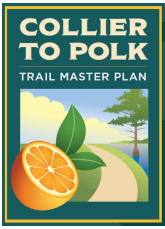


APPENDIX **E**

Stakeholder Summaries and Public Comments

Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

COLLIER TO POLK REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Collier MPO

Friday, December 15, 2023 – 10 to 11 am

Participants

- Anne McLaughlin (Collier MPO)
- Dusty Siegler (Collier MPO)
- Sean Kingston (Collier MPO)
- Victoria Peters (FDOT)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)

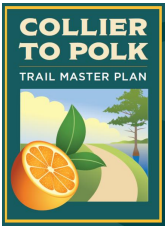
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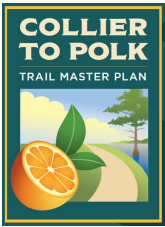
- Katherine Chinault noted that this is just the start of the conversation, and additional comments can be provided later once the group has had time to digest the content.
- Sean Kingston noted that siting and placement are a main factor in developing this regional trail system. Easements, major roadways, maintenance, security, safety, and how to appropriately engage stakeholders are top of mind.
- Anne McLaughlin noted that Sean is leading the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update and will be updating GIS data. However, this may not be available for another year. Anne noted that the data is currently up to date and may be useful for this project.
- The group discussed some of the funding intricacies related to SUN Trails and what elements are permitted for funding.
 - Right-of-way can be purchased but not in cases involving eminent domain.
- Meeting locations were discussed:
 - Immokalee (Focus on rural/Heartland area)
 - City of Marco Island
 - Everglades City
 - IFAS
 - Collier County
 - Polk County
 - Somewhere along the anticipated trail route
 - Audubon Sanctuary
 - State parks in the region with meeting rooms
- A large virtual meeting was suggested, with the MPOs sending an email blast out to invite people from across the region.



- It was noted that a website is being developed for the project and will be available for the public and stakeholders to look at.
- Anne McLaughlin asked to see the stakeholders list; Jim Wood noted he would share following the meeting.
- There was some discussion on how land management agencies and conservation lands will interact with the trail.
- The group noted that there seems to be a “collaborative tone” associated with the project
 - FDEP and Jason Lauritsen (Wildlife Corridor Foundation) were mentioned as supporters

Next Steps

- Next meeting will be with Collier County in early January. MPO staff is invited to attend.
- Jim Wood will send Anne McLaughlin the stakeholders list.
- MPO staff to provide any contacts for Immokalee.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Polk TPO

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Ryan Kordek (Polk MPO)
- Victoria Peters (FDOT)
- Wayne Gaither (FDOT)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slutterback (Kimley-Horn)
- William Roll (Kimley-Horn)

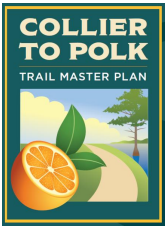
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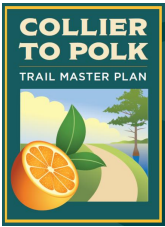
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- Discussion about using Florida examples of similar trails to help people grasp what the trail is and its ability to connect numerous destinations in the region.
 - Examples include trails in Dunedin/Inverness area, Rich King Memorial Greenway
- Ryan Kordek noted that there are some questions within the region regarding the trail and other priorities throughout the region. Many members of the Suncoast Transportation Alliance are wondering why some projects are prioritized/funded over others.
 - Wayne Gaither noted that there is some discontent at one of the MPOs about why this trail was fast tracked versus others.
 - Well-received by Polk TPO, they are interested to see how this trail would fill in the gaps between existing trails that do not currently connect.
- Katherine Chinault noted that this trail being fast tracked does not take anything away from the other trail networks in the state and is a great opportunity to provide facilities and investment in rural counties in the region.
- Ryan Kordek recommended engagement in the Heartland region as well as Collier. Local communities in the region will provide valuable information about their preferences and provide guidance on what to focus on.
- Trail planning/data that may be useful to the team include:
 - Polk TPO Multi-part Trails Master Plan
 - National Park Service conducting planning study along the north part of Charlotte Harbor along the Peace River
 - Water storage effort for the Peace River
 - CFRPC visioning efforts (talk to Marybeth)
 - PD&E related to Lake Hancock



- Discussion about many of the unique environmental and cultural features in the area that are still major parts of the local economy, e.g. cattle industry, Peace River, river fjord, etc.
- Overall engagement approach should focus on meetings in Collier, and 1-2 meetings in the Heartland Region.
- Stakeholder recommendations:
 - Dennis Bode (Native Floridian – Polk County)
 - Ben Ziscal (Land Development Director Polk County BoCC, TAC for Polk TPO)
 - Gay Sharpe (County PM for Lake Hancock trail study)
 - Tracy Mullins (Consultant on Lake Hancock trail study - Patel Green)
 - Lucas Cruse (Consultant on Lake Hancock trail study - Patel Green)
 - Commissioner Tanya Tucker from City of Bartow (Trail advocate, Polk TPO)
- Overall positive reception of the logo.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Collier County

Thursday, January 11, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Trinity Scott (Collier County)
- Lorraine Lantz (Collier County)
- Brian Wells (Collier County)
- Olema Edwards (Collier County)
- Michael Tisch (Collier County)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)

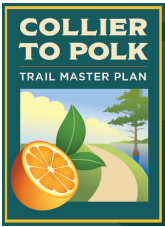
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Discussion

- The recently completed studies for the Paradise Coast Trail and Marco Island Loop Trail were discussed.
- The addition of the SR 29 corridor was also discussed and it was felt that the same issues that might have previously raised concerns in this area probably do not remain, particularly if the trail is located within road right-of-way.
- Jim Wood asked if the county felt comfortable with focusing on the results of the Paradise Coast and Marco Island Loop trail studies as defined planning corridors. Trinity Scott said that generally, the county was supportive of this approach. However, she said there had been discussions since the Paradise Coast Trail study was completed regarding the potential use of Davis Boulevard as an east-west connection, which was not an alternative in the study. Jim Wood noted that Davis had been considered but was not selected, and said the Collier to Polk study team would follow-up to determine where that stands.
- Overall, the county expressed its support for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail effort.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

Friday, January 12, 2024 – 11 am to 12 pm

Participants

- Callie DeHaven (FDEP)
- Brian Fugate (FDEP)
- Deb Burr (FDEP)
- Daniel Alsentzer (FDEP)
- Danielle Terrell (FDEP)
- Samantha Browne (FDEP)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
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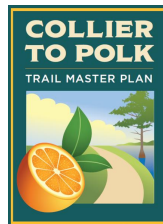
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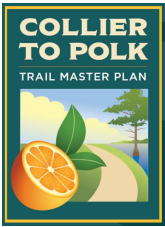
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Discussion

- Callie DeHaven asked if being able to answer the proposed questions was expected for this meeting.
 - Jim shared that this is the beginning (or continuation) of this discussion, and the purpose was for a broader FDEP team to receive the information and discuss any particular issues, opportunities, or concerns at this early stage. Jim offered to schedule a follow-up discussion if they need more time.
- Brian Fugate asked if Fakahatchee should be on the list since it runs the full length of SR 29.
 - Jim said this should be on the list. The Department would like to emphasize that there is a lot of concern there environmentally, and the intent is to work within the right-of-way.
- Jim mentioned that connectivity to state parks will be looked at. For example, the Paradise Coast Trail connects to the entrance of Collier-Seminole State Park. The real push is to determine the most appropriate way to interface with state lands. For guidance and support and coordination, it is important to understand who we should be coordinating with for those discussions and how to make decisions that are most effective. For field work and routing options, who is the best contact?
 - Brian said to work through both Sam and Dani Terrell
- Deborah Burr stated that from state lands and OES, it would be good to see where this potential route/area of interest touches any state conservation lands, and where the BOT holds easements over lands. When this is said and done, this is going to have to have ARC involvement at some level, so a larger holistic view of conservation would be helpful.
 - Jim said as we have routing alternatives and drafts, we will be getting that in front of them as well. Jim wanted to confirm that easements do not accommodate this type of recreational access.



- Deborah confirmed, that is correct.
- Jim posed the question of what would be considered or a possible amendment to the easements. FDEP would know this better than anyone. There are examples of trails on private land in the northern part of the state. As routes come out, we would want to know FDEP's sense of feasibility for this.
- Callie asked if the maps and presentations would be shared with the group.
 - Jim said yes, the materials will be shared as a PDF. They are at this stage where more information is being gathered. The GIS/KMZ boundaries can be shared for now so they have it and can look at it with respect to their properties.
- Deborah stated that due to historic funding, a lot of land has been acquired recently. There is an updated FNAI shapefile for conservation lands that is more recent than May 2023.
 - Jim stated this is a personal KMZ, but the GIS coordinator has it. They will confirm.
 - Deb: It is constantly changing.
- Samantha Browne asked if the entire trail will be paved, and if there will be areas identified as paved or not paved.
 - Jim said SUN Trail is geared to a 12-foot trail. In general, the intent is a paved trail system. Whether or not this is going to be possible is the purpose of this discussion. There are management plans that are not going to be too receptive to this. Collectively, they need to look at how this can most appropriately create this connected system while connecting to conservation lands at the same time.
 - Katherine stated there is a dichotomy with wild areas and the trail legislations and wildlife corridors. Paved trails in these areas may be in conflict. The trail material would be consistent with the context of the area that you are within. This will be brought to management's attention to determine how the trail would be funded if not with SUN Trail. They are trying to leverage everything to bring benefits and be consistent with trails legislation. They are hoping to have more answers by mid-year.
- The Highlands Hammock State Park Rec Hall was suggested for the public workshop as events have been done here before.
- Samantha asked when the virtual meeting will begin and end.
 - Jim said the intent would be that it's open for a 2-week period for commenting, maybe longer depending on how things are structured. That information will also be available.
- Samantha can help to share open house information with other stakeholders once the information is available.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | City of Naples

Monday, January 29, 2024 – 1 to 2 pm

Participants

- Bob Middleton (City of Naples)
- Alison Bickett (City of Naples)
- Chad Merritt (City of Naples)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
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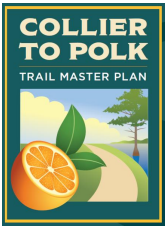
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Discussion

- Alison Bickett noted she's heard about this from her involvement with the MPO, but wanted to ask how this impacts the City at this point.
 - Jim shared the map to describe the general preliminary route, much of which includes the Paradise Coast Trail. The area near Baker Park and the Gordon River Greenway is still where the connection exists and would likely be a hub in Collier County and Naples for this trail.
- Alison Bickett said that the Naples bike loop has had a lot of push back, so she just cautions bringing that piece into this discussion until it's ironed out by the City to avoid any negativity.
- The City is working to make bike-ped improvements along the corridors near Baker Park.
- Anything that would require right-of-way or paving of greenspace will probably have pushback from stakeholders and the public.
- There's been conversation locally about e-bikes/e-scooters and how they generally impact trail usage.
 - Tanya Merkle noted that FDOT currently allows all micromobility modes and leaves it up to the locals to determine any rules or regulations. There is an ongoing discussion at the state level.
- Chad Merritt noted the importance of including Collier County Parks and Recreation as a stakeholder. Jim Wood affirmed that they attended the Collier County stakeholder meeting.
- Alison Bickett asked where the public meetings would occur.
 - Jim Wood noted that there are several different options right now and the study team expects a workshop to be located in Collier. The location used previously for the Paradise Coast Trail may be used.
- Katherine Chinault noted that this is just the start of the conversation, and additional comments can be provided later.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – 12 to 1 pm

Participants

- Tom Reinert (FWC)
- Allie McCue (FWC)
- Rachel Penrod (FWC)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)
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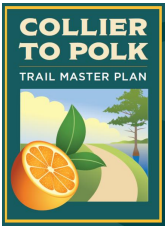
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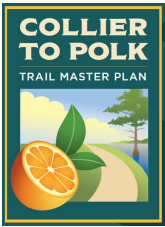
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Discussion

- Tom Reinert asked about the nexus between wildlife management areas and other conservation lands, and if federal partners have been consulted since there are some joint management responsibilities throughout the region. He also asked about involving the tribes in outreach.
 - Jim noted that the federal agencies and the tribes are part of this round of stakeholder outreach.
- Allie McCue reiterated her understanding that this trail is a 12-foot paved multi-use trail.
- Allie McCue encouraged reaching out to the Wildlife Corridor Foundation to determine what they have identified for acquisition in the future which may coincide with the preliminary route.
 - Jim requested that any information related to this be sent to KHA.
- Teneroc Public Use Area (Lakeland) – multi-use trail planned to run adjacent
- Rachel Penrod suggested reaching out to the wildlife coalition. Noted the importance and sensitivity of wildlife and conservation lands.
 - Katherine Chinault previously mentioned the coalition to Jim.
- Rachel Penrod also noted that cyclists are more disturbing to wildlife than a person in a car.
- Discussion on the benefits of trails for physical and mental health.
- Tom Reinert asked if there is an opportunity to integrate wildlife overpasses and crossings into the trail where appropriate.
 - Kat noted that SUN Trails funding is specific to trails construction, but in design this may be considered if other funding is available.
- Tom Reinert asked about long-term maintenance and whether that would be turned over to local governments or a CSO.
 - Jim noted that the master plan will provide some preliminary guidance on this, but it will need to be worked through during this process.



- The group noted that there is a lot of opportunity to connect to FWC managed lands working with the area staff.
 - Spirit-of-the-Wild is an example of a WMA that could include access entrances for the trail for a variety of uses.
 - Fisheating Creek - 3-mile interpretive trail that is open to hikers and bikers in Fisheating Creek WMA.
 - Hardee County Fishing Trail which starts in Bowling Green is a series of reclaimed lakes for fishing opportunities. This will overlap nicely with the trail.
 - Everglades City
- Rachel Penrod noted the opportunity to consider accessibility as the trail alignment is further defined.
- Discussion regarding CREW WEA and the facilities at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the Bird Rookery Swamp Trails, and Lake Trafford.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Glades County

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Participants

- June Fisher (Glades County)
- Susan BuChans (Glades County)
- Archie Branch (Glades County)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)

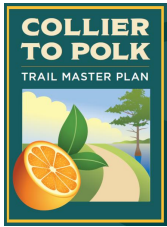
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Discussion

- June Fisher supports the project and thinks it fits in with the County's focus on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail which provides access to some County parks.
- Susan BuChans inquired about trails going through conservation areas and agricultural/ranch lands in the rural areas.
 - Jim noted that these discussions are ongoing with FDEP, and many of these areas are under easements that do not typically include recreational uses. But the study team is coordinating regarding the possibility of these easements including recreational use for the trail.
- June Fisher noted that the BoCC has been supportive of the Florida National Scenic Trail and Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, so it is believed they would support this concept, but it will not be known until they learn more.
 - Jim responded that this study will look at high-level connections to other major trails and Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail is one that will be considered during development of the Master Plan. It will likely be a recommendation in the plan to focus on this connectivity in the future.
- Suggested locations for engagement included:
 - Doyle Conner Building in Moore Haven
 - Muse Community Center in LaBelle
- Stakeholder recommendations included:
 - Residents at RV parks throughout the region
 - Lykes Brothers (property owners in the region, specifically along SR 29)



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Hendry County / LaBelle

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 – 11 am to 12 pm

Participants

- Shane Parker (Hendry County)
- Josephine Medina (City of LaBelle / RBI)
- Ryan Alexander (Hendry County)
- Mitchell Wills (City of LaBelle)
- Kim Barselou (City of LaBelle)
- Alexis Crespo (City of LaBelle / RBI)
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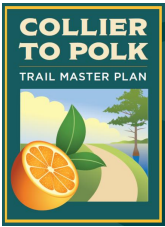
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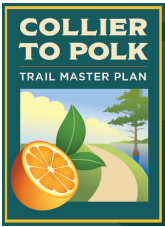
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- Shane Parker noted that there are conservation areas and easements owned by several state agencies as well as private landowners and indicated that some of those private landowners may not want to have a public trail on their property.
 - Jim Wood noted that conversations are ongoing with management agencies and that the route is still preliminary.
- Shane Parker asked how the trail will cross the Caloosahatchee River. He noted that there is currently an FDOT project regarding the bridge on SR 29 and may be the most inexpensive option for crossing the river and incorporating the trail.
 - Katherine Chinault noted that the team is aware of this project and coordinating as appropriate.
- Shane Parker shared that a parking lot for the pathway trail is going to be on Helms Road and could serve as a trailhead/staging area for this trail.
- Mitchell Wells says there are a lot of conversations going on right now regarding right-of-way availability for travel lanes and the path itself. There is a meeting with FDOT in LaBelle about this project today (1/31).
- Shane Parker noted that the pathways plan hasn't been updated since 2009. Looking at segment 101 from a map in that plan, the northern portion of this is a section of abandoned railroad that is being looked at for roadway access (from the canal north). There is an old FDEP agreement approved by the Board that Shane cited.
- Alexis Crespo noted that the City Commission has been wanting to focus on sidewalks and trail connections. Interface trail with the downtown improvement plan. Reservoir can bring a lot of recreation to the City which is exciting.



