



Florida Department of
TRANSPORTATION

Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network Program

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Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network



- Created under 339.81, F.S.
- To develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)
- \$25 million annually funded from new vehicle tag revenues
- Seeking public input

Meeting Overview



- Registration
- Objective
 - Receive public input on the draft eligibility criteria, selection criteria, and the process for funding Individual Trails through the SUN Trail Program.
- Presentation
- Open House
- Adjourn
 - Comment Card
 - Evaluation Form

Project Programming

Project Phases Include:

- **Feasibility Study (FS)** if necessary
- **Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)**
- **Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE)**
- **Acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW)** if necessary
- **Construction (CON)**

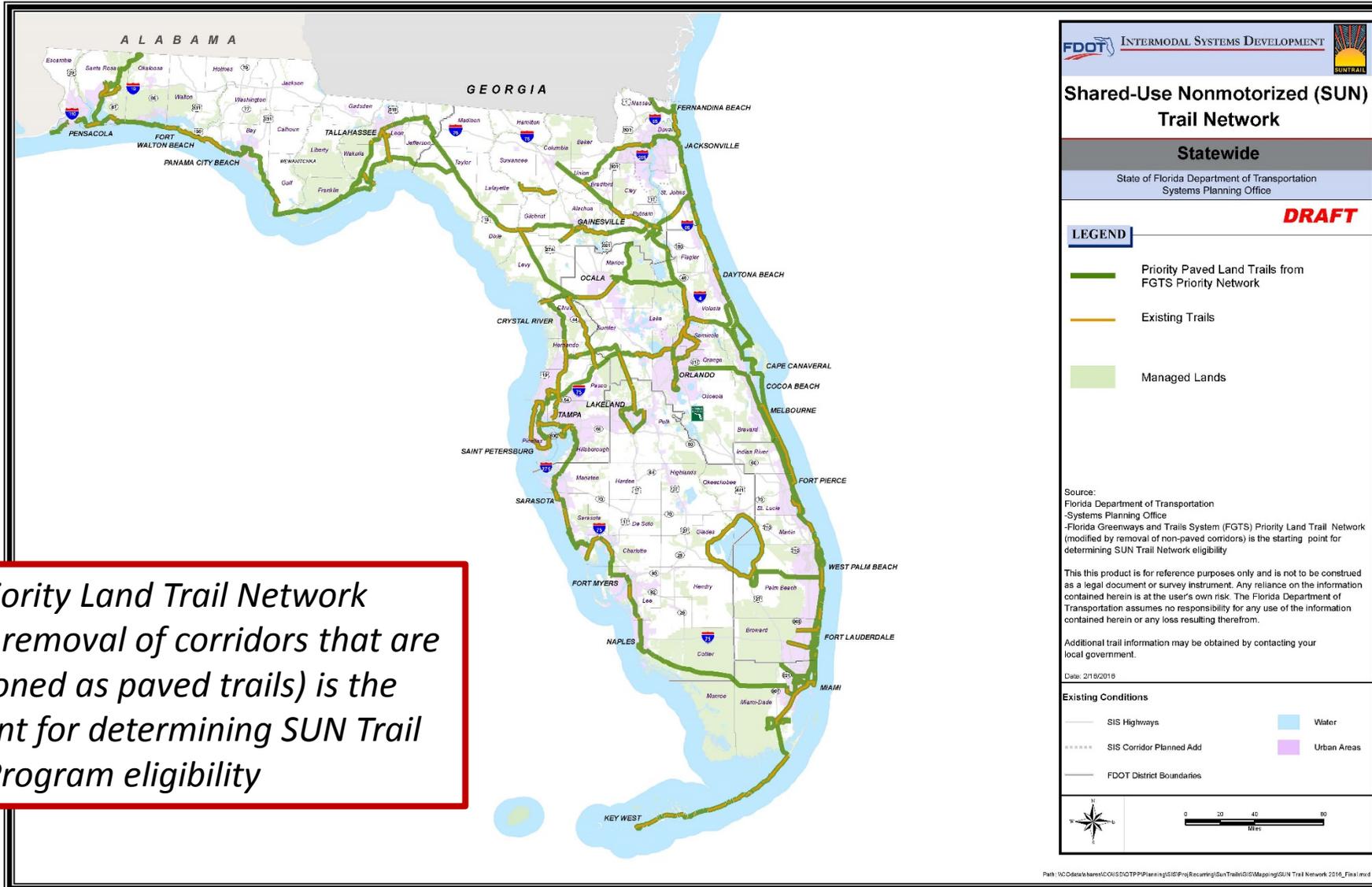
Strategic, Effective and Efficient Investments

SUN Trail will not fund development of amenities associated with trail projects.

