*SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet*

# The Underline (Phase 2) Hammock Trail

Since its founding in 2013, Friends of The Underline, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, continues to lead a collaborative public-private partnership for uniting transportation with Miami-Dade's multimodal mobility corridor known as The Underline. When complete, The Underline will transform 120 acres of land beneath Miami's Metrorail guideway from the Miami River to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. It will replace one of Florida's oldest asphalt trails, originally known as the M-Path, which opened in 1983. Over 250,000 people who reside within a quartermile from the 10-mile corridor will have over 30 safer intersections and better bicycling and pedestrian routes and public transportation access. Redevelopment of the trail corridor includes environmental enhancements with native plantings and innovative drainage for a greener, more resilient Miami. Stakeholders estimate the total project cost to be approximately $150 million with much of it to be provided by local sources.

Established in 2015 with enacted changes in 2023 under Section 339.81, Florida Statutes, the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (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.

In 2016, FDOT received an application for SUN Trail funding for the design and reconstruction of The Underline – "Hammock" segment, connecting 2.14 miles between SW 13 Street to SW 19 Avenue. Over $3.2 million was provided from the SUN Trail program for the paved bicycle and pedestrian trail. Over $5 million of other FDOT (state) funds were provided for other improvements. Additional local funds were provided by the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County, for a total project cost of over $20 million. Extending the Brickell Backyard segment of The Underline, this "Hammock" segment connects to Simpson Park. In Miami's Urban core, this over eight acre tropical hardwood forest is one of the last three remaining tracts of the Brickell Hammock which once extended from the Miami River to Coconut Grove. The Underline is a contributing resource to the following networks:

- 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

- Miami LOOP, envisioned by the Miami-Dade Trail Alliance as a 225-mile cross-county trail system, formed by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in partnership with The Miami Foundation and others. See: www.railstotrails.org/our-work/trailnation/miami-loop/

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# PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE



## TRAIL

**FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER:** 6

**CITY:** Miami

**COUNTY:** Miami-Dade

**WIDTH:** 12-20 feet

**LENGTH:** 2.14 miles

**SURFACE TYPE:** Asphalt

## PROJECT

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBERS:** 435501-2

**LIMITS:** SW 13 Street to SW 19 Avenue

**CONSTRUCTION START:** September 2021
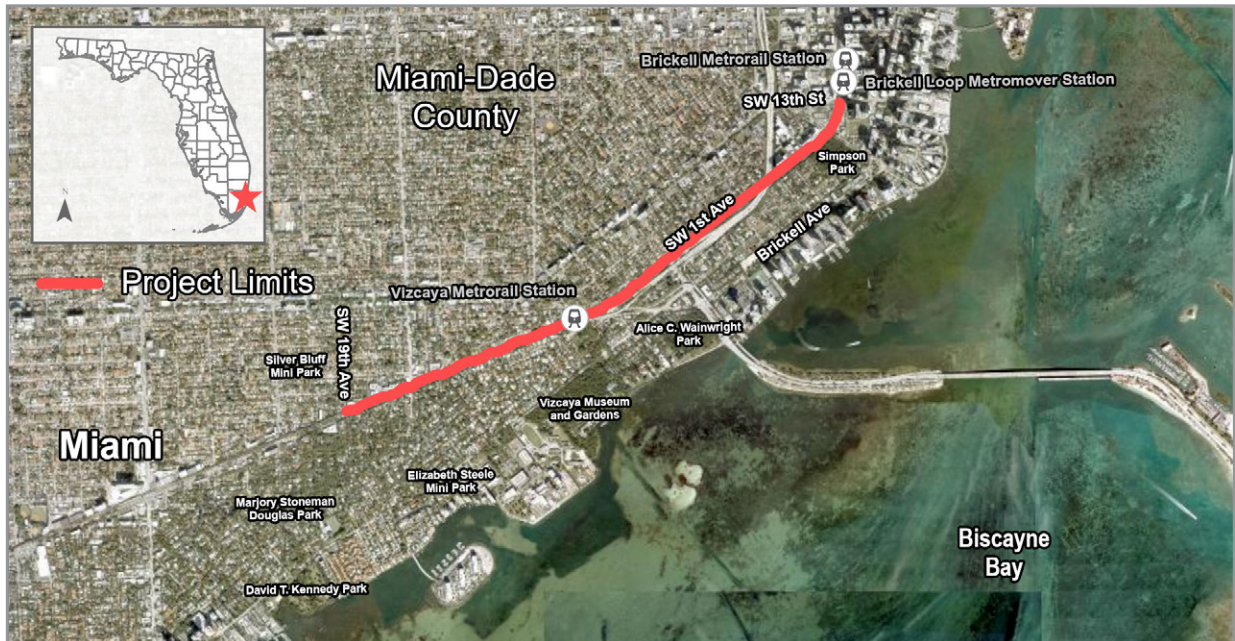
**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** April 2024

**PHASE:** Design, Construction

*Increasing access to public transportation and improving resiliency with environmental enhancements*

## FUNDING

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017, 2019

**AMOUNT:** $3,215,941 was awarded by the SUN Trail program. Within the project boundary an additional $5,000,619 was provided by other FDOT state sources.



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