- Project was noted as a great opportunity for City of LaBelle. Familiarity with existing trails like Legacy Trail in Sarasota. This would be a great opportunity for this area and hopes for a clear path going forward.
- Suggestions for public workshop locations:
 - City of LaBelle Civic Center
- Suggestions for stakeholders:
 - Felda Community Association - Sonya
 - Judy Kennington-Korf (Port LaBelle Community Development District)
 - Gerber Groves
 - Water Management District
 - South Florida DEP
 - Local DOT operations in the Heartland (John Anderson)
 - Heartland Regional TPO



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Polk County

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – 1 to 2 pm

Participants

- Chanda Bennett (Polk County)
- Jay Jarvis (Polk County)
- Ryan Kordek (Polk TPO)
- Tracy Mullins (Polk County)
- Erik Peterson (Polk County)
- Tabitha Biehl (Polk County)
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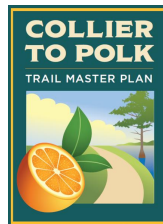
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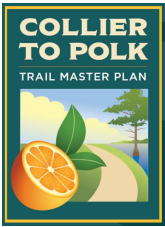
Discussion

- Tracy Mullins noted that they are doing a study through the FDOT LAP program for a trail at Lake Hancock (Hub & Spoke). Consultant is Patel Green. Tracy said he would keep Jim and Kat in the loop on this project.
 - Jim noted that there are a lot of things being planned in the northern part of the region, and alignment may not need to be further contemplated as part of this master plan.
 - Ryan Kordek agreed with this sentiment; noted that there is around \$18M for programmed and underway projects. There are still some gaps, but in terms of alignment, this area is well-planned. Priority is to have the trail connect better to Bartow.
- Chanda Bennett asked about the trail following a scenic highway.
 - Jim noted that there are proposed SUN trails corridors to the east that run along the scenic highway that are not part of the preferred swath.
- Chanda Bennett noted that Winter Haven is a recently designated Trail Town through DEP's Office of Greenways and Trails Trail Towns Program.
- Ryan Kordek noted that the TPO has completed a study to look at potential routes for a trail between Bartow and Fort Meade.
 - Jim confirmed that KHA has this data.
- Ryan Kordek noted that there is a large landowner (Clear Springs) in Bartow and areas surrounding it that he has coordinated with on several occasions. They are good partners and very supportive of trails and specifically regional trails. They have a sector plan for



their properties, and they tend to conserve land and protect natural resources. Patrick Carroll represents Clear Springs companies.

- Tabitha Biehl shared that they completed a study along the Peace River from Bartow to the county line to identify projects for habitat enhancement and water quality treatment projects and are seeking funding.
- Discussion about the alignment along the Peace River floodplain east of Fort Meade down to Bowling Creek and Paynes Creek Historic State Park.
 - Ryan Kordek noted that because of environmental sensitivity there may need to be sections that are unpaved.
- Ryan Kordek noted that areas in the southern extent of the region may have challenges regarding maintenance and governance related to the trail.
 - Jim shared that there is legislation right now that would allow grants through DEP to provide funds for trail management.
- Suggested public workshop locations:
 - Circle B Bar Reserve Nature Discovery Center (not set up for evening meetings, weekend daytime meeting recommended)
 - Bartow Civic Center
 - Lakeland
 - Elementary school in Highland City
- Suggested stakeholders included:
 - Mosaic
 - Bureau of Land Reclamation and Mining
 - CFRPC
 - National Park Service
 - Peace River has been selected as one of their project areas, opportunity to collaborate



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Hardee County/Bowling Green/Wauchula/Zolfo Springs

Friday, February 2, 2024 – 11 to 12 pm

Participants

- Charlette Ganas (Hardee County)
- Todd Miller (Hardee County)
- Stacy Smith (Hardee County)
- Christopher Simpron (Hardee County)
- Olivia Minshew (City of Wauchula)
- Ward Grimes (City of Wauchula)
- John Eason (City of Wauchula)
- Kyle Long (City of Wauchula)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Mike Vaudo (Kimley-Horn)

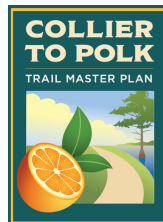
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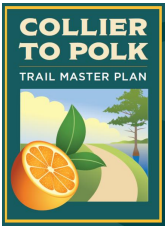
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Discussion

- Christopher Simpron (Hardee County) stated that the county was excited about this project. Project will be a good foundation for future connections between communities (e.g. Wauchula, Bowling Green, and Zolfo Spring). Challenge will be locating the trail with minimum impacts to properties.
- Olivia Minshew (Wauchula) asked about the process that would follow the development of the Master Plan and whether FDOT or local communities would be implementing the projects.
 - Katherine Chinault responded that FDOT is taking the lead to make sure the Collier to Polk Trail is implemented, but as portions of the trail are implemented, there would be opportunities for local communities to spearhead implementing segments sooner. FDOT is taking ownership of planning efforts at this stage.
- Olivia Minshew asked if the expectation was that the local agencies would maintain the trail.
 - Katherine responded that is the typical arrangement and the ultimate location is to be determined. Local communities are asked to share any existing plans for trail connectivity or areas of interest to be considered in the Master Plan.
 - Olivia shared that Crews Park and Peace River Park are opportunities for connections.
 - Jim recognized there have been previous plans for a trail parallel to the Peace River, but initial intent would be to leverage the value of the community going through the City of Wauchula. There could be alternate loops or extensions to connect to natural areas in the vicinity. The ultimate alignment could be in both FDOT or local rights-of-way.



- Olivia stated that she likes the idea of the project and shared that FDOT approached the City about lane repurposing and pedestrian features. Community members opposed the lane repurposing and the City requested FDOT not to pursue those changes.
 - Jim noted that a goal of the trail would be a facility that aligns with the community's network and preferences.
- Charlette Ganas shared in chat that the Hardee County Master Parks and Recreation Plan included a trail network assessment, priorities, and goals. The plan was prepared by CFRPC and will be provided to the Master Plan team.
- Todd Miller suggested Hardee County Agri-Civic Center as a public workshop location.
- Todd Miller suggested connecting with the Hardee County EDC and will provide a contact to reach out to.
- Hardee County staff suggested reaching out to the Sheriff's Office related to potential routing.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Florida Forest Service (FFS)

Friday, February 2, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Brian Campesano (FFS)
- Kat Ingram (FFS)
- Alan Davis (FFS)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)

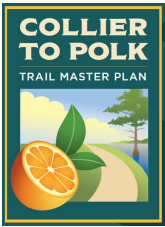
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Discussion

- Alan Davis asked for the preliminary lines and buffer so they can compare it to the FFS management lands.
 - FFS management responsibility off of SR 29 on the west side - a recreation area.
 - Feasibility to come along the boundary of Picayune on Cary Road.
- Alan noted that the state would require an easement or some formal agreement.
 - Jim noted that the master plan is not doing this, but the plan will outline what next steps will be.
 - Alan noted that there are costs associated with this for land acquisition.
- Brian stated that paving the trail is a concern as it requires long-term maintenance and FFS is not equipped to maintain pavement and respect ecologically sensitive areas. They would need an agreement that the trail will not be their responsibility. Closer to the edges of the conservation lands and boundaries would be preferred.
 - The management plan being updated for Okaloacoochee state forest, this is a good opportunity to think about these things.
- Katherine noted that there is an optimal management boundary which might influence their interests and will have staff compare to the preliminary alignment.
 - Brian noted the FWC acquired some land in that boundary for the WMA. He'll share the documents once he has them.
- Alan asked if we are going to get easements or buy right-of-way. It more than likely will require an easement if it goes through the state forest.
- Cat Ingram said FFS would be less amenable to liability and costs in the future if the trail goes through a state forest.
- Brian noted this is not the only trail they have been approached about, but there are funding constraints and FFS has to be concerned with the maintenance. The public doesn't care who built it or who paid for it, and they point to the surrounding lands manager as the responsible parties.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Highlands County/Sebring/Lake Placid

Monday, February 5, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- James Langford (Highlands County)
- Sergio Garcia (Highlands County)
- Sarah Rogers (Highlands County)
- Rachel Barry (Highlands County)
- Scott Noethlich (Sebring)
- Stephen Kramer (Sebring)
- Kevin McCarthy (Lake Placid)
- Dana Riddell (Lake Placid)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
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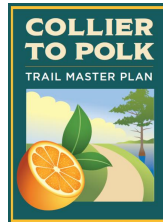
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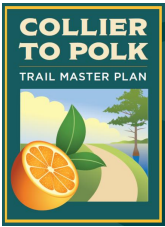
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Discussion

- James Langford will get meeting information to Public Information Officer (PIO) as the events get close to help promote.
- Scott Noethlich asked to what extent cyclists are being included. Noted that they are currently creating their own routes and would have valuable suggestions.
 - Jim Wood noted that outreach includes advocacy groups and organizations that represent cyclists in the region, asked for any recommendations for groups that should be included.
- Kevin McCarthy noted that the timing of this project works out very well with connectivity in the area.
- James Langford noted that they are continually trying to obtain grants to promote alternative transportation and connectivity.
- James Langford asked about the maintenance responsibility and noted that local governments have a challenging time doing that.
 - Katherine Chinault noted that the state works with local agencies to establish a maintenance agreement. This will occur during the design phase of this project. Katherine noted that there is a bill going through the legislation right now regarding grants for trail maintenance.
- James Langford is supportive of the project and feels it will add a lot to the community.
- Kevin McCarthy agreed that this is a great opportunity.



- Scott Noethlich noted that this project hits on the safety aspect in regard to vulnerable road users.
- Dana Riddell noted that some of the route is located along SR 27 and asked if the trail will be separated or if it will be more similar to a bicycle lane.
 - Jim confirmed that the intent is to have a separated path.
- Dana Riddell asked about the schedule and if this project will set them up to apply for grants for the trail.
 - Katherine Chinault noted that this is a high-profile project for the District, and their intent is to build it using SUN Trail funds. FDOT is taking the lead in making sure this gets to completion, but there may be opportunities for locals to take on portions of the trail.
- Scott Noethlich noted that CFRPC has been involved in other trail projects and confirmed with Jim their involvement with this project.
- Suggestions for public workshop locations:
 - Highland Hammocks State Park
 - Local college
 - Town Hall in Lake Placid
- Suggestions for stakeholders:
 - Dana Riddell will send contact info for local individuals
 - Park manager for Highland Hammocks State Park



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | City of Lakeland

Friday, February 9, 2024 – 10 to 11 pm

Participants

- Charles Barmby (Lakeland)
- Emily Colon (Lakeland)
- Julia Davis (Lakeland)
- Greg James (Lakeland)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slutterback (Kimley-Horn)
- William Roll (Kimley-Horn)

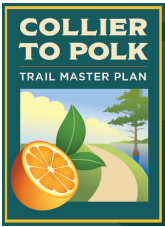
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Discussion

- Charles Barmby noted that the City of Lakeland is very interested in the Trail Town designation and a great interest in this trail to provide additional connectivity. There are several different trail investments in various stages in the area:
 - Alternative Fort Fraser alignment is moving toward construction.
- Charles suggested adjustments to the alignment along the Parkway to connect to the Fort Fraser trail that is under construction. Shift to the parkway by a couple hundred feet to connect.
- Julia Davis – crossover from US 98 to the top of Fort Fraser.
- Charles Barmby noted challenges for the long-term including the need for grade separation. Ernsmith Boulevard on the north side of Bartow. Crossing 98 where Fort Fraser turns left. Polk City Master Plan Van Fleet over SR 33.
- Charles will send the Pathways plan that has an updated exhibit for what is funded in the next 5 years, and the policy related to the Fort Fraser trail, and then information on the larger developments in the Lakeland area and how the planning process is taking future development into consideration.
- Charles suggested incorporating institutional partners in the region.
- Julie mentioned tying this to projects like the Old Dixie Trail in the larger regional network.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Immokalee

Friday, February 9, 2024 – 11 to 12 pm

Participants

- Noemi Perez (Immokalee Foundation)
- Marisol Sanders (Immokalee Foundation)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)

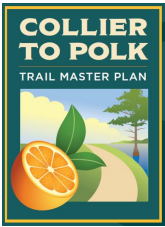
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Discussion

- Noemi Perez noted that there are concerns in Immokalee related to property costs increasing and preventing local families from being able to afford to buy. Even though property values increasing is a great benefit, it can make things difficult for local families.
- Noemi noted that Immokalee residents are going to have concerns over the trail being new and never having had anything like this.
- Noemi noted that the south side of Immokalee would have access to the trail, and this is where the walking community lives.
- Noemi noted that New Market Road is one of the busiest areas in Immokalee, and the current alignment does not give access to that area.
- Kat Chinault and Tanya Merkle noted that the plans for the new alignment of SR 29 includes the trail at this time.
- Noemi recommended making a connection to Lake Trafford Marina to promote a beautiful natural and historic attraction in Immokalee.
- Noemi noted that any presentations to the public should be in Spanish and Creole if possible.
- Suggestions for meetings:
 - Immokalee Technical College
- Suggestions for stakeholders:
 - Immokalee Eastern Chamber – Marisol to send contact information



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Bartow & Fort Meade

Friday, February 16, 2024 – 10 to 11 pm

Participants

- Bob Wiegiers (Bartow)
- Russ Martin (Bartow)
- Maria (Interim City Manager Fort Meade)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slutterback (Kimley-Horn)
- William Roll (Kimley-Horn)

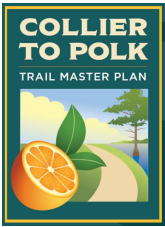
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Discussion

- Bob Wiegiers asked about the approach to funding this trail. Is this going to be funded by FDOT or left up to individual communities?
 - Jim Wood noted this is part of the SUN Trail system and makes it available for that type of funding, but there are some elements that will be the responsibility of the communities. Kat Chinault noted this is priority for the District and they are championing it, but if there are opportunities for local communities to get funding this will be coordinated. District 1 is committed to making this a reality.
- Bob Wiegiers asked for clarification on the stakeholder meetings and who is being consulted.
- Bob Wiegiers inquired about the type of trail this is going to be, and whether it will pass through communities like Bartow or bypass along natural areas like the Peace River corridor?
 - Jim noted that the intent is that it will run through the communities, but recognizes in some cases this may not be feasible due to challenges related to the built environment.
- Bob Wiegiers note that there was a route that had the trail running through Bartow toward Mary Holland Park and heading south until heading east toward Peace River.
- Clear Springs development was noted as an opportunity to partner based on their ultimate master plan for trails.
- The SR 60 overpass for Fort Fraser Trail is starting construction in 2026.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Heartland TPO / Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Monday, February 19, 2024 – 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Participants

- Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC)
- Marybeth Soderstrom (Heartland Regional TPO/CFRPC)
- Mike McDaniel (CFRPC)
- Richard Ranck (CFRPC)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Mike Vaudo (Kimley-Horn)

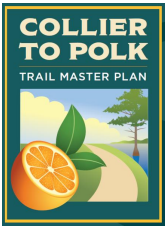
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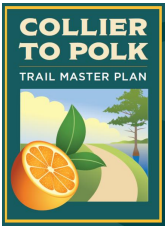
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Discussion

- Jim shared potential new legislation providing grant funding to communities for trail management through FDEP.
 - Marybeth Soderstrom asked for the House Bill / Senate Bill numbers associated with the proposed legislation.
 - Katherine Chinault replied that HB 1417 has moved through to Appropriations Committee agenda. Equivalent SB 1638 is still moving along, and funding is through Gaming compact.
- Jennifer Codo-Salisbury shared that she thought that this was a great project. She sees the benefits from both an environmental and economic development standpoint. She offered CFRPC support for the upcoming workshops through promotion and/or onsite staff support.
- Jennifer suggested sharing data related to the Highlands County Trails Master Plan which the CFRPC helped to develop.
- Jim shared that additional outreach with land management agencies will continue to identify whether concepts could traverse some parks or only connect to the entrance. Jim shared that the project team has met with FDEP State Parks Central Office staff in order to connect with individual park sites.
- Jennifer shared that Highland Hammock State Park would be a good venue for a workshop. She also suggested the Burt Harris Center has been successful for other meetings and had good turnouts. She shared that trail and bike groups were active during the Highlands Trail Master Plan effort.
- Jennifer will provide a list of potential stakeholders for additional outreach.
- Jim asked about CFRPC's efforts related to the trail workshop it held with the National Park Service RTCA program.