These amenities include but are not limited to:

- **Benches, trail furniture or seating areas;**
- **Bicycle racks, air stations or lockers;**
- **Buildings, restrooms, wayside structures or overlooks, shelters or picnic pavilions;**
- **Kiosks (regulatory and safety signage permitted);**
- **Landscaping (trail stabilization permitted);**
- **Litter or recycle receptacles;**
- **Parking areas or trailheads;**
- **Playgrounds, fitness equipment or structures;**
- **Promotional or educational materials;**
- **Sculptures, fountains or art; and**
- **Water fountains, spigots or showers.**

SUN Trail Network Map



FGTS Priority Land Trail Network (modified by removal of corridors that are not envisioned as paved trails) is the starting point for determining SUN Trail Program eligibility

Framework for Funding Selection

SUN Trail Eligible
(Priority Land Trails Network)

Top Regional Trail System

Coast-to-Coast Connector

Selected at December 2015 meeting

Second Regional Trail System

To be selected

Individual Trails

Criteria Developed and
System Ranking by
Florida Greenways
and Trails Council

Top Regional Trail System



Coast to Coast Connector



**Selected by the Florida
Greenways and Trails Council
December 2015**

**SUN Trail Eligible
(Priority Land Trails Network)**

Funding Individual Trails within the SUN Trail Network

Now, let's look at Individual Trails...

Today's Objective:

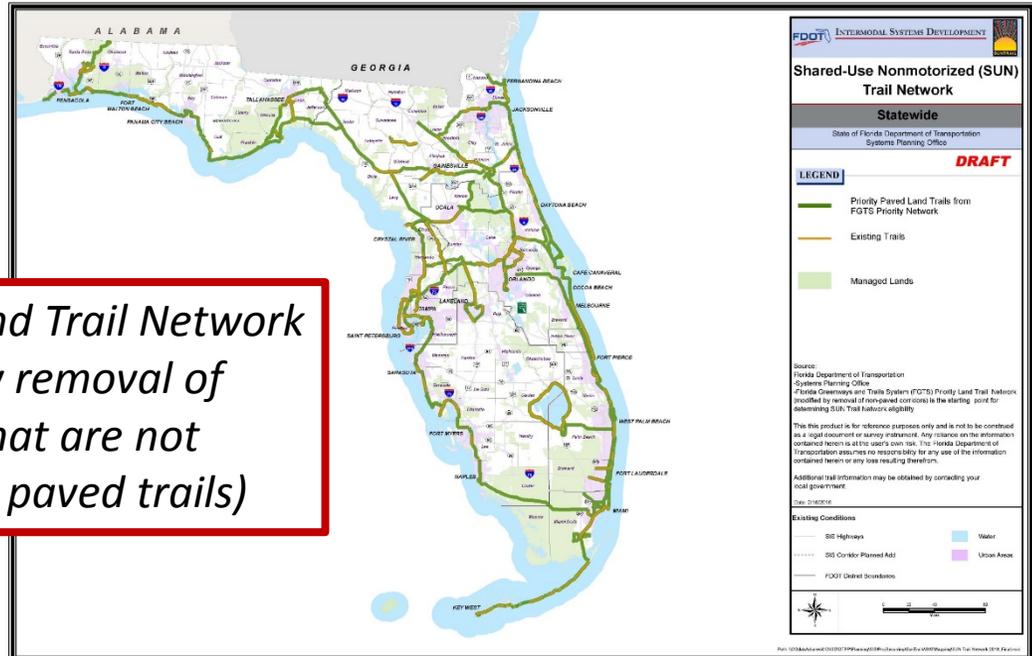
Receive public input on the draft eligibility criteria, selection criteria, and the process for funding Individual Trails through the SUN Trail Program.

Draft Eligibility Criteria for Individual Trails

There are four proposed *eligibility criteria* a project must meet to receive consideration for SUN Trail funding.

1. Is the project a paved component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Priority Land Trail Network, and therefore the SUN Trail Network?

*FGTS Priority Land Trail Network
(modified by removal of
corridors that are not
envisioned as paved trails)*



Draft Eligibility Criteria for Individual Trails

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2. Is the project identified as a priority by the applicable jurisdiction?

