Florida Department of Transportation Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program

Request for Funding

SUNTRAIL FDOT

SUN Trail program funding is limited to geographic areas within the SUN Trail network, the provisions of Section 339.81, Florida Statues, the Florida Department of Financial Services Catalog of State Financial Assistance Number 55.038, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program Instructions Part III: Trails.

PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Type of Applicant (select one):

   ☐ Municipality/County Government
   ☐ State Agency
   ☐ Federal Agency
   ☐ Recognized Tribal Government
   ☑ Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization/Agency (MPO)

2. Name and job title and office of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
   Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

3. Agency of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
   Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization

4. Email of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
   bbeltran@martin.fl.us

5. Telephone Number of the person who will be in direct contact with FDOT for this project:
   772-221-1498

PART II – PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Project Name:
   Sailfish Capital Trail or Martin Trail (Segment of the East Coast Greenway)

2. Municipality where the project is located:
   City of Stuart

3. County where the project is located:
   Martin County

4. FDOT district number where the project is located:
   District 4

5. Boundary of the project proposed for SUN Trail funding (give the address or nearest cross streets, municipality, and zip code):

   a. Termini Begin: Dixie Highway at SE Grafton Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34997

   b. Termini End: Dixie Highway at NW Wright Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994

6. Who is the landowner of the proposed project location?

   ☐ The location of this project is entirely on FDOT right-of-way.
   ☐ The location of this project is entirely on non-FDOT publicly-owned right-of-way.
   ☑ The location of this project is on both FDOT and non-FDOT, publicly-owned right-of-way.
   ☐ Parcels within this project boundary are privately owned, the acquisition of right-of-way must occur.

7. Total length of this project proposed for SUN Trail funding: 8.39. miles

Regional Trail System and Individual Trail projects **must meet all eligibility criteria** to receive funding consideration by the SUN Trail program. "Requests for Funding" without the required information are ineligible and will not receive funding consideration.

PART III – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Funding is limited to geographic areas within the SUN Trail network. Will the project be developed as a paved multi-use trail within the SUN Trail network?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No
   a. Provide an aerial location map illustrating the project boundary and project limits.
   b. Provide a map illustrating the project location within the SUN Trail network.
   c. Provide the project typical section (this should be a pdf of the typical section schematic depicting existing and proposed features, dimensions, and right-of-way lines).

2. Funding is limited to projects prioritized by the applicable authority. If the project is within a boundary of a Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization/Agency (MPO), it must be prioritized by the MPO. Projects outside of an MPO boundary must be identified as a priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), tribal government, federal or state agency. Is the project a priority of the applicable authority?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No
   a. Indicate the priority number of the project: 2 thru 5, 7 & 8
   b. Provide the prioritization list.
   c. Complete Part VII (CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT PRIORITIZATION).

3. Has a non-FDOT governmental entity formally committed to operation and maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager)?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No
   a. Complete Part VIII (CERTIFICATION OF WILLING MANAGER).

4. Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), or the long-term management plan(s)?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No
   a. Indicate the type of plan(s), applicable page number(s) and date(s) of adoption:
      2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) adopted 12/7/15 - Table 7-10
   b. Provide documentation of applicable project concurrency information [e.g. supporting resolution(s), excerpt from comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), unit management plans, etc.].

DO NOT PROCEED TO PART IV IF PROJECT RESULTED IN A "NO" RESPONSE IN PART III.

PART IV – PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project Tier:
   a. Is the project within the Coast to Coast Trail (C2C)?
      ☐ Yes ☑ No
   b. Is the project within the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop (SJR2C)?
      ☐ Yes ☑ No
   c. Is the project an Individual Trail segment?
      ☑ Yes ☐ No

2. Will the project be developed as a 12-foot-wide asphalt trail?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No

3. Briefly describe the scope and proposed route of the project (1000-character limit):

   The project includes a 12 foot wide Shared-Use Path along the Dixie Highway Corridor between SE Grafton Avenue and north to NW Wright Boulevard over the St. Lucie River that will serve as a segment of the East Coast Greenway (ECG). The project includes feasibility and corridor planning, Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, design, new construction, or reconstruction of trail surfaces and bridges, Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) and maintenance. The first phase of project development includes the feasibility study and corridor planning, that would analyze extending the existing ECG and assist in determining required alignment, bridges, elevated walkways, utility, drainage, and residing businesses and neighborhood impacts. This project would provide a continuous connection for the ECG, a state regional priority trail and will provide a major missing central link in Martin County.

