FDOT. The department will enter into an agreement or other form of documented commitment to ensure that a local sponsor/agency is committed to long term trail maintenance. **The local sponsor/agency will be responsible for all trail operation and maintenance needs which includes routine pavement and bridge structure repair, litter control, sweeping, vegetation management, and the maintenance of drainage and trail specific facilities and features such as ornamental landscaping, wayside areas, benches, litter receptacles, and restrooms.** The local sponsor/agency will be identified prior to programming the PD&E phase. Each district will determine the appropriate form of commitment or agreement that will need to be executed prior to letting for construction.

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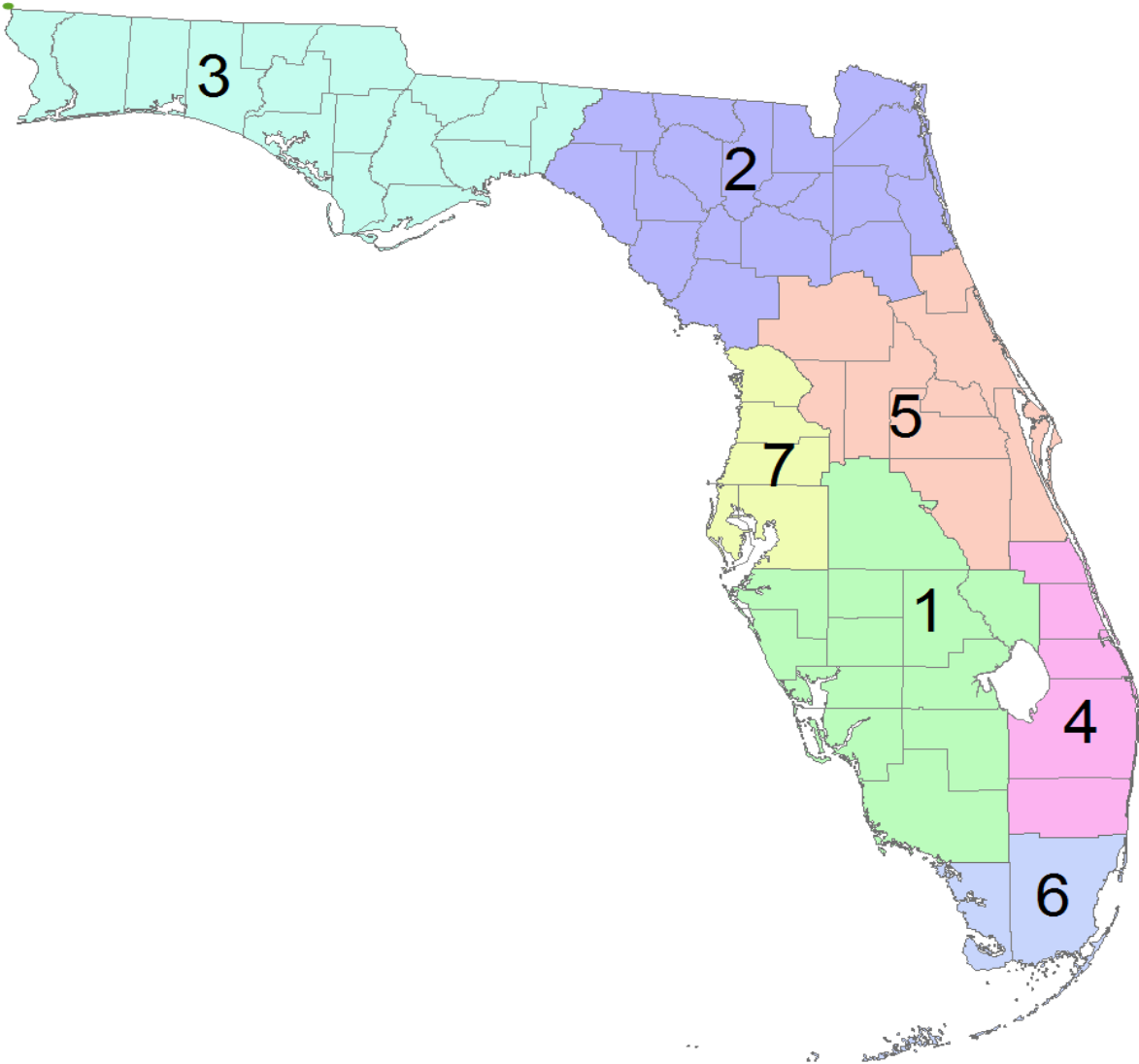
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