- If the project is within a boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), it must be a MPO priority;
- For areas outside of a MPO boundary, the project must be identified as a priority of the county (inclusive of their cities), a tribal government, federal or state managing agency.

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3. Has an entity formally committed to operation and maintenance of the project?



Suwannee River Greenway at Branford



Good Neighbor Trail, Brooksville



Little Econ Greenway, Orange County

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4. Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan or the long-term management plan?

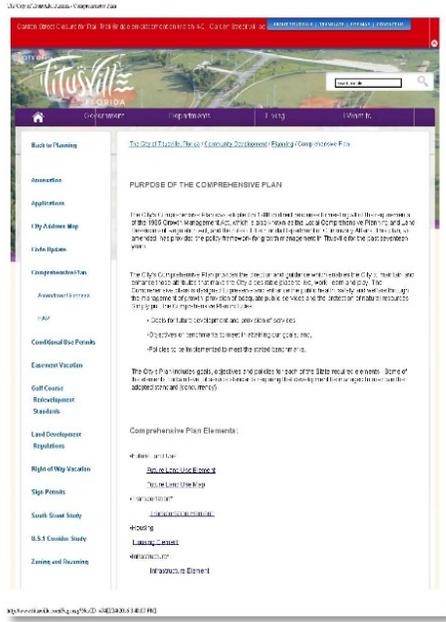
Blackwater Heritage State Trail Management Plan

Division of Recreation and Parks
Lease #4024

Management Plan Approval Date: April 22, 2013
Management Plan Update Due: April 22, 2023



Photo by John Wilson



General James A. Van Fleet State Trail Management Plan

State Lease #3910

Management Plan Approval Date: 4/23/2012



Photo by Charles Wilson

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

- Individual Trail Projects may not meet all of the selection criteria.
- The selection criteria will not be used to calculate a numerical ranking of Individual Trail Projects.
- Individual Trail Projects with the greatest strengths will advance more quickly.

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

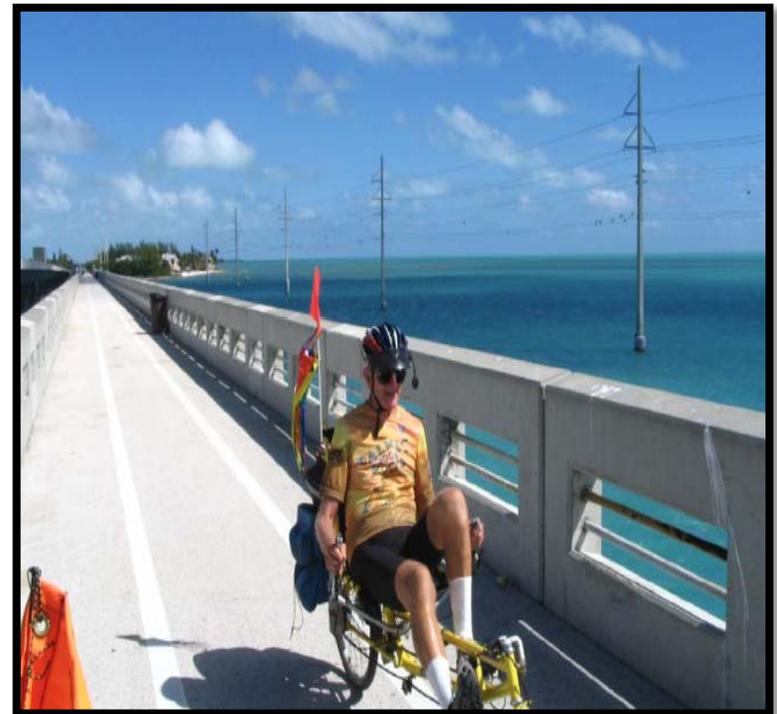
Project enhances the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists



Courtney Campbell Causeway



Tampa



Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project is identified as having regional, state or national importance

For Example:



Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Additional financial contribution committed to the project



Legacy Trail Connection, Venice



Seminole Wekiva Trail, Lake Mary



Nocatee Trail, Ponte Vedra

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project blends transportation modes by complementing, improving or enhancing existing facilities