4. Have earlier phase(s) of this project been completed? If not, select “no” and continue to Question 5.
   ☐ Yes ☑ No
   a. Select all project phases that were previously funded, indicate the funding year and completion date (or anticipated completion date for the funded phase).
      ☐ Feasibility Study
      ☐ Project Development & Environment (PDE)
      ☐ Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE)
      ☐ Acquisition of right-of-way (ROW)
      ☐ Construction (CON)* only select for reconstruction/maintenance projects
   b. Have federal funds been used in the project boundary?
      ☐ Yes ☑ No
   c. As applicable, indicate the source of the federal allocation(s).
   d. Have FDOT funds been used in the project boundary?
      ☐ Yes ☑ No
   e. As applicable, indicate FDOT financial management number(s).

5. Indicate the **proposed** method of performing and administering this project:
      ☐ Project to be locally administered (non-FDOT administered).
      ☑ Project to be administered by FDOT.

A responsible estimate of the project costs is required prior to adoption in the Department's Five-Year Work Program. Use Present Day Cost values. Projects must follow appropriate design criteria and meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Fill out summary of proposed timeline and funding new needs, then complete Engineer's Cost Estimate spreadsheet and provide it with the "Funding Request".

PART V – PROJECT COSTS

1. Funding Phase(s) requested:

   ☑ Feasibility Study (FS) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 1x

   ☑ Project Development & Environment Study (PDE) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 2x

   ☑ Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 3x

   ☐ Acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 4x

   ☑ Construction (CON) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 5x

   ☑ Construction Engineering & Inspection Activities (CEI) – FDOT Work Program Fund Code: 6x

2. Summary of proposed timeline and funding needs:

PHASE	PROPOSED YEAR(S)	AMOUNT(S) REQUESTED	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS
FS	2021	645,000.00			
PDE	2022	645,000.00			
PE	2023	1,550,000.00			
ROW					
CON	2024	12,880,000.00			
CEI	2024	1,930,000.00			
TOTAL		17,650,000.00			

3. Provide the Excel Engineer's Cost Estimate spreadsheet. Estimates shall be broken down to eligible and non-eligible project costs. Estimates are to be prepared and signed by a Professional Engineer from Agency's Engineering Office.

   Use the following links to access the basis of estimates manual, as well as historical cost information, and the Reference Guide for State Expenditures for the project area:

   Basis of Estimates Manual

   Historical Cost Information

   Reference Guide for State Expenditures

Projects are not required to meet all of the following selection criteria, a numerical ranking will not be calculated, projects with the greatest strengths will advance more quickly.

PART VI – SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Does the project enhance the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

   ☑ Project includes a safety element.

   ☑ The location of the project is within a hazardous biking/walking zone or in an area with significant numbers of safety concerns.

   ☑ Project implements a bicycle and pedestrian safety action plan. Give the name of the plan and date of adoption.
   2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (12/7/215), Bicycle ,Pedestrian & Trails Master Plan (12/11/2017

   ☑ Other (list) 2040 Transportation Map (10/24/2-17

   Briefly describe how the project enhances the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. (1000-character limit):

   Provides a safe bicycle and pedestrian corridor separated from roadways.

2. Is the project recognized as having regional, state, or national importance?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

   ☑ Project is a part of a Regional Trail System prioritized by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.
   East Coast Greenway (ECG) Southeast Region & the Florida Greenway and Trails System (FGTS)

   ☑ Project is a part of a National Recreational Trail, East Coast Greenway or a trail that has other national importance.
   Share-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network and East Coast Greenway (ECG)

   ☑ Project implements an adopted regional bicycle, pedestrian, or trail master plan. Give the name of the regional plan(s).
   Martin MPO Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Master Plan, FGTS &

   ☑ Other (list) Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network

   Briefly describe how the project is recognized as having regional, state, or national importance (1000-character limit):

   A focal point in the Martin MPO Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan as a Regional Trail Facilities Recommendation. This project is part of the East Coast Greenway that consists of a 3,000-mile route for biking, walking, and other active means from Maine to the Florida Keys and is identified as a Priority Trail on the SUN Trail Network.

3. Is there a non-SUN Trail financial contribution (match dollars) committed to this specific project being proposed for SUN Trail funding (select the most appropriate response)?