- Jennifer shared that Department of Interior and FEMA are also looking at engineering studies related to water flow and storage along the Peace River and responded that the effort would complement the Collier to Polk trail project and efforts would be complementary and not overlap.
- Marybeth mentioned there would be an opportunity for a future alternative from Fort Meade over to Frostproof and south through part of the Avon Park Air Force Range
 - Jennifer responded that there is concern with Avon Park being an active training facility. There could be a future alignment through Frostproof.
- Marybeth shared that the Town of Lake Placid is working on their trails master plan.
 - Jim confirmed that the project team has communicated and received input from Lake Placid.
- Katherine confirmed that planning will remain within the study corridor at this time, but there are opportunities to document potential future connections.
- Jim shared the preliminary list of potential workshop venues in each county.
- Jim asked if the Heartland TPO/CFRPC would be involved in routing discussions.
 - Jennifer said that they would like to be included in those meetings as they partner with many of the communities in the region.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | USFWS & NPS

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Kevin Godsea (USFWS – SW Florida Refuge Complex)
- Thomas Forsyth (NPS – Big Cypress)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)
- Jeff Hemphill (Kimley-Horn)

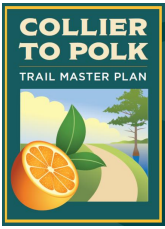
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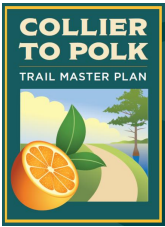
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Discussion

- Tom Forsyth asked if this was being conducted in partnership with the Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation – noted Dale Allen has been meeting with people in this area of the state since SB 106 was passed. Suggested there may be two conversations occurring simultaneously right now that could be merged regarding the trail.
- Tom had three main points:
 - Connecting to Everglades City south on SR 29, Patty Huff is very engaged.
 - East-West connection from Naples to Miami along Tamiami Trail.
 - Ensuring that the trail is multimodal and bike-suitable.
- Kevin Godsea inquired about next steps, future funding, and timeline.
 - FDOT looking at a Ten-Year Construction Plan.
 - Funding from and for the six counties in the region is being assessed.
- Kevin asked about how US 29 widening and this project align for FDOT.
 - Katherine Chinault noted that there are some significant environmental issues which may hinder the US 29 widening plans south of Immokalee, and efforts are currently on hold.
- Kevin noted the importance of wildlife crossings and not blocking off any additional hydrology with a trail. Kevin noted they have enough challenges in this region regarding hydrology and encourages the project team to look at this specifically.
 - Jim Wood noted that the team will reconnect when alternatives are developed to address these concerns.
- Kevin is going to share some maps that show all the USFWS lands and potential acquisitions.
 - <https://www.fws.gov/project/everglades-gulf-conservation-area>
- Tom noted the trail would be a great recreational asset, especially to tourists who do not know the area well and could easily access the trail, and Big Cypress is hugely supportive of this project. Connectivity to resources immediately adjacent to the trail and within the preserve would be great.



- Tom noted that stakeholders and the public have felt excluded from the conversation regarding the Western Everglades Restoration project through the US Army Corps of Engineers and would like to be included as much as possible in this discussion to avoid that regarding the trail.
- Tom and Kevin noted the importance of notifying local stakeholders and the public about their involvement and support.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Environmental Stakeholders

Friday, March 1, 2024 – 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Participants

- Haley Busch (1000 Friends of Florida)
- Wendy Mathews (The Nature Conservancy)
- Marian Ryan (Friends of the Polk County Parks Foundation)
- Paul Gray (Audubon Florida)
- Sheila McNamara (Central Florida Regional Planning Council)
- Richard Ranck (Central Florida Regional Planning Council)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Brent Setchell (FDOT)
- Jennifer Marshall (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
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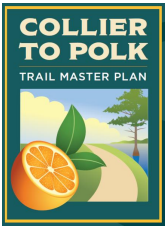
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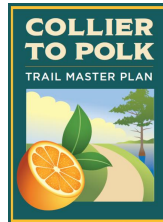
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Discussion

- Marian Ryan noted that a goal for trails in Polk County is to go along the Peace River through Clear Springs to get public access to the Kissingen Springs site. She asked if that route is on anyone's wish list.
 - Jim Wood said Clear Springs has been mentioned multiple times as an entity to work and coordinate with, and putting the trail along Peace River will be looked at.
- Haley Busch asked how FDEP and FDOT will work together in this process.
 - Jim said there has been parallel coordination and consistent communication between the two agencies from the beginning of this process.
- Haley mentioned the Florida Trail Towns program and any opportunities for trail towns to tap into existing Main Street programs as well.
 - Jim said in the initial look at this, towns were identified with Main Street programs already in place.
- Wendy Mathews asked if there are any documents to see the trail more specifically by county.
 - Jim said there is a KMZ file with the current proposed alternatives.
- Wendy asked if land acquisition will be part of this.
 - Jim said the intent would be to identify any high-level right-of-way needs, but ideally it would involve less land acquisition. It would probably be something that has to be thought through stringently.



- Sheila McNamara said the ECFRPC just completed a 2-year study that showed building permits being pulled by zip code and offered to inquire on getting that analysis to the team. Archbold also has a report on the resiliency benefits of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.
 - Jim said resiliency can be acknowledged at a master plan-level but will likely be looked at closer when considering specific segments.
- Discussion of potential challenges that may come up.
 - Marian mentioned crossing or abutting rail lines.
 - Sheila mentioned interfering with species within the wildlife corridor.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation

Monday, March 4, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Alex Freeze (Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation)
- Mallory Dimmitt (Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation)
- Jason Lauritsen (Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Tanya Merkle (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)
- Jeff Hemphill (Kimley-Horn)

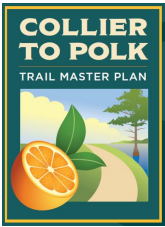
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Discussion

- The Wildlife Corridor Foundation expressed support for the project and was interested in looking at potential partnerships. General cross cutting issues were discussed.
- Principal discussion focused on whether Wildlife Corridor and SUN Trail funding could be merged to acquire corridors that would benefit both the trail and wildlife connectivity. An example along the Peace River was discussed. It was noted that SUN Trail has specific requirements that might preclude it from being used to acquire anything wider than what is needed for the trail.
- The group agreed that there should be continued focus on potential partnerships to advance the Wildlife Corridor and Collier to Polk Regional Trail.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING | SWFWMD

Monday, March 18, 2024 – 9 to 10 am

Participants

- Chris Kuzlo (SWFWMD)
- Albert Gagne (SWFWMD)
- Katherine Chinault (FDOT)
- Brent Setchell (FDOT)
- Nicole Monies (FDOT)
- Jim Wood (Kimley-Horn)
- Lindsay Slautterback (Kimley-Horn)

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Discussion

- Chris Kuzlo (SWFWMD) asked if this project will go through FDOT's ETDM process.
 - Katherine Chinault (FDOT) answered yes.
- Discussion about connecting to Circle B Ranch, Jack's Creek, other conservation areas under WMD.
- Discussion on requirements regarding water quality and permits for a multi-use path.
 - There is an exemption for Shared-Use Paths that meet the requirements for path width for water quality treatment requirements and wetland permits.
 - Better description of requirements/needs will come from SWFWMD during ETDM process.
 - Floodplain impacts will need to be addressed.
 - Any impacts to permitted stormwater facilities will also need to be addressed.
- Kat noted she will be leading the PD&E efforts and trying to line up all the different pieces.
- Jim asked if there was a particular contact person to assist with recreational connectivity.
 - Chris will find the contact information to share with the group.

Individuals Signing in at Open Houses

Meeting	Date	Name	Email	Organization	Zip Code
Polk	6/4/2024	Linda Westbrook	westbrooklinda46@gmail.com		33813
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Polk	6/4/2024	Virginia Condello	virginia@bartowchamber.com	Bartow Chamber of Commerce	33830
Polk	6/4/2024	Myrtice Young	myrticeyoung@polk-county.net	Polk County BOCC History Center	33830
Polk	6/4/2024	Dane Rogers	dane@rogers-brothers.com	Rogers Brothers, LLLP	33812
Polk	6/4/2024	Andy Palmer	apalmer@mywinterhaven.com	City of Winter Haven	33880
Polk	6/4/2024	Susan Dicks	susancdicks@gmail.com		33845
Polk	6/4/2024	Zachary Taylor	zrtaylor1996@gmail.com	Swan City PEV	33801
Polk	6/4/2024	Mike Hevv	mhevv@cityofbartow.net	City of Bartow (City Manager)	33830
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Polk	6/4/2024	Meysam Farrahami	meysamfarrahami@dot.state.fl.us	FDOT	
Polk	6/4/2024	Savannah Rudolph	savannah@visitcentralflorida.org	Visit Central Florida	
Polk	6/4/2024	Ned Baier	ned.baier@volkert.com	Volkert; Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation	
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Polk	6/4/2024	Tom O'Reilly	to1258@msn.com		33880
Polk	6/4/2024	Sarah Kozul	sarahkozul@gmail.com	Road Runners of America	35813
Polk	6/4/2024	Rick Wilson	rickwilson@polk.net	Polk County BOCC	33830
Polk	6/4/2024	John Coad	trinityarp2@msn.com		33805
Polk	6/4/2024	Katie Habgood	katie.habgood@patelgreene.com	PGA	33618
Polk	6/4/2024	Sherry Carver		Polk County History Center	33830
Polk	6/4/2024	Pat Huff	mrpathuff@aol.com		3380
Polk	6/4/2024	David Dalton	davwesla@rogers-brothers.com	Rogers Brothers, LLLP	33813
Polk	6/4/2024	Katie White	katie.white@floridadep.gov	FDEP	33884
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Polk	6/4/2024	Bob Pfeiffer	pfeifferco@aol.com		33830
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Polk	6/4/2024	Lynn Simons	ssnomis@msn.com	Southgate & Road & Trail Biking Groups	33812
Polk	6/4/2024	Jennifer Codo-Salisburg	jcodosalisburg@cfrpc.org	Central Florida Regional Planning Council	33830
Polk	6/4/2024	Jason Brown	jbrown3@tampabay.rr.com	Road & Trail Bicycles	33812
Polk	6/4/2024	Randy Dicks	randalledicks@aol.com	Homeowner	33898
Hardee	5/28/2024	Tom Hogling			
Hardee	5/28/2024	David Scorpelli	david.scorpelli@dot.state.fl.us	FDOT	33881
Hardee	5/28/2024	Sam Fite	commissioner5@bowlinggreenflorida.org	City of Bowling Green	33834
Hardee	5/28/2024	Ryan Roehm	rroehm1@gmail.com	County Resident	33873
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Hardee	5/28/2024	Anna Leakey			33873

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Hardee	5/28/2024	Chris Idsardi	9505gator@gmail.com		33873
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Highlands	5/29/2024	Robert Summers	robertsummers@htn.net	Lake Placid Trails and Paths	33852
Highlands	5/29/2024	Luoy Reed	lcr33852@gmail.com	LP Cycling	33852
Highlands	5/29/2024	David Reed		LP Cycling	33852
Highlands	5/29/2024	Tom Bliss	travlinsparky@hotmail.com		33825
Highlands	5/29/2024	Jamey Eddy	central.fl.asinc@gmail.com	CFAS	35875
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Highlands	5/29/2024	Andre Van Rooyen	70andrevr@gmail.com	Sebring	33875
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Highlands	5/29/2024	Dana Riddell	townplanner@mylakeplacid.org	Town of Lake Placid	33852
Highlands	5/29/2024	Brian Kampman	bkamp77@gmail.com		
Highlands	5/29/2024	Kevin McCarthy	townadmin@mylakeplacid.org	Town of Lake Placid	33852
Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Jessica White	jessica.white@dot.state.fl.us	FDOT	33919
Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Tamman Hammer	tammanhammer@gmail.com	Public	33935
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Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Margaret England	mleighthouse863@gmail.com	Trail; Hendry & Glades City Association	
Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Tina TelaRosa	tinadagency@gmail.com	Self	33935
Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Linda Hess	linda.hess@wginc.com	WGI	33410
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Glades-Hendry	6/5/2024	Ellen Maclaughlin Beers	1976transam@sisna.com	Vice Chair Glades City P&Z	33935
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Collier	6/6/2024	Valarie DeHooghe	valdehooghe@icloud.com	Freedom Waters Foundation	34102
Collier	6/6/2024	Donald Rupprecht	drupprecht@live.com	Naples Velo	34119
Collier	6/6/2024	Kathy Eastley	katherine.eastley@colliercountyfl.gov	Collier County	34104
Collier	6/6/2024	Luke Treadwell			34112
Collier	6/6/2024	Lori Fernandes	lorifernan@gmail.com		34105
Collier	6/6/2024	Michael Tisch	michael.tisch@colliercountyfl.gov	Collier County Transportation	
Collier	6/6/2024	Dayna Fendrick	dayna@urbangreenstudio.com	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee	34103
Collier	6/6/2024	Lorraine Lentz	lorraine.lentz@colliercountyfl.gov	Transportation Planning	34120
Collier	6/6/2024	Carl Kedfurd	carl@tenthousandislands.net		34145
Collier	6/6/2024	Joan M Colfer	joan@tenthousandislands.net	Retired	34145
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Collier	6/6/2024	Patty Huff	snookcity@gmail.com	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee	34139
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Collier	6/6/2024	John Courtright	jrcbec@aol.com	Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee	34112
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Collier	6/6/2024	Bob Galliher	bobgalh@aol.com		34117
Collier	6/6/2024	Dick Coan	dick@dickcoan.com	Naples Velo	34109
Collier	6/6/2024	Robin Coan	robinslascoan@gmail.com		34109

Individuals Submitting Comments at Open Houses (Full Scans of Comments Are Included Below)

Meeting	Date	Name	Email	Address	Zip Code	Signed In?	Comment	Concern
Polk	6/4/2024	Mike Westbrook	westbrookm33@gmail.com	5415 Marina Cove, Lakeland, FL	33813	Yes	Supportive comment	
Polk	6/4/2024	Bob Fort	rfordtmd@gmail.com	415 Willow Oak Court, Fort Meade, FL	33841	No	Supportive comment	
Polk	6/4/2024	David Dalton	dawesla@rogers-brothers.com	5135 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland, FL	33813	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Bike/Ped Safety
Polk	6/4/2024	Tom O'Reilly	to258@msn.com	530 Squires Drove Drive, Winter Haven, FL	33880	Yes	Supportive comment	
Polk	6/4/2024	Dane Rogers	dane@rogers-brothers.com	PO Box 237, Highlands County, FL	33846	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Bike/Ped Safety
Polk	6/4/2024	Sara Penny	sarapenny63@gmail.com	821 College Avenue, Lakeland, FL	33801	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Polk	6/4/2024	John Coad	trinityarp20@msn.com	2484 Winnipeg Drive, Lakeland, FL	33805	Yes	Supportive comment	
Polk	6/4/2024	Andy Palmer	apalmer@mywinterhaven.com	500 3rd Street, Winter Haven, FL	33880	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Polk	6/4/2024	Zachary Taylor	zrtaylor1996@gmail.com	806 Plum Street, Lakeland, FL	33801	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	E-Bike Compatibility
Polk	6/4/2024	Sarah Kozul	sarahkozul@gmail.com	880 Osprey Landing Drive, Lakeland, FL	33813	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Polk	6/4/2024	Mike Hevv	mhevv@cityofbartow.net	450 N Wilson Ave, Bartow, FL	33830	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Hardee	5/28/2024	Karen Smoke	aandksmoke@gmail.com	PO Box 2461, Arcadia, FL	34265	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Bike/Ped Safety
Hardee	5/28/2024	Renee Wyatt	renee.wyatt@hardeecounty.net	345 Circle Drive, Wauchula, FL	33873	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Hardee	5/28/2024	Denise Grimsley	denise.grimsley@thedevelopmentgroup.net	1644 SR 64 East, Zolfo Springs, FL	33840	Yes	Supportive comment	
Hardee	5/28/2024	Chris Idsardi	9505gator@gmail.com	4172 W. Main Street, Wauchula, FL	33873	Yes	Supportive comment	
Hardee	5/28/2024	Daniel Leakey	5thdayoutdoors.guide@gmail.com		33873	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Amenity Accessibility; Bike/Ped Safety
Hardee	5/28/2024	Tom Hogling				Yes	General questions / comments	Environmental Concerns
Hardee	5/28/2024	Diane Smith	dianeSmith60@gmail.com	PO Box 1454, Wauchulla, FL	33873	Yes	Supportive comment	
Highlands	5/29/2024	David + Lucy Reed	lr33852@gmail.com	129 Temptation Court, Lake Placid, FL	33852	Yes	Supportive comment	
Highlands	5/29/2024	Greg Dunlop	gregdunlop13@gmail.com	901 Jersey Street, Lake Placid, FL	33852	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Highlands	5/29/2024	Robert Summers	robertsummers@htn.net	608 South Main Avenue, Lake Placid, FL	33852	Yes	Supportive comment	
Glades/Hendry	6/5/2024	Ellen MacLaughlin Beers	1976tramsam@sina.com	1211 Catamount Road, LaBelle, FL	33935	Yes	General questions / comments	Environmental Concerns
Glades/Hendry	6/5/2024	Margaret England	mleighthouse863@gmail.com	380 Riverview Drive, LaBelle, FL	33935	Yes	General questions / comments	Environmental Concerns; Amenity Accessibility
Collier	6/6/2024	Row Marquette	ramarquette@gmail.com	9842 Colonial Walk, Estero, FL	33928	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	E-Bike Compatibility
Collier	6/6/2024	Joan Colfer	joan@tenthousandislands.net	65 Anchor Road, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Alan Musico	flprsup@gmail.com	907 Panama Court 503, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	General questions / comments	
Collier	6/6/2024	Buzz Davis	bzdave@aol.com		34119	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Betty Anne Davis	badavis910@aol.com	4717 Navassa Lane, Naples, FL	34119	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Donald Rupperecht	drupperecht@live.com	4698 Sheerwater Lane, Naples, FL	34119	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Collier	6/6/2024	Michelle Aola-Brown	michelle@naplespathways.org		34102	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Collier	6/6/2024	Kevin Dohm	kjdohm@aol.com	159 Copperfield Court, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Collier	6/6/2024	Carl Kedfurd	carl@tenthousandislands.net	65 Anchor Court, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Harvey Cohen	hwohen@gmail.com	4590 Merganser Court, Naples, FL	34119	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Lori Fernandes	lorifernan@gmail.com	1465 Anhinga Point, Naples, FL	34105	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Jim Richards	jim.richards2@me.com	1884 Cascade Court, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Bike/Ped Safety
Collier	6/6/2024	George Abounader	georgeabounader3962@gmail.com	800 Apple Court, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	Bike/Ped Safety
Collier	6/6/2024	Valerie DeHooghe	valdehooghe@icloud.com	818 Dandelion Court, Marco Island, FL	34145	Yes	Supportive comment	
Collier	6/6/2024	Maureen Bonness				Yes	Supportive with additional questions / comments	

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Leah Grey	leahg@me.com	33931	Supportive comment	
Lisa Moss	foreverlove78@yahoo.com	33960	General questions / comments	
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Ryan Young	ryoung@risingtidefl.com	34113	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
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Billy Sparks	Sparksconcrete@cfl.rr.com	32110	Supportive comment	
John Mantica	jfmantica@gmail.com	33990	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Rebeca Ibarra	HardeeBSA@gmail.com	33834	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Grace Griffin	_gogogigi1929@yahoo.com	33072	Supportive with additional questions / comments	
Jan Jackson	wauchulagal@yahoo.com	33873	General questions / comments	
Ken Evers	kevers@hardeelaw.com	33834	General questions / comments	
Patty Huff	snookcity@gmail.com	34139	General questions / comments	
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Kara Davis	Kara.Davis@hardecountyfl.gov	Hardec Co	33873
Renee Wyatt	renee.wyatt@hardecounty.net	Hardec Co. BOCC	33873
Todd Miller	Todd.Miller@hardecounty.net	HC BOCC	33873
Hunter Folmar	hunterfolmar4@gmail.com	Hardec Resident	33873
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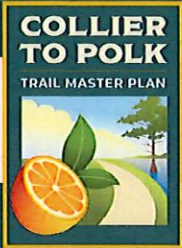
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Amazing Project! SR 66 through Highlands Co is marked as part of SUN - but the route just to the north of SR 636, Parnell Rd, SR 671, 634 is what cyclists ride.

