SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Shingle Creek Regional Trail – Toho Vista

Visioning for the Shingle Creek Regional Trail (SCRT) system, along the headwaters of the Everglades, began in the 1980s with the first trail segment opening in 2016 near Steffee Landing, Kissimmee. Since then, partners including the cities of Kissimmee and Orlando, Osceola and Orange counties, and state and federal agencies continue developing the SCRT system. The Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program awarded $2,230,000 for construction of SCRT South Project Area – Phase 1B, commonly known as the Toho Vista segment. It is in an urban area identified as a priority by the Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance and is part of the Kissimmee Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

The Toho Vista segment extends a little under a mile south from a residential area to a natural area along Lake Tohopekaliga, the largest lake in Osceola county. Highlights include a 102-foot long bridge over West City Canal. This segment connects to land, known as the Yates Connector (Phase 2B South), acquired in 2017 with Florida Forever funds by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection acting as agent for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor and Cabinet). Completed in 2020, the SCRT Toho Bend segment, which runs along Clyde Avenue and Lakeview Drive, connects the Toho Vista segment to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park and beyond. Although not funded through the SUN Trail program, within the project limits the city provides landscaping and support facilities including a shelter and covered rest areas, tables and benches and a bicycle rack.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation, the SUN Trail program receives $25 million annually, from new vehicle tag fees, to expand the statewide system of paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians. The SUN Trail network aligns to the statewide Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan's Land Trail Priority network. Learn more about distinctions and resources along this developing regional trail system:

- **Identification as part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative in 2010.** *See: www.nps.gov/voya/learn/management/americas-great-outdoors.htm*
- **The Shingle Creek Regional Park and Shingle Creek paddling trail received Designations as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System in 2009.** *See: floridadep.gov/parks/ogt/content/designations*
- **The nearby Kissimmee Lakefront Park is along the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, which is a network of premier wildlife viewing sites across the state.** *See: floridabirdingtrail.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: Kissimmee

COUNTY: Osceola

WIDTH: 12 feet

LENGTH: .85 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Mostly concrete

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ITEM) NUMBER: 439878-1

LIMITS: Estancia residential development to West Palmetto Avenue and Clyde Avenue

CONSTRUCTION START: July 2018

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: November 2019

PHASE: Construction

Connecting people to environmental lands along the Shingle Creek watershed – headwaters of the Everglades

FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR: 2017

AMOUNT: $2,230,000

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