   ☐ Funds are leveraged by multiple public/private sources of investments dedicated to this specific project segment (e.g. federal, state, local, non-profit, private landowner contributions).

   If yes, what is the total percentage of match?

   What are the sources?

   ☐ Funds are leveraged by at least one more public/private source of investment dedicated to this specific project segment.

   If yes, what is the total percentage of match?

   What is the source?

   ☑ Funds are not leveraged by public/private sources of investments dedicated to this specific trail segment (matching funds are not available for this project).

4. Does the project blend transportation modes by completing, improving, or enhancing existing facilities?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

   ☑ Project implements Complete Streets goals and initiatives.

   ☑ Project implements Safe Routes to Schools goals and initiatives.

   ☑ Project provides a direct connection to regional transit systems (e.g. rail stations, express or local bus routes).

   ☑ Project is in a designated multi-modal district.

   ☑ Project has the potential to reduce vehicular congestion.

   ☐ Project improves access in a Bicycle Friendly Community or Bicycle Friendly University, as designated by the League of American Bicyclists. If yes, indicate the name of the designated community or university:

   ☐ Project improves access in a Walk Friendly Community, as designated by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center. If yes, indicate the name of the designated community:

   ☑ Other (list) Connects other completed phases of ECG segments in Martin County.

   Briefly describe how the project blends transportation modes (1000-character limit):

   This project will connect to existing sections of the ECG which will be an integral part of the local transportation system. This project will provide recreational opportunities for all ages for pedestrians and bicyclists, encourage healthier lifestyles, reduce single vehicle occupancy on adjacent roadways and boast economic development in Downtown Stuart. The project will provide direct access to transit stops providing the last mile trips.

5. If proposing construction funding, select the most appropriate response:

   ☐ Project is ready for immediate construction and all pre-construction phases are complete.

   ☐ Project is capable of near-term development; the design is nearly complete and permitting is underway.

   ☐ The Project Development and Environment Study (PDE) is complete/nearly complete.

   ☑ None of the above statements are true.

6. Does the project have documented public support?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, select from the following and briefly explain how the project meets the selection criteria.

   ☑ The greater community supports the project as demonstrated by recently adopted proclamations or resolutions expressing commitment. Give the resolution number, adopted date and participating parties.
   The Martin MPO Policy Board adopted Resolution 20-03 in support.

   ☑ Demonstration of public support is consistent across multiple entities representing the greater community rather than a select few interest groups. Briefly explain. (100-character limit):
   The East Coast Greenway is identified on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

   ☐ Recent community surveys indicate both need and support for the project. Briefly explain. (100-character limit):

   ☑ An advertised public meeting for discussing the project occurred. Give the date and type of meeting.
   The MPO Policy Board Meeting was advertised for the October 21, 2019 Meeting.

   ☐ Other (list)

7. Does the project have a significant immediate impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities and providing connectivity to destinations?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

   ☑ The project connects to or through federal, state, or local conservation/recreation areas. List public lands.
   Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Sea Breeze State Park,

   ☑ The project connects people to jobs, businesses, or civic resources.

   ☐ The project is along or connects to a Florida Scenic Highway. List the Scenic Highway(s).

   ☐ The project is within a Florida Trail Town as designated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

   ☐ The project is part of a public/private partnership where developers, linear corridor owners, small businesses, corporations, foundations, or private sector partners are directly supporting the project.

   ☐ The project is within a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Community defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes. List the REDI area.

   ☐ The project is within a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes. List the RAO Area.

   ☐ Other (list)

8. Does the project enhance or preserve environmental resources?
☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, check applicable attributes and briefly describe how the project meets the selection criteria.

☐ The project's environmental impact assessment or statement did not identify specific issues.

☐ The project's environmental approval and permitting process is complete.

☐ The project restores or mitigates impacts of environmental degradation.

☐ The project incorporates water quality or drainage improvements.

☐ The project incorporates conservation initiatives to restore/maintain connectivity by reducing vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.

☐ The project ensures the Florida Ecological Greenway Network (FEGN) maximizes protection of high priority linkages; the project is within a Priority 1 or 2 Critical Linkage as identified by the FEGN.

Briefly describe how the project enhances or preserves environmental resources. (1000-character limit):

The project includes several phases of project development. The first phase includes the feasibility study and corridor planning that will analyze extending the existing ECG and assist in determining the required alignment. During the design phase, the project will include an environmental impact assessment that assures providing enhancements and preserving environmental resources.