The problem with big projects like this is that as soon as some segments are completed - people want to ride the whole thing.

Trails adjacent to roadways are OK - I like to think that maybe at least a few people in cars think "gee, I could be riding a bike!" - but for long distances, the noise does →

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Katherine Chinault, Planning Project Manager

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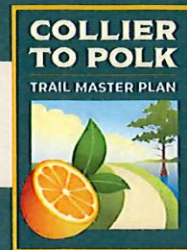


→ get tiresome. And there have to be some at grade crossings - these need to be done right and give cyclists safe opportunity to cross.

look forward to following progress on the project.

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- Will the trail be named (Collier to Polk Regional Trail)?
 I feel if the trail is named it needs to be named a name that benefits all the Countys
- Will there be benches or seating that are covered like in the pictures?

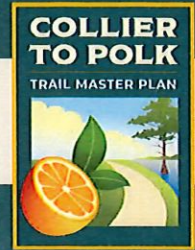
I'm excited about this trail

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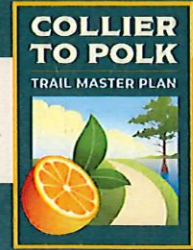
I have this idea / concept. Looking forward
to seeing the completion

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The trail concept is exciting and offers great opportunity for the areas it passes as well as the people that will use the trail.

The presentation was helpful to understand the concept and timeline of the project. The boards were very helpful.

Thank you -

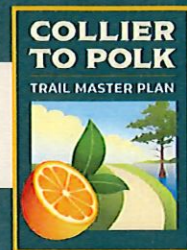
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* With regards to Hardee Co. trails along the peace river, who will maintain trails throughout the year? How will this effect livestock & will fences/gates need to be utilised. Additionally will any safety devices be included along waterways eg: floatation devices or signage for appropriate first responders additional to 911 like FWC.

* Will "Reststops" with shelters/benches be considered for weather events or shade.

* Overall the open house presentation is very helpful & informative. The vision is excellent. I look forward to similar events to see & hear progress

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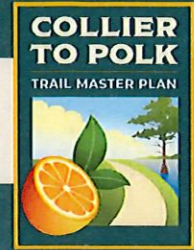
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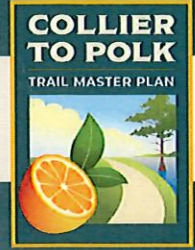
My concern is the impact to the environment. Cutting trails through sensitive lands, people polluting, and trashing pristine lands. You know they will. And wild life will move away from impacted areas. Good for people but bad for environment.

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Wonderful presentation boards - easy to read and understand.

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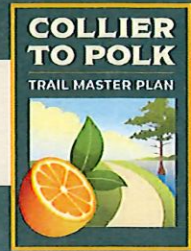
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We support the effort to create dedicated bike trails through this area. The "destination" is less important than the safety of the trail. That said, we do like to visit the towns we drive through, particularly for a coffee or lunch.

Thank you for making this happen!

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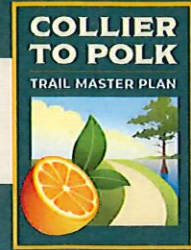
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We have been working on paths in Lake Placid to get for 25 yrs.
Roll up Facebook page LAKE PLACID, Florida
MULTI PURPOSE PATHS
you will see what we have been working on since 2012.
We have the funds to go down Catfish Creek already waiting for funds to go into PLACID Lakes and over bridge Kaylee Flock is our state representative and is all in favor of project.

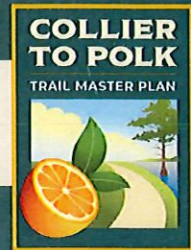
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THESE ARE ALL GREAT FOR THE FUTURE ONLY HOPEING I'M
 ABLE TO USE THEM. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! I CANNOT
 SPEAK OF SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE INTERCONNECTIVITY
 FOR THE STATE. SAFETY- ENVIRONMENT- HEALTH. WHATS ALSO
 NICE IS THE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THIS ~~AREA~~ PROFESSION REALLY
 CARE ABOUT THIS OR THESE PLANS. NICE TO SEE.

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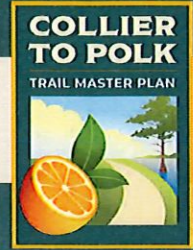
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Great idea.

Gives folks a close-up view of Florida in it's natural state.

Thank You!

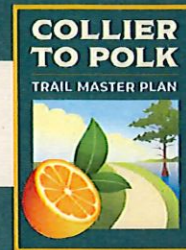
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INFORMATIVE - Hope it comes to be in my lifetime!

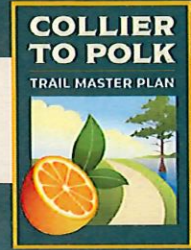
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① How do you plan to cross US 98? Best case
Scenario here is a pedestrian bridge.

② Maybe ~~some~~ consider having some flat/level land next
to trail where you could pitch a tent. This could be every
20 miles or so. I think this could drive some tourism as well
as people will want to do the entirety of the trail in one
trip. This is only possible through over night camping or renting motel
room in one of the cities the trail runs through.

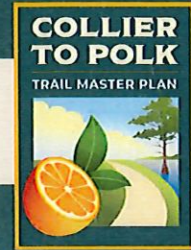
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Excellent, but I am primarily interested in the northern-RT#570 portion.

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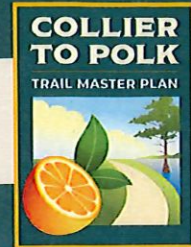
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A WELL PLANNED AND USER FRIENDLY CROSSING FROM THE
EXISTING NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE FORT FRAZIER TRAIL
WESTWARD ACROSS US HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH IS EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT. PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE ACROSS HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH TO MAKE THIS
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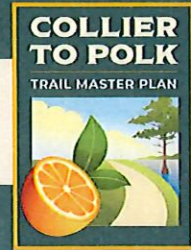
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As much as possible, please try to have the trail not next to major highways. For instance the Van Fleet trail is a much better experience than the Fort Frasier trail (going along Hwy 98.) Thank you for the public engagement, much appreciated.

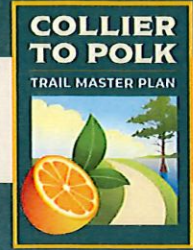
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My wife and I are very excited about the trail coming from Florida Polytechnic University to Lake Crago. I hope you can get that segment or part of it on either side of Combee Road as soon as possible. Let me know if I can help.

*Thank you,
John Coad
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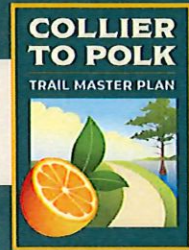
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Great concept. - Bartow Connection from downtown over Hwy 60 is critical

- Include path from Ed Smith Blvd @ US 17 to downtown Winter Haven

- Consider looking at shovel ready sections which provide connectivity as priorities

- Look at Old Dixie Trail as a sister project which is shovel ready from Lake Alfred -> connect to Auburndale/TECO Trail - we have an active SUNTRAIL Application to fund this section

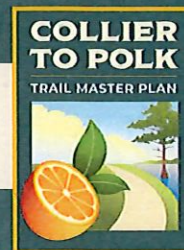
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I ride with a group out in Lakeland that rides e-bikes, e-scooters, and other PEVs. We ride very safely and respectfully through the community. Many of us rely on our PEVs for daily transportation and commuting. I speak for thousands of Floridians who would love to be able to ride our e-bikes and PEVs on ~~this~~ this trail and not be told we can't because they have "motors." I also plead with ~~the~~ FDOT to highly consider installing outlets every 5-10 miles ~~along~~ along the trail so that we can stop and charge our batteries if we need to. ^{There are existing trails like the} Van Fleet that we can't ride without running out of battery.

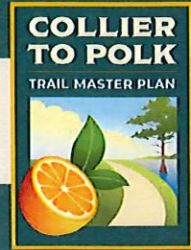
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Thank you!!



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Labeland is fortunate to have so many sections already, but getting the connections built to encourage more transportation in bike/foot is possible.

Outdoor recreation has so many health benefits!

How do we help make this possible? ~~that~~ And in the next 10-15 years? ~~How~~ How do we get communities to dedicate resources to build connections to the proposed trail?

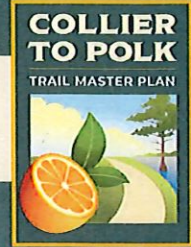
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1) The Collier to Polk Regional Trail is a bold regional trail plan that unites the Heartland Region

2) It will create numerous small businesses hotel lodging, bed breakfast opportunities for our heartland region

3) I cannot wait for this trail to begin

4) Has all of the ROW been Acquired?

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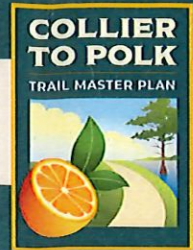
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I think the concept is great - Reality not so sure -

Concerns would be water crossings -

Maintenance costs - who would be held responsible for -

Invasion of Wildlife Corridor -
Who would be held responsible for security?

Costs to build + maintain after?

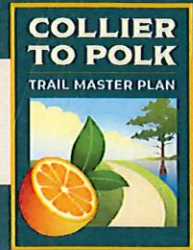
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Thank you for your well organized event.

Some main concerns are how this project will

cross the Caloosahatchee in LaBelle area and

environmentally sensitive areas near Fisheating Creek

and the watershed on 29 between LaBelle &

Palmdale. (Slough)

There is a lack of lodging along the Hendry/ Glades corridor but opportunities for primitive camping.

The Fisheating Creek Outpost in Palmdale has showers

and restrooms. Ortona Locks Campground has restrooms & showers

Food and water would be available in Felda, LaBelle, &

Moore Haven,

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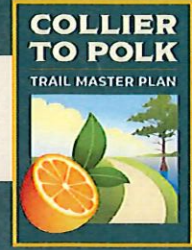
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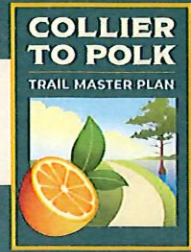
I am supportive of the regional trail plan. I would hope to use the trail to do long-distance cycling. Perhaps a two-day ride with a hotel stay in Sebring would be a possibility. One concern/question I have is ~~whether~~ whether e-bikes would be permitted on the trail. I think the technology has changed and some e-bikes are pretty much the same as an electric motorcycle. I recommend limiting e-bike use the low-powerful, pedal-assist types. My second concern is that by creating these trails, we are abandoning any hope of making roadways safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. Finally, I'll add that I feel this plan represents a very beneficial use of tax dollars.

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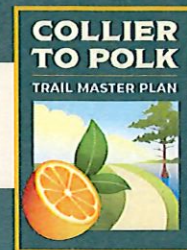
Great effort. Very supportive.
Hope the trail is moved as far off
the roads as possible.

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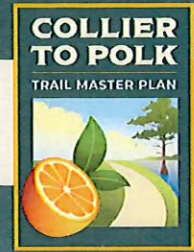
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- MARCO ISLAND CURRENTLY HAS 25 MILES OF SHARED USE PATHS AND 15 MILES OF INROAD BIKE LANES
- DURING SEASON, THOUSANDS OF BIKE RIDERS USE THESE FACILITIES EACH DAY
- THERE ARE MANY FACILITIES OF MARCO THAT MAKE IT A GREAT DESTINATION / TRAIL HEAD (HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, PARKS, PUBLIC RESTROOMS ETS)
- THE MARCO LOOP SEGMENT WOULD ALLOW ACCESS FOR THOUSANDS OF RIDERS ON MARCO TO THE REGIONAL SVH TRAIL NETWORK

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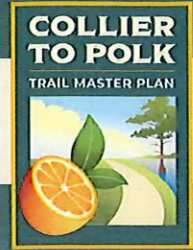
Excited with the prospect of a safe
bicycle trail. I hope it is accessible
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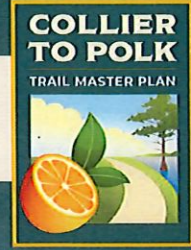
Please complete the trail ASAP -
the street bike lanes are a death trap!
Complete as many miles as possible in
Collier so we can ride.
Seniors need a trail now - Not 10 years!

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I fully support the construction of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail. The sooner the better. Let's catch up with the remainder of the state

Consider extending the east 41 trail to 29 This is a popular route for cyclists

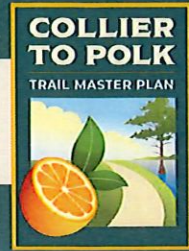
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This is so exciting! Collier County has been sorely lacking trails while the rest of the state has been creating incredible trail systems. We're so happy to finally get to join the party! Plus there is so much opportunity in eastern Collier and up through the center of the state to enjoy natural beauty, grow business and economic development, and of course, safety! We need this trail to be fast tracked and we're humbly begging to get construction started in Collier County first and fast!

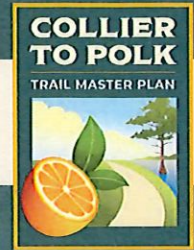
Thank you for bringing the Collier to Polk Trail to our community. Phase 2 - how about connecting Collier to 29?

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 Address: 159 COPPERFIELD CT. City: MARCO ISLAND State: FL. Zip Code: 34145

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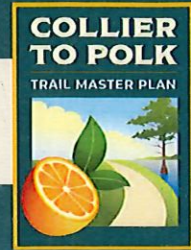
AS PART OF THE MARCO ISLAND BIKE COMMITTEE AND THE COLLIER COUNTY BPAC MY PERSONAL REQUEST IS TO COMPLETE THE "MARCO LOOP" ASAP. THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO BIKE OFF MARCO ISLAND TO RT 41 AND THE CONNECTING PATHS?
 IN THE BIG PICTURE, THE WHOLE REASON FOR BIKE PATHS IS SAFETY. WE NEED A SAFE WAY (PATH) ON RT 951 AND SAN MARCO ROAD FROM MARCO ISLAND TO RT 41 (TAMiami TRAIL)

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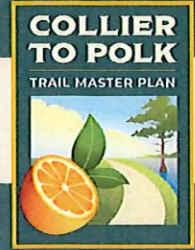
Very interested in the project. Especially the connectors
to US 41 from Musco Island. Collier Blvd north from Musco (east) (951)
to 41. And see Musco Rd north to 41 (92) SR 92

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Great idea. Desperately needed. I was run down while bike riding. I'm 100% in favor of non motorized pathways to make SFL competitive for quality of life & leisure.
 Cedi-up!

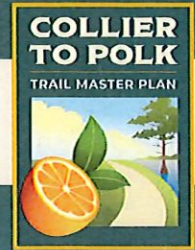
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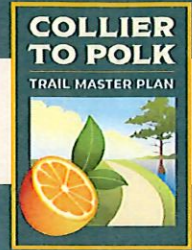
I think this master plan has amazing potential. I am hoping that within the decade actual trails will be built. I am a supporter right now of the Paradise Coast Trail. The revenue that can be brought in to some of these trail areas can be so beneficial to the communities they will cross. Hopefully people will see the benefit of how bike & walking trails help make ~~positive~~ lifestyle for people.

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I AM A BIKE RIDER WITH THE FOG ON MARCO ISLAND. WHILE I CAN SAFELY RIDE AROUND THE ISLAND THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO RIDE OFF EITHER BRIDGE. SAN MARCO, OFF THE ISLAND, IS A FATALITY IN THE WAITING. TWO LANE ROAD WITH VIRTUALLY NO CURVE OR SHOULDER, JUST LARGE FAST VEHICLES GOING BY.

