SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

New Smyrna Beach Trail Myrtle Avenue

Funding assistance from the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program completes a segment of the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop (SJR2C or the Loop) in New Smyrna Beach. Established in 2015, with enacted changes in 2023 under Section 339.81, Florida Statutes, the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund for administration by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Systems Implementation Office. The competitively awarded funding is one source for expanding a safe statewide system of interconnected, high priority, strategic paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians, and improving connectivity for lands of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act.

Emphasizing commitment to connect their areas via a multi-use trail system along Florida's Atlantic Coast and the St. Johns River corridor, a memorandum of agreement was signed by officials of Brevard, Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties in September 2008. Since then, partners continue working to make their commitment a reality by connecting segments along the SJR2C. In May 2016, the East Central Regional Planning Council completed the SJR2C Strategic Plan in conjunction with the SJR2C Loop Alliance. In addition to providing a historical narrative and detailing the vision, the Plan highlights opportunities for economic development and partner collaboration. Among other things, the mission of the Alliance is to advance, advocate, support, promote connectivity of the Loop's multi-use trails to improve safe, equitable, sustainable transportation.

Receiving over $4.2 million from the SUN Trail program, since 2018, for the design, right-of-way acquisition, construction and construction engineering inspections this 1.2-mile segment extends along South Myrtle Avenue from 10th Street to State Road 44 / Lytle Avenue. It creates an opportunity for students to obtain physical activity by bicycling and walking and getting to know their neighborhood while traveling around New Smyrna Beach Middle School. By improving the transportation network, this segment could improve "on-time" student arrivals, which is a Priority Strategy in the Volusia County Schools Strategic Plan. In addition to replacing an eight-foot sidewalk, that was in disrepair with numerous obstructions, this 12-foot-wide asphalt trail includes four new crosswalks where it connects to the school. Safely connecting people and destinations, the project is a contributing resource to the following networks:

- St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop, a developing 260-mile regional trail system that will link the Tri-County Agritourism Corridor and the Space Coast. See: **sjr2c.org**
- East Coast Greenway, a developing 3,000-mile national trail system that will link communities from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine. See: **www.greenway.org**

To visit the trail or for more information, contact:

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PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 5

CITY: New Smyrna Beach

COUNTY: Volusia

WIDTH: 12 feet

LENGTH: 1.2 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Asphalt

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBERS: 439864-1

LIMITS: Myrtle Avenue from 10th Street to State Road 44 / Lytle Avenue

CONSTRUCTION START: June 2024

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: March 2025

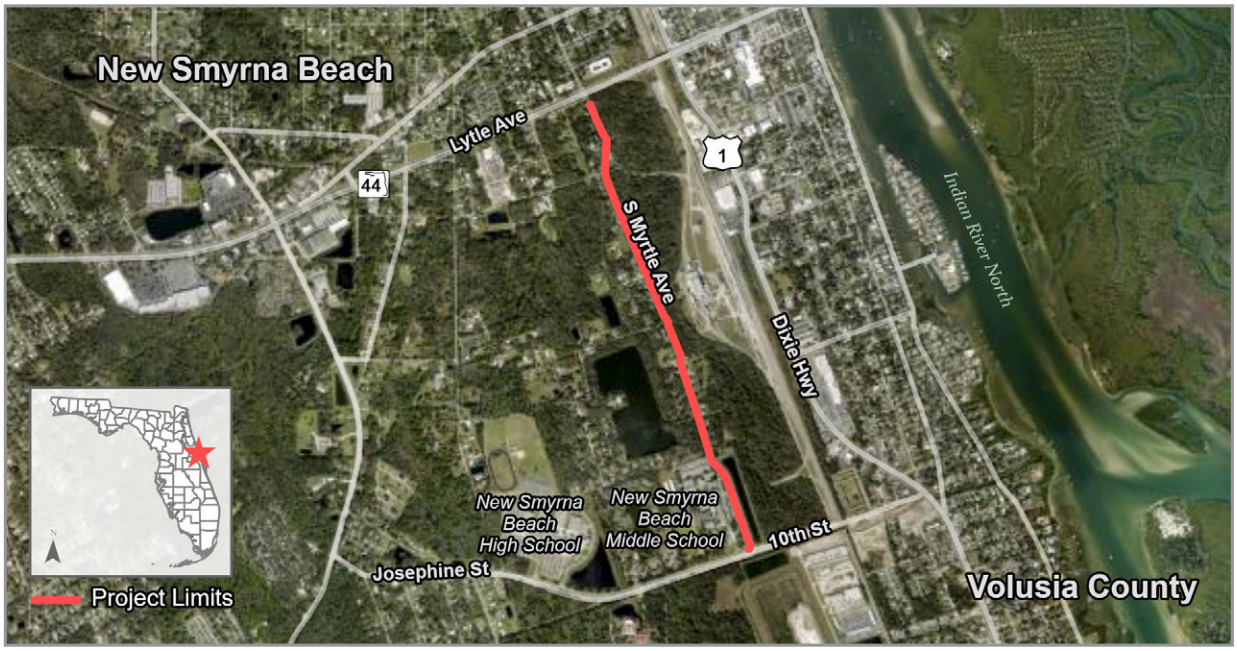
PHASE: Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Construction and Construction Engineering Inspections

Providing safe routes to schools

FUNDING

FISCAL YEARS: 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025

AMOUNT: $4,215,050 was awarded by the SUN Trail program. Within the project boundary an additional $789,775 was provided by other FDOT state allocations.



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