SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

East Central Regional Rail Trail

This $5 million Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program funded "design-build" project, known as the East Central Regional Rail Trail – Segment 4-A, is along the historic Indian River Railway (later known as Florida East Coast Railway) near Maytown-Osteen Road. Using Florida Forever funds in 2007, acquisition of the trail was the most extensive rail corridor purchase by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor and Cabinet). Florida Forever is the state's conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving Florida's natural and cultural heritage. Extending between Guise Road and Gobbler's Lodge Road, this project is the final 3.6-mile segment of the East Central Regional Rail Trail and completes Volusia county's last link of the developing regional Coast to Coast Trail (C2C) system. The C2C will connect communities and destinations through Central Florida from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Today, bicyclists and pedestrians may begin in Titusville and journey approximately 65 miles along the C2C to the Pine Hills Trail in Orange county, and beyond; an additional 125 miles of the C2C exists in segments to St. Petersburg.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from new vehicle tag revenues, to help communities develop high priority (strategic) paved multi-use trail corridors and connections (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians. Development of the SUN Trail network is through coordination of effective public and private partnerships at the local, regional, state, and federal level. The SUN Trail program is one source for developing the statewide network. Projects with funding from the SUN Trail program help implement the vision of the Florida Transportation Plan, which guides the state's transportation future. The projects have the ability to reduce incidents with vulnerable road users, enhance safety and improve mobility while enhancing communities and the environment. The resulting improvements to interregional connectivity ensure the SUN Trail network functions as a transportation system rather than standalone trails which increases the reliability of Florida's transportation system. FDOT is dedicated to building a safe and efficient multimodal transportation infrastructure that will fit the diverse needs of its growing population for decades to come. This project is also within the:

- **St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop, which is a developing 260-mile regional trail system that will link the Tri-County Agritourism Corridor to the Space Coast.**
  See: www.sjr2c.org
- **A complimentary route of the East Coast Greenway, which is a developing 3,000-mile national trail system that will link communities along the eastern seaboard from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine.**
  See: www.greenway.org
- **Identification as part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative, which is led by the federal government to reconnect people to parks, trails and open spaces.**
  See: www.waterburyct.org/filestorage/25076/Secretary_of_Interior_50_State_Report.pdf

To learn about the Coast to Coast Trail, see: C2Ctrail.com

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To visit the trail or for more information, please contact:

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PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 5

CITY: Osteen

COUNTY: Volusia

WIDTH: 12 feet

LENGTH: 3.6 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Mostly asphalt, with a prefabricated bridge

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ITEM) NUMBER: 415434-8

LIMITS: Guise Road to Gobbler's Lodge Road

CONSTRUCTION START: September 2020

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: April 2021

PHASE: Design and Construction

Volusia county completes a critical link of the Coast to Coast Trail along the most extensive rail corridor purchase through the Florida Forever program

FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR: 2018

AMOUNT: SUN Trail awarded $5 million for this "design-build" project. Within the project boundary, over $450,000 was provided by FDOT from other state and federal sources beginning in 2014.

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