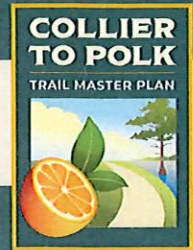
While the economic factor will be realized but more importantly riding around Southwest Collier County will be safer and save lives! Thank you Jim

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I ride 100⁺ miles each week on Marco Island.
 The Multi-use Pathways have been a blessing.
 If we can get the "Marco Loop" completed, that would be very, very wonderful.
 Currently, we do not go over the Goodland Bridge because once you cycle over it, you land on a narrow 2-lane road with NO bike lane; therefore, bikers are competing with cars & trucks, etc.. The 3 feet law, on that road, is useless & the safety issue is a major concern.
 In addition, the 951 roadway from Rt. 41 to Marco Island is heavily used by off Island residents to get to Marco Island for work. These service people ~~but~~ ~~take~~ ~~their~~ ~~life~~ jeopardize their safety to help us.

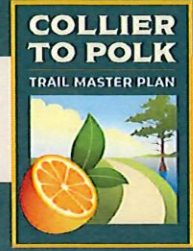
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Please place the marco loop at top of your list; top priority please

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Marco Island

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This trail will provide much needed
safe biking extended paths.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT
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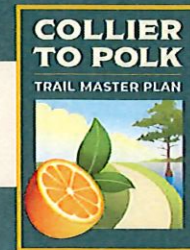
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Name: Maureen Bonness Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Great Concept. Build it! All of it.

SW FL has so few shared-use pathways. Its time for the state to put more \$ + effort into SUPs in this region.

I Love having a SUP options in the middle of the state - not just along high population coastal areas. Middle of the state has lots of excellent trail-town options that will become attractive to visitors... "The Real Florida" (as the state parks ~~says~~ call it).

Personally, I prefer routes on smaller roads (Not US27):

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Comments Submitted Through Virtual Open House

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3	5/28/24 14:08:42	5/28/24 14:10:45	Any way to include Lake Wales? or future idea to connect Lake Wales/ Frostproof. Possibly when HWY 27 is expanded from Highlands County to SR 60 a 12' multi use part could be added along that route	Jackson	acepilotjdc@gmail.com	506 greenbrough dr	lake wales	fl	33853	
4	5/28/24 16:39:03	5/28/24 16:42:11	It is so great to see an ambitious regional trail plan for SW Florida. We need alternatives for transportation and recreation on bikes, wheelchairs and on foot. I'm also happy to see a nod to Florida Gulf Coast Trail connection. The maps are clear and comprehensive	Deborah Orton	friendsofbert@bonitaes	25690 Streamlet Ct	Bonita Springs	Florida	34135	
5	5/30/24 12:10:07	5/30/24 12:15:25	Wonderful concept! Please add a plan to safely connect bicyclists and pedestrians from Lee County, especially Coastal Lee, including Pine Island and Cape Coral. How about a western connecting route?				Bokeelia	FL	33922	
6	5/30/24 12:35:38	5/30/24 12:36:53	Looks great. Cut through the red tape so i can use it before I die. Very exciting and much needed here.	John Drake	jddrake7@reagan.com	4698 Azalea Dr	Naples	FL	34119	
7	5/31/24 22:26:37	5/31/24 22:31:12	Did you consider or even know about the proposed multiuse path on the proposed Central Polk Parkway. It will intersect Route 60 in Bartow at the eastern edge of the study area. See https://floridasturnpike.com/turnpike-projects/featured-projects/central-polk-parkway-us-17-to-sr-60/#1653675672470-7dd8f443-8e8a Great idea overall details are very important so hope input can be made on smaller sections	Alex Vogt	alexvogt1953@gmail.co	5300 Hogan Lane	Winter Haven	FL	33884	
8	6/3/24 12:31:23	6/3/24 12:36:45	Hi, as being both an avid cyclist and hiker that lives in Naples, I cannot express how welcomed and needed this is. Offering our residents a healthy and safe environment to exercise in adds a huge benefit to the area.	Joe Germinario	joe@joegerminario.com	1555 Crayton Rd.	Naples	Florida	34102	
9	6/3/24 17:43:55	6/3/24 17:54:04	As a current Polk County resident and former Hardee County resident, I can confidently say that this is desperately needed. The many trails in Polk County need to be connected. Hardee County doesn't have a sidewalk system. As a runner, it was frustrating and dangerous trying to train for a marathon with ALL of the sidewalks abruptly ending at random times.	Lindsey Smith	Limdseyrae83@gmail.cc	5518 Grey Hawk Lane	Lakeland	Fl	33810	
10	6/3/24 19:06:32	6/3/24 19:18:56	This trail is definitely needed and I support it. This trail will have great benefits - economically, environmentally and sociologically.	Leigh-Anne Vigne			Babson Park	FL	33827	
11	6/4/24 11:25:44	6/4/24 11:26:24	It's about time! We need safe cycling paths.	John Nevin	johnnevin@protonmail.	6345 Liberty St	Ave Maria	FL	34142	
12	6/4/24 11:24:49	6/4/24 11:26:28	Please build more trails in the area! It is too dangerous to bike around here and there are so few trails, but we have so many interested participants. We need a solution.	Kyle Krafft	kyle.krafft@gmail.com	3550 gulf harbor ct	bonita springs	fl	34134	
13	6/4/24 11:26:03	6/4/24 11:29:31	This plan looks great and will improve my quality of life due to the safety of the trail and will make Collier a more desirable place to live. I spend my summer season in the MN WI area that offers many trail miles both urban and rural. The trails stimulate development investment for service businesses and add to the quality of life and health of the citizens. It nice not to worry about getting clipped by a car while winding. I fully support this initiative AND LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN!	David Zanussi	zanus@mac.com	762 Wiggins Bay Drive	Naples	FL	34110	
14	6/4/24 11:42:55	6/4/24 11:44:05	Please- we need the Collier to Polk trails!!							
15	6/4/24 11:31:02	6/4/24 11:46:46	Great project! Linking existing trails and planning for long distance travel by bicycle may not make sense to people who don't cycle, but for those who yearn to do so it makes sense. Cyclists also spend six billion dollars per year in Florida, so the trail will be an economic boom to the communities it traverses. Some key points: Provide for shade when possible, natural, or canopies with solar panels could power night time lighting and offer charging stations for cyclists. Provide safe grade crossings that alert motorists that a trail crossing is ahead; clearly marked crossings, flashing lights, signals controlled by cyclists, speed tables that force motorists to slow down. Restrooms and water stations in areas of few commercial services are needed. Encourage community groups to maintain the trail.	Karen Smoczynski	gypsygirlrides513@gmai	P O Box 2461	Arcadia	FL	34265	
16	6/4/24 11:53:54	6/4/24 11:59:12	I am a resident of Tallahassee, but I have family and friends in the region. I am in full support of the trail system as a whole and not only do I think that this will be a great addition to your region and improve the quality of life for the people who live there, but will be another reason for me and other people to visit more often and enjoy your facilities. I cannot comment on the details of the routes, but whichever ones impact habitat the least while being the most useful and enjoyable route possible for users for both pleasure and as a means of transportation is what I advocate.	Justin Pogge	oldfieldcycles@gmail.co	1206 ford street	tallahassee	florida	32303	

			This path system is a critical need for Collier. As a cyclist, the roads are becoming more and more dangerous with the out of control growth in our area. With more residents on the roads, we, the vulnerable road users, are being placed in harms way with no alternatives. This, coupled with the spectacular increase in dangerous and unmonitored drivers speeding, flipping vehicles and crashing constantly, we must provide a safe haven for cyclists.						
17	6/4/24 12:00:36	6/4/24 12:06:56	This is an important project that must move forward. As a Collier county tax payer, I fully support this project.	Amy Avitabile	amy_avitabile@yahoo.c	8895 Lely Island Circle	Naples	FL	34113
18	6/4/24 12:16:42	6/4/24 12:21:22	As bike coordinator of VillageWalk of Bonita, I am keenly aware of the need for a safe corridor for bikers to use and enjoy, free from the hazards of vehicular traffic.	Sam Edsall	SH-Edsall@wiu.edu	28141 Herring Way	Bonita Springs	FI	34135
19	6/4/24 12:31:53	6/4/24 12:39:24	I am a snowbird, one of the reasons that I choose Naples was the bike trails. I do appreciate what we have because no traffic on bike trails. Cars scare me because of the drivers that may be impaired by age, substance or distractions. I support the expansion of healthy choices for all persons. Walking, running, and biking are healthy activities!	Mike Naughton	naughton8@gmail.com			FL	34114
20	6/4/24 12:34:51	6/4/24 12:41:17	Please help to keep pedestrians and cyclist safer by helping to create these trails throughout Southwest Florida as Far TOO Many people are getting killed or injured when riding and walking on the streets. Lives Matter!! and I have personally lost Too Many Friends in the past 5 years while biking.	FrankTodino	teeball5@aol.com	7565 Meadow Lakes Dri	Naples	Florida	34104
21	6/4/24 12:51:59	6/4/24 13:01:18	Cycling and walking trails are essential to all people. They are needed to provide a safer place to get out and exercise, walk, run, commute or even for a leisurely family adventure. There have been too many accidents and deaths caused by vehicles on our roads. If we had safer places to exercise safely it could lead to a healthier place to live.	Dan L	Dan@SoldOnTheGulf.com		Naples	Florida	34112
22	6/4/24 13:07:15	6/4/24 13:09:47	Please build this quickly. It shouldn't take 20 years, this is a project that we need. Traffic is only going to get worse and more people will die on bikes because of it. Cut the red tape and get it done in under five years so maybe I will be alive to use it. LOL	Dale Drake	eclair.planks0d@icloud.	4698 Azalea Dr	Naples	FL	34119
23	6/4/24 13:15:14	6/4/24 13:18:05	I think the trail will be an amazing way to generate more tourism dollars with also making the environment more accessible to people. It will also help people that travel by bicycle to work, surprisingly there are many people in Collier that get to work this way. Collier County has so few actual trails and has one of the highest pedestrian death rates in FL, this would be a boon for both of those issues.	Sean Nolan	tunzilla@comcast.net	1136 Lake Shore Place	Naples	FL	34103
24	6/4/24 13:27:15	6/4/24 13:30:56	I rarely drive my car unless where I am going is un-bike-able. Trails are great for everyone and they help reduce traffic.	Dale Brown	dale6of9@gmail.com	3569 Antarctic Cir.	Naples	FLORIDA	34112
25	6/4/24 13:51:07	6/4/24 13:54:19	Since our climate can be very hot and sometimes very rainy we must include plans for shelters, trees, shady rest spots. Many miles of the proposed trails are without services of any kind, making it essential that we plan for them. These trails are SOOO long overdue!	Susan Sonnenschein	Sonnenscheinsusan@ya	6895 Rain Lily Rd	Naples	FI	34109
26	6/4/24 14:01:14	6/4/24 14:06:16	good day. it is vital that you commence the building of the Collier to Polk Regional trail. this trail will provide so many people with the chance to get out and get active! We need the trail to provide us with safe options to ride, bike and walk. So many other countries are investing in clean transportation; get out and get active programs; and the chance for folks to just enjoy nature. The US, especially Florida needs to get on the bandwagon and invest in these programs as well. I moved to Florida to get active. Local trails are already providing me with opportunities to enjoy communities surrounding me. A trail like the Collier to Polk will enable me to feel much safer on my journeys.	Kerry McConway	Impressem@aol.com	6637 Dovekey Dr	Sarasota	FL	34241
27	6/4/24 14:57:27	6/4/24 14:59:07	There are too many distracted drivers on our roads who are not paying attention to pedestrians and bicyclists. We need more Trails for safer transportation for those who choose not to use an automobile as their mode of transportation.	Kris Messner	Kemonline@verizon.net	23531 Foxtail Creek	Bonita Springs	FI	34135
28	6/4/24 15:00:33	6/4/24 15:04:44	As a avid cyclist in Naples/Marco Island, I am thrilled to hear about the trail project which will provide much safer cycling options for current and future residents of Collier County. It has been proven multiple times that trails are very positive for the communities they connect and the areas that are along the trail. Increased tourism with minimal environmental impact, along with the benefits of exercise for more people to stay healthy, are just two good reasons to push this ahead ASAP. I applaud this project and hope it proceeds at maximum pace. Thankyou.	Peter Osborne	prosborne@sbcglobal.n	PO Box 28	Goodland	FL	34140

29	6/4/24 14:59:03	6/4/24 15:04:45	Please complete this trail! Too many cyclists have been injured or killed due to distracted driving. A recreational trail would save lives and provide an alternative that is safe and healthy. With the popularity of cycling at different levels and for people of varied ages, the trail is the perfect answer for so many residents and visitors.							
30	6/4/24 15:05:34	6/4/24 15:09:56	The Collier to Polk Trail is a great idea that will enhance this area's livability. Build it as soon as possible!	Robert Gilbert		3324 Olympic Drive #31: Naples		FL		34105
31	6/4/24 17:07:22	6/4/24 17:29:50	I strongly support the progression of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail. As a cyclist and nature lover living the winter in Naples, it is frustrating that there is no safe and pleasurable way to ride, walk & run while enjoying 'natural Florida'. Road cycling today in SW Florida is dangerous and golf community roads are private and 'manicured'. This trail would enable residents and visitors to SW Florida a meaningful and safe experience. Please move ahead!	Kristina Schaefer	kschaefer416@live.com	4701 Yacht Harbor Drive Naples		FL		34112
32	6/4/24 17:26:34	6/4/24 17:30:47	I am truly excited about this series of trails. I am a member of the Bonita Bay Bicycle Club and I ride over 100 miles per week. We need safe bike routes and a variety of distances and destinations. We ride to restaurants and usually have some overnights for longer rides staying in hotels.	Jim Walton	walton6306@gmail.com	27041 Lake Harbor Cour Bonita Springs		FL		34145
33	6/4/24 18:34:10	6/4/24 18:39:41	My husband and I are happy to support the Collier to Polk Regional trail. We are avid cyclists and excited to see the extension of cycle trails throughout Collier County. We have lived here since 2009 and have been members and supporters of Naples Pathway Coalition and their incredible work and accomplishments on behalf of all us cyclists.	Sally Flintoft Ransby		Naples		Florida		34112
34	6/4/24 21:19:55	6/4/24 21:22:38	Yes, Yes, Yes! I am only a long time renter here in Naples but for sure it's a very real amenity to have substantial trails here in Collier County.	Kevin McDermott	kmaclam@juno.com	8738 Ferrara Ct	Naples	FL		34114
35	6/4/24 21:30:53	6/4/24 21:33:46	I am very happy to see this trail moving forward. As a bicyclist in Florida I am always looking for new places to ride. And with roads in Florida being the most dangerous in the country for bicyclists any new trail is a blessing. Being outdoors and being safe are why this trail is so important.	Bob Trencheny	Tbobx@aol.com	7692 Silverwood Court	Lakewood Ranch	FL		34202-7921
36	6/4/24 21:17:47	6/4/24 21:35:10	I have wanted this trail from the days that the railroad still had tracks here in Naples. I voiced a suggestion back then to convert the tracks to a rails-to-trails but no one was interested. So this TRAIL is VERY needed as there are so many people that want to come down to enjoy riding when things are frozen in up north. The tourism boost as well as the economic impact for the west coast of Florida will be enormous. It will also give a safe riding place that we need to save lives. Here it is June 1st and we have had 13 fatalities on Collier roadways....TOO Many. I have worked with bikes here in Collier County for the past 50 years in one venue or another and can attribute to the need. Thank you for allowing my 2 cents worth of comment. Skip Riffle/Bikes For Tykes, Inc.	Skip Riffle	Skip@BikesForTykes.org	5950 Cope Lane	Naples	Florida		34112
37	6/5/24 7:04:36	6/5/24 7:06:20	We desperately need the trail It will reduce rush hour traffic since folks can commute by bike It is way to dangerous to cycle in the street The trail is essential							34119
38	6/5/24 7:45:24	6/5/24 7:50:23	With never ending development of open land and increasing traffic, residents need a safe place to walk and bike. I support development of the Collier to Polk trail.	Phil L.			Naples	Florida		34113
39	6/5/24 8:44:39	6/5/24 8:46:57	Very excited for this project as we are cyclists & have concerns everyday we are cycling with motorists. This trail will allow for safe cycling in our community.	Jeannette Batten	Jpbatten1@aol.com	1218 Cooper DR	Naples	FL		34103
40	6/5/24 9:28:06	6/5/24 9:32:19	I am wholeheartedly in favor of the Collier to Polk Regional Plan. Such infrastructure is extremely beneficial to the general public for health and economic reasons. The longer/more comprehensive the trail, the better. I have rode the Katy Trail and GAP trail (including the C&O on to Washington and beyond). They were fabulous experiences and were enjoyed by cyclists of all ages and skill. Go forward, and fast, with these plans.	Jerry Gorman			Naples			
41	6/5/24 9:51:01	6/5/24 9:54:26	Can we please NOT have commercialization (retail, restaurants, bike rentals...) of the trail, let it be just nature? Please make it a STATE mandate, not county for no retail zoning.	alan	bucksfive@msn.com	980 Maple Ridge Rd	Palm Harbor	FLORIDA		34683