9. Does the project facilitate a system of interconnected trails by closing a gap in the SUN Trail Network?
☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many miles of connected trail, open to the public will be available once this specific project is complete?
21 miles

List the trail names:
Green River Parkway, East Coast Greenway, Seabranch Preserve and Jonathan Dickinson.

10. The project includes cost-saving elements.
☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, briefly describe the potential for overall cost savings for completing this project in conjunction with another project (e.g. new/resurfacing roadway, redevelopment/new development project, trail phase/extending trail project). Provide the other project(s) scope and schedule, the funding source, the funding year, and if funding is through FDOT, provide the Financial Management Number. (1000-character limit):

The project includes several phases of project development. The first phase includes the feasibility study and corridor planning that will analyze extending the existing ECG and assist in determining the required alignment. During the design phase, the project will include cost-saving elements .

PART VII – CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

1. For projects within a MPO boundary, complete the following information. If the project is outside of a MPO boundary, continue to Part VII, question #2.

Name of applicable MPO/TPO:
Martin MPO

MPO/TPO Contact:
Beth Beltran

MPO Address:
3481 SE Willoughby Blvd. Suite 101

Municipality, State and Zip:
Stuart, Florida, 34994

Contact Email:
bbeltran@martin.fl.us

Contact Telephone Number:
772-288-5484

Signature:

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Print Name:
Beth Beltran

Title:
Martin MPO Administrator

Date:
12-03-19

Your signature confirms the requested project is (1) consistent with MPO/TPO plans and documents;
(2) it is an eligible priority of the MPO/TPO, (3) the MPO/TPO supports the project; and
(4) you possess authorization to sign the certification of project prioritization.

2. For projects outside of a MPO boundary, complete the following information:

County Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Address:

Municipality, State and Zip:

Contact Email:

Contact Telephone Number:

Signature:

_____

Print Name:

Title:

Date:

Your signature confirms the requested project is (1) consistent with applicable county, municipality, comprehensive plan(s) and/or the long-term management plan(s) and documents; (2) it is an eligible priority of the County (tribal government, federal or state managing agency); (3) the applicable entity supports the project; and (4) you possess authorization to sign the certification of project prioritization.

SUN Trail funded projects require a non-FDOT governmental entity formally committed to providing maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager). FDOT will enter into an agreement or other form of documented commitment with the entity to ensure that a local sponsor/agency is committed to long-term trail maintenance (long-term trail manager). The managing entity will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep and daily operation; protection for the trail users; they will reduce safety hazards that occur; and they will ensure a quality level of service is maintained on the facility. Activities may consist of litter pick-up, trash removal, debris removal, soil and weed control, graffiti removal, mowing, sweeping, sign replacement, shrub trimming, maintenance of drainage, and other regularly scheduled maintenance activities. For trails constructed in the FDOT ROW, FDOT will provide remedial maintenance which involves repairing, replacing, or restoring major components that may have been damaged or destroyed. Minor repairs such as sealing asphalt pavement or repainting may occur every five to ten years, while major repairs may occur every 20 to 25 years. The area of responsibility will be the footprint of the trail within FDOT ROW as defined by the district. ALL other maintenance will be the responsibility of the non-FDOT governmental entity.

Submit the Certification of Willing Manager(s) for all proposed trail segments.

PART VIII – CERTIFICATION OF WILLING MANAGER(S)

Name of Project: Sailfish Capital Trail

FROM:

Name of Managing Entity: Martin County

Name of Contact and Job Title: **Terry Rauth**

Address: 2401 SE Monterey Road

Municipality, State, and Zip Code: Stuart, Florida 34996

Contact Email: trauth@martin.fl.us

Contact Telephone Number: 772-419-6936

Signature:

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Print Name:
Terry Rauth

Title:
Public Work Director

Date:
12-03-19

Your signature serves as certification of (1) a commitment from your agency to maintain the facility requested and that your agency will enter into a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Department for the Project prior to the completion of design, or at the time of programming funding for any project proposed for a later phase; (2) the information in this “Request for Funding” is true and accurate; (3) to comply with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (The Uniform Act) for any right-of-way actions required for the project; (4) to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; (5) lands developed with SUN Trail funds will be available for public use for the lifespan of the improvement; (6) support of other actions necessary to fully implement the proposed project; (7) and you possess authorization to sign the certification of the willing manager.