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Florida's first funded SUN Trail Project Breaks Ground in Edgewater

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) joined the City of Edgewater, Volusia County, and local officials in celebrating the groundbreaking of the first project to receive funding under the Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program.

Established during the 2015 legislative session and administered by the Florida Department of Transportation, the SUN Trail program is allocated \$25 million annually, from new vehicle tag fees, to expand the statewide network of paved trails. In October 2016, a total of \$44,434,543 million was awarded to 45 separate projects located across 21 counties throughout Florida. This project received \$1.1 million. All of the selected projects are on the SUN Trail network, which consists of the developing statewide system of paved multi-use trails for bicyclists and pedestrians, physically separated from vehicular traffic.

Construction of this first segment, between Dale Avenue and 10th Street, will help close a critical gap by connecting the existing East Central Regional Rail Trail and Daytona State College. The project is located along the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop, which is a developing 260-mile regional trail system that will link together several communities including Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, DeLand and Palatka.

FDOT Secretary Mike Dew said, “Today’s momentous event marks not just the beginning of construction – but showcases how funding provided through the SUN Trail Program can help communities develop essential links for multi-use trails, as well as extending multimodal transportation options available for Florida’s residents and visitors and growing our economy.”

More information about the SUN Trail program can be found at <http://floridasuntrail.com>.

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