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- Created under Section 339.81, Florida Statute
- $25 million annually funded from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues
- To develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails for bicyclists and pedestrians (SUN Trail Network) that are a priority established within the Florida Greenways & Trails System, Chapter 260, Florida Statute

People are more likely to shift from driving to bicycling if they feel safer and more comfortable in their environment.

Commuting Trends in Florida, Florida Department of Transportation (2016)
Evaluation, Prioritization and Selection of Projects

**Project Identification**
- Identification of purpose, location and goals of the project;
- Consistent with the community’s vision, plans, and policies;
- Consistent with transparent public involvement procedures.

**Project Prioritization**
- Identified priority of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- Identified priority of the county (inclusive of their cities), tribal government, federal or state managing agency.

**Project Selection & Programming**
- Priority List and project details submitted to FDOT District by applicable entity;
- District project evaluation and development of draft funding scenario;
- Development of Statewide draft prioritization scenario;
- Upon approval, projects are programmed into appropriate fiscal year of the five year Tentative Work Program.
Beyond the next new 5th Year (FY 2025/2026)

Solicitation CLOSED at 5:00 p.m., Friday December 20, 2019

Grant Application Process (GAP)

• All funding proposals will be received electronically through FDOTs integrated grant management system (GAP)
• GAP will not allow submittals after the deadline
• User access must be provided prior to the deadline or individuals will not be able to use GAP

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO PREPARE FOR NEXT CYCLE
Use the Grant Application Process (GAP – integrated online management system)

Click here: [https://www.flgap.com/](https://www.flgap.com/)

GAP System Support: 888-238-9707 or support@blackcatsupport.com

Log-in with your Username and Password

or Agency staff may Request “User Access”
Eligibility Criteria

Received project information during an open solicitation for SUN Trail funding requests

1. Documentation that the project will be developed as a paved multi-use trail within the SUN Trail network, which is aligned to the FTGS Priority Land Trail Network; at minimum, this will include transmittal of a map of the project limits within the SUN Trail network and applicable “Request for Funding” information.

2. Documentation provided that the project is a priority of the applicable jurisdiction; at minimum, this includes transmittal of an adopted prioritization list of projects and applicable “Request for Funding” information:
   a) If the project is within a boundary of a Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization (MPO), it must be a MPO priority.
   b) For areas outside of MPO boundaries, the project must be a priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), tribal government, federal or state agency.

3. Documentation that a non-FDOT governmental entity is formally committed to the operation and maintenance of the project (long-term trail manager), this will include applicable “Request for Funding” information; and

4. Documentation that the project is consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan(s), transportation plan(s), or the long-term management plan(s), this will include applicable project concurrency information.
Selection Criteria

Projects with the greatest strengths will advance more quickly...

- Project enhances the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists
- Project is recognized as having regional, state or national importance
- Additional financial contribution to the project
- Project blends transportation modes by completing, improving or enhancing existing facilities to improve mobility
- Construction readiness, continuation of project phasing, and protecting public investments
- Project has a high level of documented public support
- Project has a significant immediate impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities and providing connectivity to destinations
- Project enhances or preserves environmental resources
- Project facilitates an interconnected system by closing a gap between existing trails in the SUN Trail network
- Project includes cost-saving elements
Strategic, Effective and Efficient Investments

FDOT defines a multi-use trail as a paved, shared-use path, which is typically 12 feet wide, but may vary from 10 feet to 14 feet wide, or larger, depending upon physical or environmental constraints, or usage. In some areas of extreme constraints, such as at bridges or in environmentally sensitive lands, a multi-use trail may be as narrow as eight feet wide.

Generally, SUN Trail funded projects will be 12-foot wide, asphalt, multi-use trails

Pursuant to the legislation, Section 339.81, F.S., components funded through the SUN Trail program Will Not include:

• Sidewalks; nature trails; loop trails wholly within a single park or natural area;
• On-road facilities, such as bicycle lanes of routes other than on-road facilities that are no longer than one-half mile connecting two or more nonmotorized trails, if the provision of non-road facilities is infeasible and if such on-road facilities are signed and marked for nonmotorized use; an exception is made for on-road components of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.

• To date, the SUN Trail program has not funded “on-road” (non-trail) facilities.

Unfunded SUN Trail needs exceed available SUN Trail funding
The SUN Trail program **WILL NOT** fund development of amenities associated with trail projects. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Benches, trail furniture, seating areas, or tables;
- Bicycle racks or lockers, bicycle air or repair stations;
- Buildings or enclosed structures, restrooms, bathhouses, comfort stations, wayside structures, shade structures, concession stands, overlooks, fishing platforms, transit facilities, shelters, gazebos, or picnic pavilions;
- Kiosks, interpretive panels, or placemaking signs (safety controls are an allowable cost);
- Landscaping (trail stabilization is an allowable cost);
- Litter or recycle receptacles, or doggie bag dispensers;
- Parking areas, trailheads, or camping areas;
- Playgrounds, fitness equipment or structures;
- Promotional, marketing, or educational materials;
- Sculptures, monuments, or art; and
- Water fountains, splash zones, spigots, showers, water features, or irrigation equipment.
FDOT publishes design criteria for multi-use trails (shared-use paths) in both the FDOT Design Manual (FDM) and the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (Florida Greenbook)

• Projects in FDOTs ROW must follow the FDM design criteria along with FDOTs Standard Plans and Specifications
  • FDM, click here: https://www.fdot.gov/roadway/fdm/Default.shtm
  • Standard Plans and Specifications, click here: https://www.fdot.gov/design/standardplans/default.shtm
• Projects located along non-FDOT owned ROW will follow design criteria found in the Florida Greenbook
  • Florida Greenbook, click here: http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/FloridaGreenbook/FGB.shtm
• At times the combination of funds used for a project, nature of work, or location along federally classified routes (such as the National Highway System) may trigger additional design requirements (e.g. FDOT STRUCTURES MANUAL).

• The entire MUTCD applies to SUN Trail projects
  • Sections that are of particular value in designing multi-use trails include: Chapter 9B–shared use paths; Chapter 3B–pavement markings; Chapter 4F–pedestrian hybrid beacons; Section 4L.03–warning beacons (of a pedestrian’s presence); Section 4N.02–in-roadway warning lights at crosswalks; and Part 6 Temporary Traffic Control.
• FDOTs Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM) contains additional requirements for traffic control devices along the state highway system.
  • TEM, click here: https://www.fdot.gov/traffic/TrafficServices/Studies/TEM/TEM.shtm
Questions?

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