



SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Legacy Trail Overpasses

SR 72 / Clark Road and SR 758 / Bee Ridge Road



Funding assistance from the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program helps improve traveler safety in Sarasota along The Legacy Trail (TLT) and two State Roads (SR). 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.

Travelers between Venice and Sarasota could traverse the Seaboard Air Line Railway (Legacy Corridor) from 1911 to 1971. The rail remained active until 1992. Following more than a decade of planning, a partnership between Sarasota County and The Trust for Public Land brought 10 miles of the corridor into public ownership in 2004 to become the multi-use TLT. Bicyclists and pedestrians began traveling TLT in 2008. In 2017, after approval of 2016-Resolution Number 056 by Sarasota Board of County Commissioners and the rail carriers' announcement of intent to abandon an additional nine miles, FDOT received a request for funding (RFF) by the SUN Trail program for the design and construction of a TLT extension. The project became part of the Adopted Work Program (AWP) on July 1, 2019. County voters

approved a bond referendum in 2018 to extend TLT into downtown Sarasota and beyond; subsequently multiple acquisitions and transportation improvements occurred.

Supporting collaborative approaches to address comprehensive transportation challenges and opportunities, the County submitted a revised RFF modifying the original proposal during the FDOT competitive cycle. On July 1, 2021, the AWP reflected the changes with allocations of nearly \$7.2 million from the SUN Trail program and \$7.3 million from other federal and state sources to complete two trail overpasses. The structures provide grade separation for the trail treadway to cross over the six-lane SR 72 / Clark Road (southern overpass) and the seven-lane SR 758 / Bee Ridge Road (northern overpass). The funding also provides signalization improvements and Mechanically Stabilized Earth retaining walls around all abutment approaches to each overpass, drainage improvements, and minor roadway modifications. Implementing the County's 2013 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the 2018 Trails Master Plan, and the 2019 Sarasota / Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's Active Transportation Plan – TLT is a contributing resource to the developing regional Florida Gulf Coast Trail that when complete will connect Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties. See: <https://www.tpl.org/our-work/florida-gulf-coast-trail>. The Friends of TLT, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, assists in supporting, promoting, enhancing, and protecting the trail and its connectors.



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PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 1

CITY: Sarasota

COUNTY: Sarasota

WIDTH: 12-foot clear width on the structures and ramp approaches

LENGTH: 0.568 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Mostly pre-cast concrete

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBER: 440448-1

LIMITS: SR 72 / Clark Road and SR 758 / Bee Ridge Road

CONSTRUCTION START: November 2023

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: August 2025

PHASES: Construction and Construction Engineering Inspections

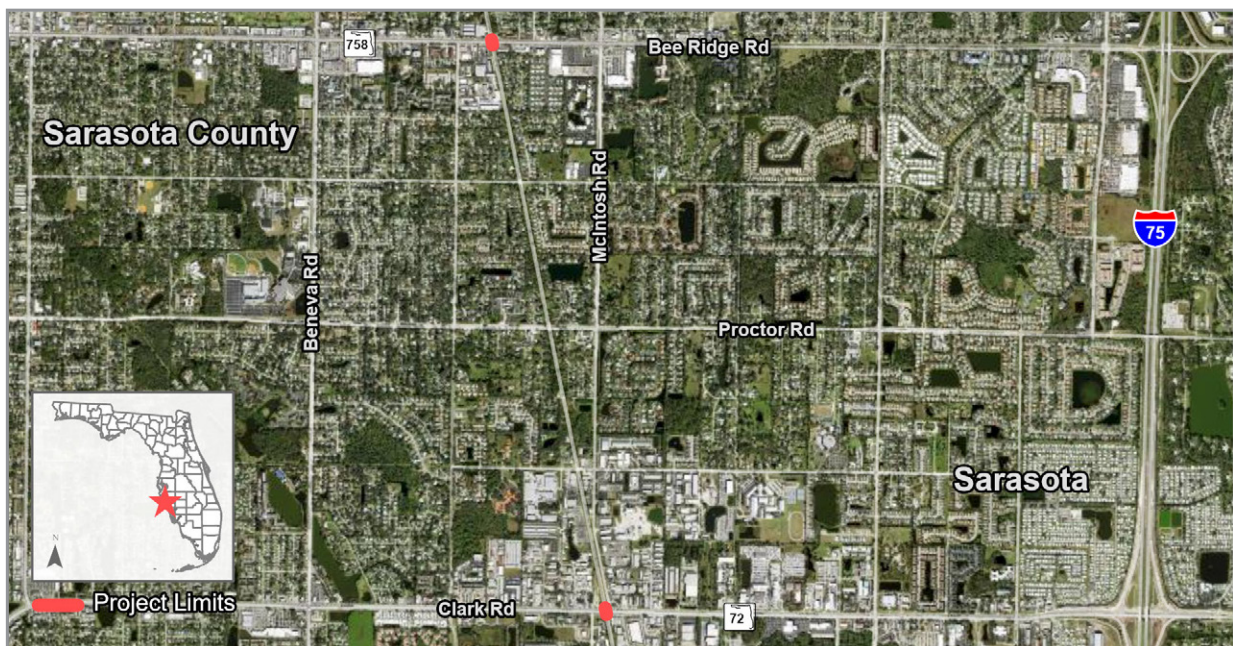
FUNDING

FISCAL YEARS: 2023, 2024

AMOUNT: \$7,198,024 was awarded by the SUN Trail program. Within the project boundary an additional \$7,290,718 was provided by other FDOT federal and state allocations beginning in 2019.



*Improving safety for over
650,000 annual trail travelers*



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