



## *SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet*

# **Punta Gorda Pathway – U.S. 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail – North Fork 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 Fork 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 Fork 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.



*To visit the trail or for more information, please contact:*

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# PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

## TRAIL

**FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER:** 1

**CITY:** Punta Gorda

**COUNTY:** Charlotte

**WIDTH:** 13.5 feet  
(12-foot clear zone)

**LENGTH:** 0.25 miles

**SURFACE TYPE:**  
Mostly pre-stressed concrete



*The trail bridge provides a safe crossing of North Fork Alligator Creek*

## PROJECT

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ITEM) NUMBER:** 440234-1

**LIMITS:** Built along the eastern side of U.S. 41, also known as Tamiami Trail, over North Fork Alligator Creek

**CONSTRUCTION START:** August 2019

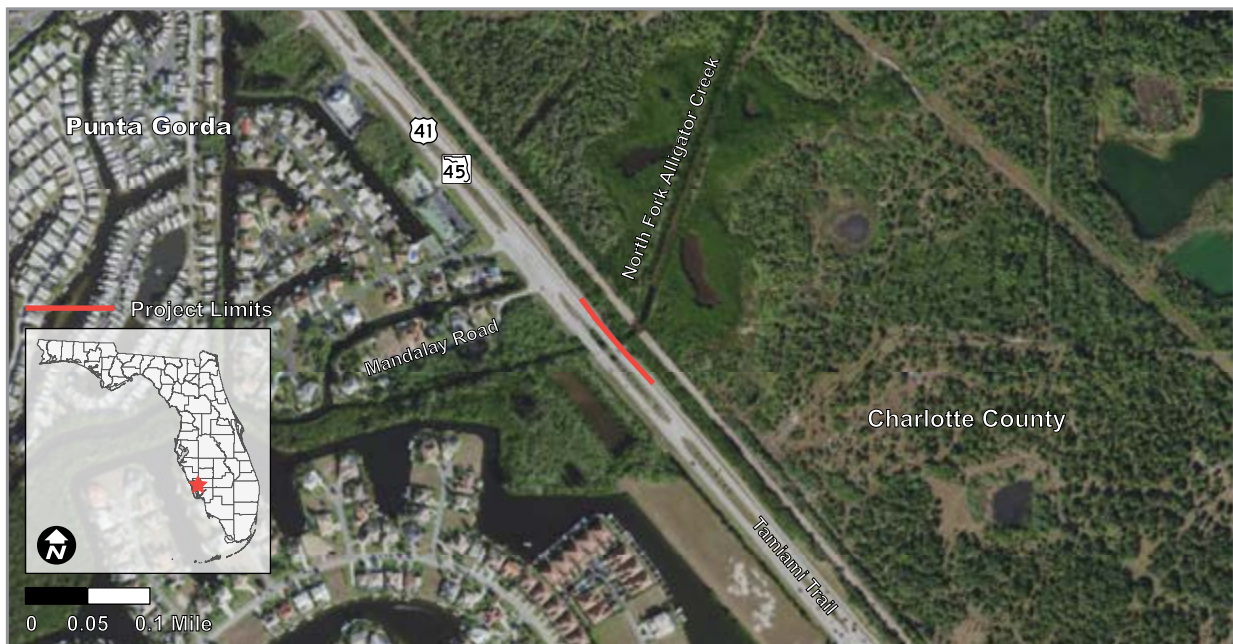
**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** March 2020

**PHASE:** Design and Construction

## FUNDING

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017 and 2019

**AMOUNT:** \$992,637 was awarded by the SUN Trail program. Within the project boundary an additional \$883 of state funds was provided by FDOT. To complete the project, additional local sales tax and transportation impact funds were used for decorative upgrades that fit within the context of the community.



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