



SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Punta Gorda Pathway – U.S. 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail – Alligator Creek Bridge

The Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program awarded \$992,637 for the design and construction of a 110-foot-long bridge over the North Fork Alligator Creek in Punta Gorda. The completion of the North Alligator Creek Pedestrian Bridge and the trail approaches closed the gap in the U.S. 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT), also known as the Punta Gorda Pathway. This segment is within the developing seven-county Gulf Coast Trail, also known as the Southwest Coastal Regional Trail. The trail bridge is along the east side of U.S. 41, a four-lane divided arterial road, also known as the Tamiami Trail.

Punta Gorda is a historic small town and is the only incorporated municipality in Charlotte county. The project improves safety and mobility. Prior to construction, both north and southbound trail visitors often utilized the shoulder along the northbound motorized roadway bridge crossing North Alligator Creek. Drainage improvements and environmental

mitigation also occurred. During construction, the city and their contractors took precautions for protecting the mangroves, wetlands and their inhabitants.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues to expand the statewide system of paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians. The SUN Trail network is a refined version of the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan's Land Trail Priority network. With more than 600 people moving to Florida each day and more than 126 million visiting each year, FDOT is dedicated to providing a safe and efficient multimodal transportation infrastructure that will fit the diverse needs of residents and visitors for decades to come.



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