			Great plan. Great project and long range planning. This will help pave the way for future and expedited development of this corridor.						
			It is imperative to get through Bartow, ensure there is a safe bridge across HWY 60. As the trail gets up to Ed Smith Blvd, there is a Sun Trail Route which takes it out to US 17 and up US 17 towards Winter Haven. We would suggest including a route from this point to connect this trail into Winter Haven as part of the Master Plan and included in the PDE Study.	Andy Palmer	apalmer@mywinterhav	City of Winter Haven	Winter Haven	Florida	33880
42	6/5/24 9:53:51	6/5/24 10:01:44							
43	6/5/24 10:22:39	6/5/24 10:24:44	I would encourage the team to include a connection to the Winter Haven trail system and ultimately Downtown Winter Haven. As one of the fastest growing communities in the nation, demand for outdoor recreation and trail amenities is strong.	Eric Labbe	elabbe@mywinterhaver	451 Third Street, NW	Winter Haven	Florida	33881
44	6/5/24 11:27:41	6/5/24 11:31:58	The roads and streets of Naples and Collier County in general have become really dangerous for cyclist, amateur, leisure or hardcore cyclists, as well as dangerous for pedestrians, runners, joggers, that we really need protected, designated, cycling path around the county for safe, protected cycling or walking. These designated paths, as seen in many other states and towns where they exist (under the Train To Trails programs in some regions) have help the diversify the economy of the regions that attract cyclists, fitness travelers.	Chris Favro	chrisfavro@yahoo.com	Forest Park	Naples	Florida	34116
45	6/5/24 13:38:09	6/5/24 13:39:23	This is a great idea and I truly support it.	Lana Kupferschmid	lanakcpa@aol.com	23261 Sanabria Loop	Bonita Springs	FL	34135
46	6/5/24 14:42:39	6/5/24 14:45:21	We need bicycle trails and paths as way too many bicyclists are getting killed by automobiles. I have considered moving out of collier county due to lack of trails to ride a bike.	Michael Neys	Mikeneys@yahoo.com	9449 Glenforest Drive	Naples	FL	34120
47	6/5/24 16:21:20	6/5/24 16:42:18	The Collier to Polk Regional Trail is a great project! I bike three to four times a week, mostly indoor since most Collier County roads with bike line (like Immokalee Road) are dangerous. I do travel to other cities to ride on secured bike trail, out of car/truck traffic. I just come back from a 3 days triathlon camp in Travelers Rest, SC, where we ran and biked on the Swamp Rabbit Trail. A lot of people were enjoying the trail, cyclists paying attention to runners/walkers. It works because the trail is large enough. I can see myself riding all the way to Polk County, biking in the mornings, doing some touristic activities in the afternoon, and staying at hotels at nights!	Eric Fayard	eric.fayard@hotmail.com	2525 Crayton Road	Naples	Florida	34103
48	6/5/24 20:10:05	6/5/24 20:21:49	I do not have a problem with this trail and like the idea. If this trail is built by the FDOT then it needs to have a funding source to maintain it. Also Glades County was promised that the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail was going to bring the same benefits that are listed here for this trail. The Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail's construction was suspended due to the Herbert Hoover Dike improvements. Now that the improvements are done no one seems to have the funds to finish the approximately 20 miles that are in Glades County. I don't think we should start new trails until the ones that were already promised are finished.	Commissioner Tim Stanl	tstanley@myglades.com	1114 Oak Street	Okeechobee	Florida	34974
49	6/5/24 21:33:33	6/5/24 21:39:16	I am a snowbird to SW FL from the north. It is a pleasure to see biking routes expanded in this area. We Seniors need to keep active and this is truly one wonderful way. We need trails for safety to stay off crowded hiways. Please seriously consider the full benefits of a safe, interesting bike route for all citizens and visitors!! Thank you.	Kathryn M Asp	kmairishlass48@gmail.com	240 Spring St #326	St paul	Mn	55102
50	6/6/24 7:17:34	6/6/24 7:21:23	This will be incredible for all that enjoy getting outside to walk, run or bike without the fear of getting hit by a distracted driver. Love it and look forward to it's completion.	Craig Manchen	Cmanchen@gmail.com	1215 Gordon River Trail	Naples	Florida	34105
51	6/6/24 11:06:13	6/6/24 11:06:55	I am in favor	Suzan Cook	suzancantcook@proton	15148 Palmer Lake Circl	Naples	FL	34109

The trails should be shaded by trees. Why? Because Florida is VERY hot and sunny. If roughly continuous shade is not provided then only the hard-core bicyclists will use it. Normal people like me won't. Normal tourists won't. And the population of those who must or choose to commute on these trails will be drastically diminished to the hard-core and those who only need to commute a few miles and can do so quickly.

The shade should be provided by multiple species of native trees chosen for minimal fruit, branch, etc. droppage. Planting multiple species will ensure some survive if a pathogen of one species hits or environmental conditions change such that one or two species die off. They should be planted far enough from the multiuse trail that their roots will be significantly less likely to buckle the path at maturity (there is published research on this, contact me if you don't find it). Perhaps they should be even a bit further away - enough that droppage on the path is reduced but there is still shade, say from half full growth on.

52	6/6/24 10:50:34	6/6/24 11:13:28	Seriously, these trails will be much more useable if they are shaded.	Gordon Brumwell	commercecomms@gmail.com 3226 W. Crown Pointe B Naples	FL	34112
53	6/6/24 11:38:10	6/6/24 11:58:47	In the past projects of this kind work very well when non profit involvement is enlisted for fund raising and community awareness. Friends of Fakahatchee for example was a great success in this regard. As a contractor during that project American Pile Driving LLC had to work in concert with multiple government departments both state and all other contractors on site. In maintaining a positive reception of this plan locally community by community should keep impact on commuters in mind. I am encouraged and enthusiastic to see that the state of Florida has real vision.	Kevin Scobie	Kevin_scobie@yahoo.cc 5940 Lancewood Way Naples	FL	34113
54	6/6/24 13:34:45	6/6/24 13:42:37	As a cyclist I am excited about this project. I attended the open house at HHSP and liked the alternate paths as a choice to a pathway along US 27 or a major highway. If this option is selected, I do hope that thought is given to installing a barrier between the path and the roadway. Using land already owned by the State would be a great way to use land that sits unused a great deal of time. Also, it would be nice if amenities are included long the trail, water fountains, bathrooms and parking areas.	Marty Mielke	mielke.marty@flsenate. 1630 Meadowbrook Str Lake Placid	FL	33852
55	6/6/24 15:27:56	6/6/24 15:32:49	Very exciting project that meshes well with Polk County's Upper Peace River Trail at Various Locations TPO/FDOT project being conducted by PGA.	Tracy Mullins	tracymullins@polk-cour 4177 Ben Durrance Roar Bartow	Florida	33830
56	6/6/24 16:34:50	6/6/24 16:53:50	I am very sorry that I could not attend the in-person open house this evening in Naples. I do, however, want to voice my 100% support for this Collier to Polk Trail as well as any additional trails that are under consideration. The great amount of road traffic in Collier County as well as so many other counties within SW Florida is a major reason that my husband and I don't bike further than our own community. In the offseason, we will venture outside our community but always stay on the sidewalks because it is simply too dangerous to use the main roads even if there is a designated bike lane (ie: Collier Blvd and Davis Blvd). We have read about too many bicyclists deaths in this area which is an absolute atrocity. Know that this bike trail has my support as well as my husbands. Thanks for your time!	Diane & Steve Augustus	daug6978@sbcglobal.net 7842 Naples Heritage Dr Naples	Florida	34112
57	6/6/24 16:59:39	6/6/24 17:01:04	Hoping the "EXPERIENCE FOR THE TRAIL USER" includes picking routes with shade or adding shade along the way. Access to bike tools and bathrooms would also be appreciated. Thanks!	Marisol Acevedo	Marisol.Acevedo@gmail 7030 Victoria Rd. Lakeland	FL	33809

			There are some real opportunities for safe trail ways within and adjacent to the Marco Island Loop areas in Collier County. Existing maintained fire lines, the remnants of Old Marco Rd, and the power line easements would provide are excellent places to look into for adding a beautiful pathway with low impact. I have some more detailed images and background information on these areas that have previously been considered for a trail system. This would need to incorporate the Rookery Bay Reserve. The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, Shell Island Road, Briggs Boardwalk, and the Capri Paddlecraft Park, and several other points of interest along the proposed routes/planning areas are also missing, but would be a great addition. There also may be some opportunity to continue this path along power line grades to connect Barefoot Williams Rd to US-41's existing sidewalk/path between the communities of Treviso Bay and the Isles of Collier Preserve. This would be a safe way to connect large residential areas to Rookery Bay's recreational and educational opportunities as well as several other points of interest.							
58	6/6/24 17:40:30	6/6/24 17:47:33		Ryan Young	ryoung@risingtidefl.com	5240 Raintree Lane	Naples	FL		34113
59	6/7/24 7:43:22	6/7/24 7:45:16	I would like to see areas such as Dundee and Lake Wales included in an alternative extension route.	Rhonda Jewell	Rhondasonline@yahoo.com	22205 Quail Circle	Lake Wales	FL		33859
60	6/7/24 13:29:26	6/7/24 13:30:42	I think a bike path through Collier County is terrific. Long overdue, and would be a huge bonus for residents.	Nan Goebel	nangoebel@gmail.com	1540 Gulfstar Dr	Naples	FL		34112
61	6/7/24 15:48:04	6/7/24 15:53:34	I would like to help My background matches some of your goals Thanks	Richard Grannis	Rpgjr2000@yahoo.com	5986 Bermuda lane	Naples	Fla		34119
62	6/7/24 17:56:41	6/7/24 17:59:39	Very cool concept. Glad to see this type of infrastructure preceding development in the corridor. Getting to Bartow is critical and having some safe crossing across highway 60. As the trail winds north to Ed Smith Blvd, there is a Sun Trail Route which takes it out to US 17 and up US 17 towards Winter Haven. We would suggest including a route from this point to connect this trail into Winter Haven as part of the Master Plan and included in the PDE Study.	M.J. Carnevale	MCarnevale@Mywinter.com	451 Third Street NW	Winter Haven	Fl		33881
63	6/6/24 13:33:55	6/7/24 21:36:26	I have been a full time resident of Collier County for nearly 9 years and an avid cyclist. I live downtown Naples and regardless of time of day/year I always bike with caution however I have often encountered challenges riding with traffic and lack of bike lanes. I often leave very early and ride in the dark (with lights on my bike) to avoid traffic but riding in the dark brings other challenges as well. I have biked in other areas of the US as well as Europe and the Collier to Polk Regional Trail, the Master Plan looks as though it would provide a solid solution that would allow individuals to enjoy all the region has to offer and minimize public safety risks to cyclists, walkers/runners and motorists alike. I very much support this plan.	Susan Mangicaro	susanmangicaro@gmail.com	919 8th Ave S	Naples	FL		34102
64	6/8/24 4:50:45	6/8/24 4:53:02	We really need more bike trails, and we need safe bike trails, Please ensure that this long distance option gets built. It will make South Florida so much more attractive.	Hilda Champion	hildachampion@me.com	2740 Buckthorn Way	Naples	FL		34105-3014
65	6/8/24 7:01:00	6/8/24 7:03:35	As the President of Naples Velo, this project has our full support. Making our area more bike and pedestrian friendly will only help make it better. Thank you for the work on this.	Angela	Asknaplesvelo@gmail.com		Naples	Fl		34109
66	6/8/24 7:47:17	6/8/24 7:49:20	Yes!!! This trail is essential for safety, tourism and connecting the state not via a highway! It works so well in other states, get this done!	Rick Kirk	Kirk227@gmail.com	5811 Glencove, #1006	Naples	FL		34108
67	6/8/24 8:10:43	6/8/24 8:13:41	We need this trail to provide a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors. Great alternative to cycling on the road.	Margaret Zuern	Margaret.Zuern@gmail.com					34112
68	6/8/24 8:14:05	6/8/24 8:17:06	This is fantastic! What a wonderful natural resource for people to connect to Florida's natural environment. By connecting to other existing or planned trails this will create needed links to join all of southwest FL!	Ed Able	Edward.able@icloud.com	3140 Dominica Way	Naples	FL		34119
69	6/8/24 8:38:55	6/8/24 8:44:42	This will greatly improve the life and health of many. To the greatest extent we can, let us also be mindful of wildlife.	Jonathan Evans	Jevans25@yahoo.com	3599 Beaufort Ct	Naples	Fl		34119

				The Collier to Polk trail is absolutely necessary and should be prioritized for funding because it will provide vital connectivity paths for safe navigation throughout Collier counties portion. These trails increase property values when located near developments, increase tourism bringing with it the financial infusion to our local businesses, support safe transit routes for non-automotive alternatives, contribute to Blue Zones Initiative, and provide even greater recreational options for residents and tourists alike. This trail also completes inadequate and non-existent pathways connecting current gaps in non-vehicle passages. I urge the county to fully support and fund this critical mission.	Michelle Sproviero	Michspro@gmail.com	Naples	FL	34113	
70	6/8/24 9:37:10	6/8/24 9:46:59								
71	6/8/24 9:50:37	6/8/24 9:52:53		This trail is needed to ensure there is a safe easy way to move throughout sw Florida- without getting in a motorized vehicle	Steve sorenson	572 17th Ave S	Naples	FL	34102	
72	6/8/24 9:46:58	6/8/24 9:54:30		I'm all for this master plan. Safe bicycling needs to be prioritized. The loop thru Marco Island especially. A trail along 951, a trail or bike lanes along San Marco Rd and completion of the bike trail along US 41 are sorely needed! Thanks	David Fox	Dfkc51@yahoo.com	60 W Pelican St	Naples	Florida	34113
73	6/8/24 9:53:13	6/8/24 9:55:23		Collier county is a cycling paradise but we want to do it in a safe place	Gustavo A Restrepo	gustavodelacuesta@iclo	2331 51st Ter Sw	Naples	FL	34116
				It is critical that Florida embrace any and all additional safe bicycle/pedestrian trails. With one of the highest fatality rates in the US due to multiple factors, this is a certain way to mitigate death and injury, increase the health of citizens and contribute to a more verdant outdoor life. Across the US programs such as rails to trails and dedicated areas for cyclists/pedestrians/equestrians has shown incremental value to neighborhoods and communities. These have also drawn visitors, tourists and increased community revenues while providing healthy, safe and compelling environments.						
74	6/8/24 9:50:14	6/8/24 9:55:27		Please do support such a fundamental and needed plan.	Adam Sewall	adam@sewalls.com	Fort Myers	FL	33908	
				I feel that the Collier to Polk Regional Trail is a very important issue for the people of Collier County, Florida and the USA. There is a large a growing number of cyclists here who want to be able to safely ride for mental and physical health. In addition this trail would add to the tourist interest in our areas as there are a growing number of cyclist/tourists looking for activities like this. Finally, this will open up interest in many small towns and parks in the center of Florida that many people are probably not even aware of. I believe there are two important things to keep in mind: 1. The trail should be mostly through countryside - areas that we would not be able to go to in a car. This opens up a nature and cultural experience that one would not normally be able to experience. 2. This trail needs to be for people who walk, run or cycle. There needs to be a way to make sure that cars, motorcycles, high powered ebikes etc are not able to use this.						
75	6/8/24 9:49:36	6/8/24 9:57:13		A a member of Naples Velo, I strongly support this endeavor.	John D. Salminen	giocosoman@gmail.com	3390 W. Crown Pointe B Naples	Florida	34112	
76	6/8/24 9:55:17	6/8/24 9:59:11		I think the Polk Regional trail will be a great addition to our community and others throughout Florida. Cycling and walking have great physical benefits. Cyclists and walkers will have a safe place to traverse the state. This will create opportunities for travel and tourism while allowing cyclist and walkers to stay off the main thorouoghfares. I am 100% behind the construction of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail.	Craig Osten	cdost@yahoo.com	5098 Andros Drive	Naples	Florida	34113
77	6/8/24 10:05:49	6/8/24 10:09:33		We need these improvements for the safety of cyclists and citizens in Collier County. The safety of residents should be the top concern and reason for the changes.	Leigh R Masimore	Lrmasimore@gmail.com	7712 Winding Cypress D Naples	FI	34114	
78	6/8/24 10:07:33	6/8/24 10:09:41		I live on Marco Island and bike there and in Naples 6 days a week. I do not always feel safe with cars. Have this bike trail would be much safer for everyone! Thanks	Russell Lund	russell.lund@comcast.n	220 waterside circle	Marco island	Florida	34145
79	6/8/24 10:10:59	6/8/24 10:12:01		I voice my strong support for the trail	Nick Athanassiadis	nick.athanassiadis@iclo	910 Vanderbilt Beach Rc	Naples	FL	34108
80	6/8/24 10:11:38	6/8/24 10:14:54		Funding and building safe bicycle and walking trails should be of the highest priority. It is good for Florida residents and vacationers. Florida is severly lacking and behind in safe trails compared to other states. This will help the health and safety of residents and attract more recreational tourists.	Brian Gibson	bgexpress239@gmail.co	8390 Big Acorn	Naples	FL	34119
81	6/8/24 10:14:15	6/8/24 10:16:03		We highly support this trail! Hopefully	August Teller	tellerliz@gmail.com	4021 Whiskey Pointe La	Bonita Springs	FL	34134

