



## *SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet*

# **Biscayne Everglades Greenway**

The Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program awarded over two million dollars for the design and construction of a 12-foot-wide asphalt segment of the Biscayne Everglades Greenway (BEG). Celebrating the opening of the BEG on March 11, 2023, over 350 bicyclists joined City of Homestead's Mayor Steve Losner, Councilwoman Erica Avila, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. Along the C-103 Canal owned by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and extending over three miles, this segment connects East Mowry Drive to SW 137 Avenue. Florida lawmakers established the SUN Trail program in 2015 under Section 339.81, Florida Statutes. Administered by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Systems Implementation Office, the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. It is one source for helping communities expand a safe statewide system of interconnected, high priority and strategic paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Within ten miles from two National Park Systems (NPS) facilities, the City of Homestead is known as the "Gateway to Everglades and Biscayne National Parks". The NPS provides opportunities to immerse in nature and recreational activities including birding, camping, fishing, kayaking, and other land trails. Dining, shopping,

and lodging are available within the City of Homestead. The long-term vision for connecting the NPS facilities began in 2003. Following initial charrettes in 2007, conceptual master planning and completion of the initial Project Development and Environment Study in 2008, the Homestead City Council passed Resolution No. R-2013-03-20 on March 26, 2013, to support the BEG and its benefit to the South-Dade region. Subsequently, Miami-Dade County passed Resolution No. R-617-15 on October 6, 2015, designating the BEG as one of four trail priorities. Since then, the City of Homestead along with Miami-Dade County, the NPS, the SFWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida City completed a Master Plan for the BEG.

When complete the nearly 45-mile BEG, which includes nine unique trail segments, will connect residents and travelers between Homestead and Florida City to businesses and cultural destinations, and to natural destinations including the two NPS facilities. The BEG is a contributing resource to the developing "Miami LOOP", envisioned as a 225-mile cross-county trail system by the Miami-Dade Trail Alliance, formed by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Inc. in partnership with The Miami Foundation and others. To learn about the Miami LOOP visit <https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/trailnation/miami-loop/>.



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# PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

## TRAIL

**FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER:** 6

**CITY:** Homestead

**COUNTY:** Miami-Dade

**WIDTH:** 12 feet

**LENGTH:** 3.2 miles

**SURFACE TYPE:**  
Asphalt

## PROJECT

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBER:** 439899-1

**LIMITS:** East Mowry Drive to SW 137 Avenue

**CONSTRUCTION START:** December 2021

**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** April 2023

**PHASE:** Design and Construction

## FUNDING

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017, 2019

**AMOUNT:** \$2,049,910



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and transportation  
for enhancing access  
to destinations*



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