82	6/8/24 10:47:57	6/8/24 10:50:07	This trail is very important for cyclists. With Floridas population growing safer pathways are needed. North Florida has many trails amd pathways. This would be a great addition.	Louisa McGrath	louisa.mcgrath@gmail.c	8074 Chianti Lane	Naples	Florida	34114
83	6/8/24 10:56:53	6/8/24 11:01:05	Would be wonderful to have a bike trail that will cover so many miles and several counties, would make biking in Florida much safer and will increase the State revenues do to more cyclist traveling to Florida and been able to cycle safely	Vincent Puccia	itsurgeon@yahoo.com	6300 Pelican Bay Blvd	Naples	Florida	34108
84	6/8/24 11:07:06	6/8/24 11:09:07	It's a great start. A county with this many resources should be installing this distance of trail annually, or at least maintaining and improving its existing bike lane infrastructure.	David Blouir	Davidblouir@gmail.com	702 tarpon cove drive	Naples	FI	34110
85	6/8/24 10:59:40	6/8/24 11:12:52	I'm an avid Canadian cyclist who spends winter months in Naples. Even though there is much less traffic around my southern Ontario home I enjoy riding the hundreds of miles of trails. It would be lovely to have a safe place to ride while in Naples.	Jim tarbet	tarbet30@hotmail.co		Brantford	Ontario	N3T7A2
86	6/8/24 11:16:08	6/8/24 11:18:38	As someone who was hit by an elderly motorist in March 2024 while riding on the bike lane along Gordon Drive in Naples, I am 100% supportive of moving this forward so to provide dedicated, safe lanes for cyclists.	Kevin Semenchuk	ksemenchuk3@gmail.cc	26225 Hickory Blvd #5A	Bonita Springs	FL	34134
87	6/8/24 11:48:39	6/8/24 11:49:34	Thank you for putting together this comprehensive presentation. We are excited to have more and safer routes to cycle in SW Florida.	Vera Day	Veradayrizer@hotmail.c	14072 Mirror Court	Naples	Flordia	34114
88	6/8/24 12:54:19	6/8/24 12:56:41	My husband and I are very interested in seeing a robust Gulf Coast Trail system. We need to make biking safer and more conducive to riding. Other states have more robust trail systems and we are behind in south Florida.	Ann Houser	Annhouser@annhouser	571 Gulf Park Dr.	Naples	FL	34108
89	6/8/24 12:59:48	6/8/24 13:03:10	I strongly support the Master Trail Plan, it would represent a true use of taxpayers dollars that delivers value to the state's communities.	Bruce Harris	vwcredit@aol.com	9543 Cypress Hammock	Bonita Springs	FI	34135
90	6/8/24 13:59:05	6/8/24 14:02:26	This project will provide Floridans safe biking opportunities and needs all our support				Estero	Flotida	34135
91	6/8/24 14:04:44	6/8/24 14:17:42	Living and cycling in Naples and SWFL in general is a true gift. Speaking for all of our cycling community, it is a wonderful and very special addition to SWFL to have such a trail to ride and enjoy the many scenic views the region has to offer. The most important of which is the removal of the traffic element, which is always on our minds when we ride. Given the general attitude of the average car driver, that being many consider cyclists a nuisance, having a dedicated trail, paved and well marked to continue our passion for health and fitness, is the best thing for all. This in turn will also encourage many more to take up cycling, which then too affords them the added health benefits for a higher quality of life. I am also a board member of Naples Pathways Coalition.	Robert Drew Vigorito	vigorman@comcast.net	6618 Alden Woods Cir	Naples	Florida	34113
92	6/8/24 14:24:01	6/8/24 14:28:49	This project is an excellent use of public funds. Great for people/Florida residents and tourists, great for the environment (carve out where no cars). Projects like this and more like it should move forward sooner than later. We need to provide more safe opportunities for cycling, hiking, walking without worrying about people and cars colliding. Good all around.	Brad Campbell	cbradcampbell@gmail.c	7078 Sugar Magnolia Cir	Naples	FL	34109
93	6/8/24 14:47:28	6/8/24 14:49:04	I support the Collier to Polk Trail Plan.	Jessica Storti	collectivecomm@aol.co	1334 Oceania Dr N	Naples	FL	34113
94	6/8/24 15:23:50	6/8/24 15:27:35	Please fund and expand so that we in Florida can have a safe path to ride and walk. there are way too few safe options to exercise and enjoy outdoors particularity due to the unstoppable development. put personal activities and healthy, stress free park and paths in now. you have my vote!	jim hiles	jimhilesmail@yahoo.cor	6431 Vivaldi Ct	naples	fl	34113
95	6/8/24 15:44:38	6/8/24 15:48:31	No matter which plan I think this path will give cyclist and other casual riders safer options. Florida will be a saver place to ride and not as many injuries or this cycling deaths will happen. If I could choose a route, it would be be seeing more of the natural beauty of Florida. And I will ride the whole route. Most likely alternative would be my choice.	Laura Evans	lmilewicz14@gmail.com		Naples	Florida	34109
96	6/8/24 17:14:12	6/8/24 17:16:07	So excited to see this trail become a reality. My wife and I love to cycle, but worry about cycling on the open roads with cars/trucks.	Robert Leitner	Robert_leitner@yahoo.c	1997 Mission Dr	Naples	FL	34109
97	6/8/24 17:25:20	6/8/24 17:38:25	Please support the Collier to Polk trail. It will provide cyclists of all types and ages safe cycling separated from road traffic. Same goes for walkers, roller bladers, etc, who wish to exercise safely in Florida's wonderful climate. I winter in FL every year for at least 2 months.	Steve Kempson	skempson@iu.edu	1 Yesterday Dr	Cold Spring	NY	10516
98	6/8/24 18:25:58	6/8/24 18:28:24	It would be amazing to finally be able to ride through beautiful Florida in safety. I have ridden from Naples into every direction and as of now there is very little safe stretches for cyclists!	Fabrice Nava	fabrice.nava@gmx.ch	601 4th Avenue North	Naples	FL	34102
99	6/8/24 21:06:41	6/8/24 21:07:28	Fantastic news- I can't wait to ride this trail	Kath Kinross	kathkinross@yahoo.com	11901 Izarra Way #8601	Fort Myers	FL	33912

100	6/9/24 11:18:05	6/9/24 11:21:22	Love this idea including Options A and B. We are full time rvers and choose locations to stay based in part on good biking options. The biking opportunities in the Naples area are somewhat limited due to the heavy traffic and having great dedicated biking options would be a welcome addition to the area.	Joe Torpy		411 Walnut St	Green Cove	Florida	32043
101	6/9/24 12:17:18	6/9/24 12:20:30	I fully support this project and the proposed routing. I have cycled along many of these roads in Collier County (including Rt 41 & Rt 29). They are in desperate need of protected bike lanes.	Paul Malinowski	pilos5@gmail.com	14513 Indigo Lakes Circl	Naples	FL	34119
102	6/9/24 13:25:33	6/9/24 13:27:37	Plan A and B. Connecting to Marco! I'm so excited!!	Meridee Ferrin	Meridee.ferrin@gmail.c	849 Grand Rapids Blvd	Naples	FL	34120
103	6/9/24 13:52:11	6/9/24 13:54:56	I am a big supporter of cycling, and want to have more safe places to ride bicycles in SWFL. The roads are very dangerous, and I like to cycle long distances. Please move forward with the Collier to Polk trail system, and the Gulf Coast trail system. Thank you!!!!	Peter Seng	pseng2012@gmail.com	5850 Pelican Bay Blvd, A	Naples	FL	34108
104	6/9/24 14:23:31	6/9/24 14:26:13	I am ALL IN FAVOR of connecting it down to Marco Island A and B.	Sharon Bury	Shugbury@aol.com	4910 Coach Lane	Naples	Florida	34114
105	6/9/24 14:34:28	6/9/24 14:38:52	This is a terrific plan and I hope the Alternative A and B option is included so the path is extended all the way to Marco Island. The final stretch along Collier Blvd is currently a dangerous bike ride and this path would open up many miles of safe biking to many communities.	Charlie Kendall	Kendallcam@aol.com	4729 Chariot Ct	Naples	FL	34114
106	6/9/24 14:42:31	6/9/24 14:48:17	We are encouraging the adoption of the plan that includes the Routing Alternatives A and B options which include the Marco Island connection.	Kim Langlois	Kimalrr@msn.com	4751 Southern Breeze D	Naples	Florida	34114
107	6/9/24 14:49:02	6/9/24 14:52:03	Encouraging the plan that includes the Routing alternatives A and B options which include the Marco Island connection	Al Langlois	Alanglois@yahoo.com	4751 Southern Breeze D	Naples	Fla	34114
108	6/9/24 15:06:02	6/9/24 15:07:20	We would love to see route A or B with connection to Marco island!	Rollin wiggington	Rollinwiggington@yaho	4465 Southernbreeze dr	Naples	FI	34114
109	6/9/24 15:52:46	6/9/24 15:54:31	I encourage adoption of Alternatives A and B connecting to Marco Island. Thank you!	R. Hosaflook	rhosaflook@sc.rr.com		Naples	FL	34114
110	6/9/24 15:58:56	6/9/24 16:03:55	Absolutely incredible idea and opportunity for exercising, site seeing and preservation! Especially appreciate the connection along Collier 951 from US 41 down to Marco Island. Safe from traffic, too.	Greg & Deb Landreth	dlandreth212@msn.con	4452 Southern Breeze D	Naples	FL	34114
111	6/9/24 16:49:28	6/9/24 16:51:03	We are in full support of either option A or B	Robert Wolfe	Robert@wolffamily.ca		Naples	FI	34114
112	6/9/24 18:32:54	6/9/24 18:35:32	Great Idea. I hope I live long enough to see it!	Nedene	Hennrich	12791 Eagle Pointe Cr.	Fort Myers	FL	33913
113	6/9/24 20:43:38	6/9/24 20:45:52	Please consider A and B alternatives. Connection to Marco island. Much needed.	Karen Lawrence	Kk@biznesswoman.com	4850 southern breeze	Naples	Florida	34114
114	6/9/24 20:55:36	6/9/24 20:58:19	This would be a wonderful addition to our area! Including options A&B as well.	Thomas Farr	Thimasfarr7@gmail.com	4826 Southern Breeze d	Naples	FI	34114
115	6/10/24 7:13:11	6/10/24 7:17:54	A project like this is sorely needed, and long overdue. South west Florida is so far behind other parts of the country with regards to safe multi use paths. This older population is more active than ever. They will not share space with automobiles. Can you blame them? They will use resources like this. You just need to build it!	Chris Wiggins	tsotsali@gmail.com	1466 Diamond Lake Circ	Naples	Florida	34114
116	6/10/24 8:24:45	6/10/24 8:27:02	We give our strong endorsement to the Master Plan. This would be a wonderful resource for the state and our community.	Ted Zelman	ted.zelman@gmail.com	1991 5th Street South	Naples	FL	34102
117	6/10/24 9:02:49	6/10/24 9:07:11	Collier road needs this improvement.Road is too busy now for Pelican Lake RV Motor coach to get in and out. Be nice to travel with bikes.	Betty Brinks		4885 Southern Breeze D	Naples	Florida	34114
118	6/10/24 9:34:41	6/10/24 9:37:54	The Collier to Polk Trail is a very important area that once finished will provide a safe and enjoyable path for all kinds of families to enjoy. It is important that it is completed as it will also reduce the number of traffic accidents and fatalities.	Andy Basacchi	abasacchi@gmail.com	1160 Reserve Way, Unit	Naples	Florida	34105
119	6/10/24 11:54:50	6/10/24 11:56:53	Please provide a bike path to Marco island. Plans a and b	Paul Gabelt	Pgabelt@gmail.com	4392 southern breeze di	Naples	Florida	34114
120	6/10/24 12:11:02	6/10/24 12:16:49	Looking forward to any additional bike paths to improve the safety of bikers. SW Florida is becoming a destination for bikers to ride and live. I bike 6k - 8k miles per year and would love to see more paths away from the road. I use the bike lanes whenever available and appreciate all the effort to increase the distance and improve the safety.	Mark Pickard	Mapickard10@gmail.coi	226 Indies Dr E. Unit 101	Naples	FL	34114
121	6/10/24 12:27:57	6/10/24 12:30:58	Please proceed with the Collier to Polk master plan and subsequent implementation projects as quickly as possible. This improved infrastructure is vital to protect the health and safety of current residents (for both commuters and exercisers) and for tourism to boost inland communities. I have experienced similar projects in other states and they have been quite successful with these goals.	Ted Blankenship	EHBlankenship@gmail.c	510 Bow Line Dr	Naples	FL	34103

122	6/10/24 12:31:49	6/10/24 12:35:02	PLEASE!!! I am a Naples Velo member and 5 time a week rider (with husband and family that also rides) in January I personally witnessed THREE people hit by cars on bicycles. It's insane to me the level of danger that is taken on by cyclists. I am beyond a huge advocate for ANY and ALL safe pathways for riding in Naples and the surrounding area. Motorists cannot be trusted to pay attention, look out for cyclists, and be aware of their surroundings. Even driving my car in Naples has become an offensive and defensive event!	Colleen Crawford	Colleen@kw.com	7639 Palmer Ct	Naples	FL	34113
123	6/10/24 12:49:37	6/10/24 12:57:46	This trail will let everyone enjoy the beautiful countys we live in: what a unique way for us to set ourselves apart, for health and the safety of all our bike riders, walkers and runners, and all residents and visitors to six Countys. I also believe it will be an economic benefit. southwest Florida. A non-motorized alternative between Everglades City and Immokalee is long overdue. My comments are limited to this section of the Trail: 1) There is very high traffic along SR29, especially north of I-75. It is imperative that any road work, including adding a turning lane, or widening take into consideration the cyclists who will be riding alongside this traffic (if the only alternative is to build the Trail in the ROW). Currently, vehicles will travel up to 80 mph consideration of a lower speed may be appropriate. 2) To truly experience the adjacent parks/preserves along this corridor, having alternatives to the ROW should be evaluated. Although unpaved, Janes Scenic Drive up to Jones Grade (just south of I-75) on the west side of SR29 may be an alternative for cyclists wanting to experience a wildlife corridor, or on the east side of SR29, Wagon Wheel to Upper Wagon Wheel, north on Turner River Road to Bear Island is another alternative to consider for off-road cyclists. 3) If staying within the ROW along SR29, this section of the Regional Trail should offer spurs off of the main trail into the Fakahatchee, the Big Cypress National Preserve, and the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge; lots of opportunities to explore the state and national parks/preserves. 4) Another alternative that is not shown on the map is Old Oil Well Road north and west of I-75 and south of Oil Well Road. Sunniland Oilfield Historic Marker is located on Old Oil Well Road. West of I-75 the road travels west and north until it reaches Oil Well Road, just east of Ranch 1 Road. See google maps:	James Mottola	Mottolajames@gmail.cc	4915 Rattlesnake Hamr	Naples	FL	34113
124	6/10/24 12:25:55	6/10/24 12:59:43		Patty Huff	snookcity@gmail.com	P O Box 617, 207 North !	Everglades City	Florida	34139
125	6/10/24 13:21:03	6/10/24 13:29:30	The complete connection of the existing trails with planned trails will be huge for the physical and mental health of all our counties. As the trail network grows, the access points for the public will be easier and more numerous. The well designed spacing and alignment of the new trails looks great! I can't wait to extend my rides in a safer environment than those available on the highways and main roads. I can foresee this network being my main ride path after I retire... and is an attraction to staying here. I have some friends up North (in Siesta Key) that would love to meet halfway (to my Naples) for an afternoon, and these trails should eventually allow us that get together. Thanks!	Tom			Naples	FL	34113
126	6/10/24 14:56:06	6/10/24 15:24:39	Collier County needs this trail. It has a rapidly growing population yet few trails separated from busy or rural roads. It will help protect the Everglades, tie together our many Parks and communities, provide a safe place for people to walk, run and cycle and promote tourism and wellness. The economic benefits of the Collier to Polk Regional Trail will be huge. Florida has an incredible opportunity to help our local environment and enhance community health - physical and mental - by building this trail, starting with the section in Collier County. Please push for this initiative to be made a priority today! Thank you.	Nathaniel Smith	nat52smith@icloud.com	596 6th Ave N	Naples	FL	34102

Collier County lacks quality and quantity of properly designed bicycle/pedestrian trails. There are many counties in the State of Florida that have already provided safe and qualified paths for the general public to use. This provided a highest level of safety for the users, to include not having to share the road with motorized vehicles which in fact, is a life threatening experience. I truly do not understand why the Collier county government fails to see the advantage of a dedicated trail for its citizens and visitors alike. This not only would provide recreational activities, but support local business that would be in close proximity to a trail. It has been proven time again that a public bicycle/ pedestrian trail is a win - win move, and beneficial to all and not just the users. We continually stress in this country and state the benefits to a active healthy environment and to reduce our carbon foot print, in turn seek to reduce traffic on our road systems. I am sure if studies were done on other trail systems in the State of Florida, one would see Hugh advantages in having a completed Paradise Coast Trail. Plan and simple.... Is one human life worth saving? If yes, then build

127	6/10/24 16:09:01	6/10/24 16:29:09	the trail and folks will come.	Rand Franklin	rof511@aol.com	6030 Cedar Tree Lane	Naples	Florida	34116
128	6/10/24 16:40:58	6/10/24 16:45:09	I would like to see the counties use recycled materials and long lasting products to maintain the longevity of the trails. GEOWEB with stone infill is one of the ways I've seen this done in parks and trails around me.	Barry M Schewe Jr	Barryschewe@gmail.com	11634 Big Sky Cir	Thonotosassa	FL	33592
129	6/10/24 17:30:16	6/10/24 17:32:39	Completing this trail will be a superb addition for south Florida. I really encourage the development of this trail!	John Sweeney	Johnsweeney224560@gmail.com		Naples	FL	34114

Additional Comments Separately Received

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Cc: Black, Amanda; Eaton, Shayna
Subject: RE: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Scheduling Routing Discussion - Florida Forest Service

Categories: External

Jim,

I was able to meet with our field staff to discuss the idea. It remains fairly constant from what we discussed several weeks ago. If you'd like to set up another meeting in the next week or two to discuss, I'd be happy to work that in. There is definitely a portion of that tram bed that is OFF state lands, just south of CR 832.

Thanks,

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Brian,

I am just checking in on the status of your review. We will be sending the current drafts of potential alternatives to the agencies later today (you will receive the email). So we wanted to check in with you this week for any changes you might be proposing, based upon your discussion with field staff.

Thanks, Jim

Jim Wood, AICP

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Jim,

Please see the attached DRAFT optimum management boundary for Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest. This map is subject to change before the plan gets approved.

I will set up a call with our field staff to further evaluate the route lines you provided us. As we discussed yesterday, we need to be sure that the funding you all have can cover things like easement acquisition and NPB to the state, and what long-term maintenance of paved trails on state lands would look like.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Otherwise, we will reach out after talking to our staff at OK slough – hopefully by mid-April. Please do not hesitate to remind me if you haven't heard from me by then.

Thanks and talk soon,

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Good Morning,

We are at the point in our process to discuss routing concepts for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail with agencies. We would like to schedule an online Teams work session with the Forest Service team to get your input on potential routing ideas. The current dates we are looking at are:

- Monday, March 18 – After 1:00
- Tuesday, March 19 – Anytime
- Monday, March 25 – Anytime
- Tuesday, March 26 – Anytime

Is there a 60 minute block during these times that works for the members of your team? If you are able to let us know by next Wednesday, March 13th, that would be helpful since we are scheduling several sessions with multiple agencies.

If these options don't work, please let us know who can serve as a point of contact for coordinating a different time.

Thanks, Jim

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Subject: Collier to Polk Regional Trail KMZs and Presentation Slides

Alan/Cat/Brian:

We really appreciate the very helpful feedback you provided during our meeting! Attached are the KMZs for the planning corridor/study area and priority corridor, and a copy of the presentation slides that we covered. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Jim

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From: Penrod, Rachel <Rachel.Penrod@MyFWC.com>
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To: Wood, Jim
Subject: Re: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Potential Alternatives

Categories: External

Hi Jim,

Some additional input from the South Region:

- For Big Cypress, as long as the trail is outside the panther fencing, we don't see any concerns. Of course, NPS would need to review.
- For Spirit, route A makes the most sense, route B doesn't make sense for a multi-use trail to go via that tramway. We also heard discussion about the trail going through Spirit and then adding a road to connect it back, but we don't see that here, which is good. As mentioned, we don't want paved roads in the WMAs.
- One point that came up in our review is if the trail will be placed in the road ROW/easement, or if it's planned to fall within WMA boundaries. If the trail routes fall within road easements along the edge of the WMAs that makes sense and would be the preference as you could still be offset from the road quite a way and still be in the easement; if not, and they fell within the boundaries of the WMAs even if on the edges, there could be impacts with regards to habitat management activities, primarily with prescribed burning.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Wood, Jim <Jim.Wood@kimley-horn.com>
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To: Penrod, Rachel <Rachel.Penrod@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Automatic reply: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Potential Alternatives

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I am out of the office and will return on Monday, May 6th. If you have any time-sensitive needs while I am out, please contact Mike Vaudo at mike.vaudo@kimley-horn.com. Otherwise, I will respond when I return. Thanks!

Wood, Jim

From: Penrod, Rachel <Rachel.Penrod@MyFWC.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:05 AM
To: Wood, Jim
Cc: Chinault, Katherine; Eaton, Shayna; Miller, Erika (Shellenberger); Hemphill, Jeff; ESmith, Hannah; Mayer, Brian
Subject: Re: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Potential Alternatives
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That makes sense. As long as there are no additional trails planned that we need to be looking at outside of the alternatives presented, we are good. The Lake Wales Ridge WEA is home to some of the most sensitive habitat in our entire WMA system. Our wildlife habitat management folks are particularly concerned with plans for that area. We look forward to seeing the final route proposal.

Thanks Jim!

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Rachel,

The SUN Trail line is a high-level planning corridor that is used to identify the potential location for the SUN Trail Network alignment. It is considered to be a wide planning swath from the centerline. The proposed Routing Alternatives for the Collier to Polk Regional Trail are the effort to define which alternatives will be considered to provide the SUN Trail route in this region. These alternatives will move forward for further review and it is expected that a version of one of them would be pursued as the specific SUN Trail route.

I am happy to call to explain more if it would be helpful.

Thanks, Jim

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Thanks Jim.

So the SUNTrail layer is indicating where trails have already been planned, or other regional trails? I was not aware of any other trails proposed to go through the Lake Wales Ridge WEA.

Rachel

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Rachel, thank you for these comments as well the additional set you provided on behalf of the South Region (email attached). We appreciate this input. Regarding your question about the KMZ, the alternatives being proposed are labeled as Routing Alternatives. The other layers, like SUN Trail, are provided for reference/information purposes. If you have any further questions or want further clarification, let us know.

Thanks, Jim

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To: Wood, Jim <Jim.Wood@kimley-horn.com>
Subject: Re: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Potential Alternatives

Hi Jim,

Here are some thoughts from our Wildlife and Habitat Management Section:

- From what we can tell, the PDFs depict trails along road rights-of-way which would have little to no impact on our WMAs in our regions (except for Tenoroc which we're already familiar with). I do wonder if the shoulder is wide enough for a trail in some areas and if not would they need to expand? If they do I'd not want them expanding onto state lands.
- The KMZ file was a little confusing as it has some additional trails the PDFs do not. Are these being considered? There were some sections of the Suntrail layer that would definitely impact LWRWEA (specifically Royce Unit) and we'd want to know more about those if they're being considered.
- There could be potential impacts to gopher tortoises as they are often seen along roadsides.
- There could be potential impacts to sand skinks depending on the locations/habitat.
- There could be impacts to wetlands if portions went along wetland edges.

Thank you,
Rachel

From: Wood, Jim <Jim.Wood@kimley-horn.com>
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Rachel, that is fine. FDOT is reviewing the result of the alternatives based upon the comments we received. We will pass along what you provide as supplemental information.

Thanks, Jim

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Subject: Re: Collier to Polk Regional Trail - Potential Alternatives

Hi Jim,

I have been on 2 straight weeks of travel and my team has not had a chance to look at this yet. Can we still provide comments? I can probably get them to you by 4/29.

Rachel

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Collier to Polk Regional Trail Stakeholders:

In preparation for developing Collier to Polk Regional Trail routing alternatives that will be presented to the public in late May/early June, we want to receive preliminary feedback from you. This link - <https://kimley-horn.securevdr.com/d-s19ca74acfebd449b881b4b437cc617e0> - takes you to a folder with:

- High resolution PDFs for each county that show potential routing alternatives and allow you to zoom in. These are large files and may take a moment to download.
- Corridor-wide KMZ for the whole project that can be opened in Google Earth. Note that when you click the drop down arrow under the KMZ name, there will be additional layers that you can turn on and off as you desire. To simplify your review, focus on (check only) "Routing Alternatives".

While there are multiple "alternatives" shown at this point, what is A vs B, etc. is in a very preliminary stage. Subsequently, focus less on the distinction between each alternative and more on specific segments that you feel should be removed or revised. By end of day **Monday, April 22**, please provide your comments regarding notable concerns with segments including any areas where a segment that you think is critical has been omitted.

Also, please note that there will still be an opportunity during the public review process to provide comments. If you would like to have a call to discuss any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks, Jim

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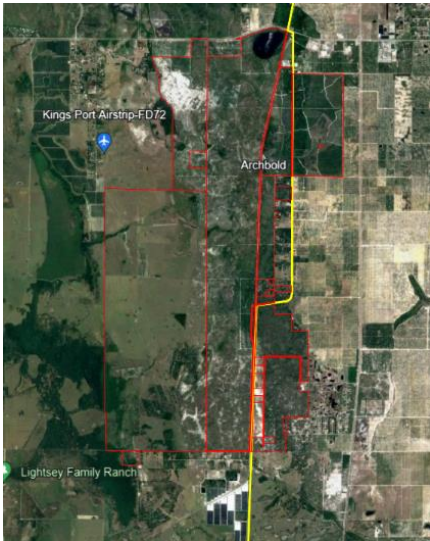
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Dear Mr. Wood and Ms. Chinault,

We are writing to provide our recommendations for the development of the continuous multi-use Collier to Polk Regional Trail, particularly focusing on its path through Highlands County and passing Archbold Biological Station's nearly 9,000 acres of imperiled and globally significant conservation lands. Archbold Biological Station is home to over 80 years of world class ecological research that continues today, dedicated toward building and sharing the scientific knowledge needed to protect the life, lands and waters of Florida and beyond. We support Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) interest in developing multi-use recreational pathways that encourage alternative transportation; however, we want to strongly encourage coordination with other existing FDOT and utilities planning and ensure that critical habitats will not be affected by construction and trail use.



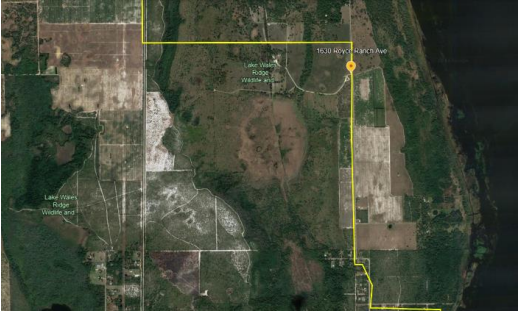
The Priority Corridor in the KMZ file, shared March 1, 2024, goes along Old SR8, directly bordering Archbold's actively managed, researched, and protected lands on both sides of the road. It is important to note that this positioning lies within one of the world's most endangered ecosystems in the nation, the Florida Scrub, which has one of the highest densities of rare, endemic species in the world. This includes Florida Scrub Jays, Indigo Snakes, Black Bears, Florida Ziziphus, Florida Panthers, Gopher Tortoises, over a dozen federally listed plant species and more. As land use changes have altered and displaced this ecosystem over the years, only a few true scrub habitats along the Lake Wales Ridge (LWR) remain preserved and as functioning ecosystems – it is estimated that less than 17% of scrub remains on LWR. We will not allow any habitat loss on Archbold's property for trail construction along SR70 or Old SR8.

Additional vital research projects and ecosystems potentially interfered with include Archbold's Lake Annie, which lies at the Northeast corner of the property. Lake Annie serves as a key global reference lake which has produced decades-long datasets used in global climate modeling and numerous other scientific applications. Access to this lake is limited to Archbold staff and authorized visitors only to ensure research efforts and ecological health are not impacted. Thus, it is critical to maintain the visual screen from bordering vegetation cover and that measures are taken to ensure trail users are not encouraged to enter the property. To mitigate disruption to aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, there should be minimal, preferably no, night lighting. Artificial light is a critical threat to biodiversity and could severely disrupt the biological processes of Lake Annie's phytoplankton and other aquatic communities.



Along the trail throughout Highlands Country are also other natural and agricultural areas that provide key habitat and ecosystem services, such as the Royce Unit of the LWR Wildlife and Environmental Area, Lake June in Winter Scrub Preserve State Park, and Highlands Hammock State Park. It will be a great benefit to the community that the CTP will increase recreational access to these areas. However, construction of the trail must avoid conversion of scrub, sandhill, wetland, dry prairie, and other at-risk habitats. The preferred pathway currently passes directly through the Royce Unit's cutthroat seep habitats, where the Florida endemic cutthroat grass dominates the understory.

Hydrological modeling should be completed -- and made publicly available -- throughout the entire trail to understand the potential impacts of paved and raised trails on drainage processes and water flow in the event of rains, flooding and other hydrological events. Especially given the proposed trail's path throughout, along, and around a series of significant water bodies and wetlands, proper action must be taken to ensure construction of the CTP does not negatively impact water flow and the resiliency of the surrounding landscape and communities.



Currently, planning is also being done by FDOT for the widening of SR70, which intersects with a section of the proposed CTP trail, just west of Old SR8. To date, draft designs for the widening of SR70 have a planned multi-use path along that same stretch, but on the opposite side of the road as in the CTP file. FDOT should be coordinating its two proposals to mitigate unnecessary harm to adjacent habitat and extra costs in the construction of multi-use pathways. Moreover, FDOT should work in coordination with Florida Power and Light, which is planning a new high-voltage transmission line along SR70. Coordinated planning may help minimize habitat loss from Archbold and the adjacent state- and privately-owned habitat.

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It must be emphasized that we support FDOT's interest in a CTP trail, as we understand the positive effects that alternative transportation, increased recreational opportunities, and better access to natural spaces can have for a community. However, we struggle to offer our support for the proposed priority path, projecting the potential destructive impacts and interference to threatened and unique habitat communities that might come from its construction along Old SR8 along Archbold's property. Thank you for your careful consideration of these suggestions. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or responses to our comments. We look forward to our continued collaboration and interaction as your planning continues.

Sincerely,

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RE: Everglades City to I-75/Immokalee Segment
Collier to Polk Regional Trail Master Plan

Dear Ms. Chinault:

As a long-time user of paved trails in Florida and around the United States, I am writing to commend the leadership of District 1 FDOT regarding the importance of developing a Master Plan to guide the alignment, design and construction of the “Collier to Polk Regional Trail”.

Planning a continuous paved trail in Florida, especially one that is over 200 miles in length, that will cross many counties and enhance numerous rural communities, is an enormous and significant undertaking. However, the benefits to the citizens of Florida will be enormous.

Too often trails are treated as skinny roads and are sandwiched into existing rights-of-way without adequate attention to user preferences for separation distance from roads, shade or other aesthetics.

Beginning a project of this importance with a master plan should greatly increase the likelihood that these important user issues are addressed.

The purpose of this letter is to focus FDOT’s attention on the importance of one unique segment of the proposed trail: the 20+ miles along the alignment of SR 29 from Everglades City to I-75 and Immokalee.

As you are undoubtedly aware, SR 29 follows the alignment of the historic Atlantic Coast Line railroad, built in the early 1900s through the heart of one of Florida’s greatest original wilderness areas. This main railroad corridor, as well as the dozens of parallel and connected tram logging spurs were built to log the enormous virgin cypress trees occupying this Fakahatchee Strand and Big Cypress basins.

Needless to say, no permits or environmental reviews were required prior to the construction of this corridor. The hydrologic damage it caused continues to this day. Natural east-west water flows were additionally compromised by the subsequent placement of SR 29 in the same corridor.

In addition, this causeway and road through the heart of this unique area greatly impacted wildlife movement and continues to be a cause of panther and other wildlife deaths.

The segment of the proposed Collier to Polk Regional Trail that connects Everglades City to I-75 and Immokalee could provide FDOT with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rethink and re-engineer this critical 20+ mile segment.

In the process, Florida could also create a Gateway Corridor tourist attraction linking two rural communities in need of economic stimulation to several of Florida's and the world's greatest natural wonders: the western Everglades, Big Cypress and the Fakahatchee Strand.

This will not be easy and will require great commitment and leadership. However, the popular results and the financial benefits from eco-tourism in southwest Florida would be significant.

Imagine, if you will, this 20+ mile segment as a "Complete Corridor" (a word coined by the Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation to describe a mobility corridor that will accommodate wildlife and people in a restored natural landscape).

Complete Corridors are the holistic equivalent of FDOT Complete Streets as they are "transportation corridors" planned in the context of a functioning and vibrant landscape of water, plants and animals, that allow easy and enjoyable access by residents and visitors to this area. This would require FDOT to rethink the entire corridor with a different set of criteria for success:

- Re-engineer the SR 29 corridor from I-75 south to restore the vital east-west water flow
- Re-connect east-west wildlife movement in conjunction with the restored water flow
- Re-think the public use of this area to enhance bicycle tourism, fishing, and birdwatching
- Re-engineer the highway to emphasize scenic exploration and the visitor experience in concert with the above three objectives.

Such a reimagined complete corridor would create an economic engine that will draw tourists and residents repeatedly to this area to experience its world-heritage landscapes and wildlife.

From experience we can probably all agree that the railroad causeway and subsequent state road should never have been built in the first place.

However, FDOT has a unique opportunity to transform this highspeed and dangerous corridor into perhaps the most extraordinary segment of the overall Collier to Polk Regional Trail. A paved trail through this transformed landscape would easily rival the Overseas Heritage Trail in the Florida Keys in FDOT District 6.

In closing, please let me stress that the recent legislation passed in the 2024 Legislative Session (CS/SB 1638) clearly supports and could possibly fund much of the work suggested above.

Such an investment of public funds would correct mistakes of the past while transforming this transportation corridor into a multi-use public recreation and wildlife corridor for the future.

Given the positive impact this approach would have on the Federal lands that protect much of this vast landscape, we have also been advised that Federal funds would likely be available to assist with both the planning and re-engineering of this section of SR 29.

And finally, we believe that Florida's private philanthropic sector would find this rethinking and re-engineering of a road corridor by FDOT in this unique world-heritage area an endeavor worth helping to fund.

Let us not miss this opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

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