Safe Routes to Schools



Urban Palatka Trail to Amtrak



Amelia Island Trail, Complete Streets

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Construction Readiness



Tallahassee-St. Marks State Trail



Bagdad Mill Site, Santa Rosa County

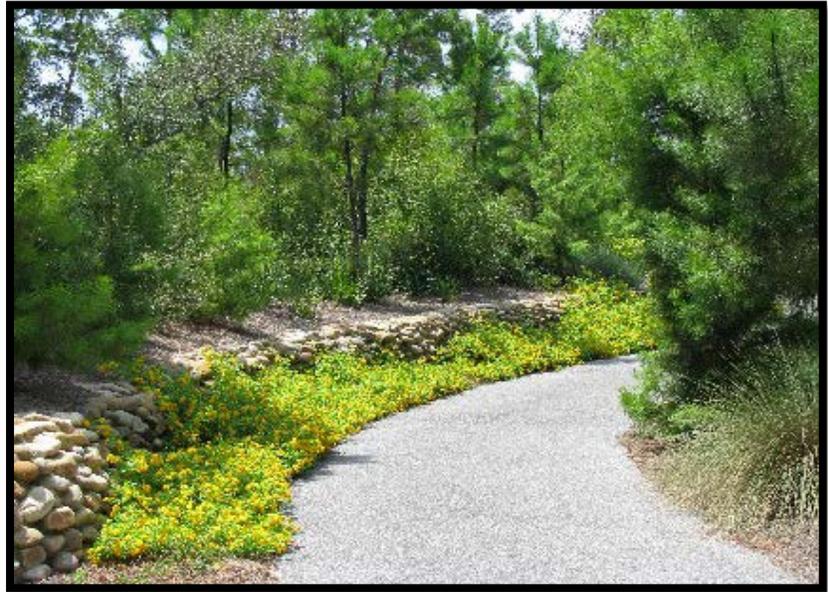
Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project has a high level of public support



Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project has a significant impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities & providing connectivity to destinations



Timpooshee Trail,
Beaches of South Walton



Hollywood Boardwalk,
Broward A1A Scenic Highway



Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail,
South Central Rural Area of Opportunity

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project enhances or preserves environmental resources



Polk Co., Upper Peace Legacy Trail: Fort Fraser Trail to SR 540



Cross Florida Greenway – Wildlife Crossing



Nature Coast State Trail

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

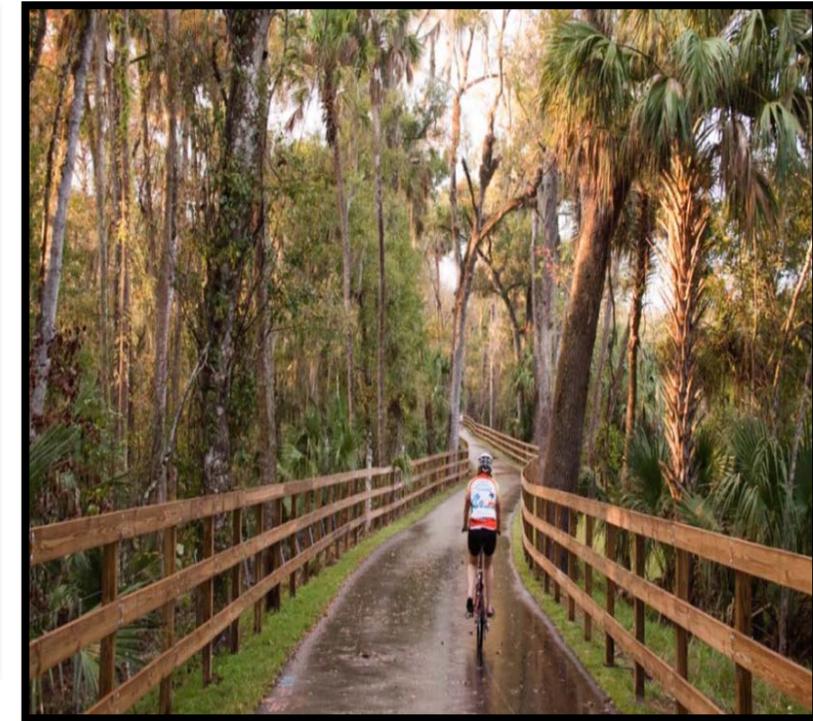
Project facilitates a system of interconnected trails by closing a gap in the SUN Trail Network



Dunnellon Trail – Withlacoochee River



Jupiter Riverwalk, Palm Beach County



Spring to Spring Trail, Volusia County

Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trail Projects

Project includes cost-saving elements



Suncoast Trail



6th Avenue Trail and Road, Gainesville
photo credit Bruce Landis



Capital Circle Trail and Road, Tallahassee
photo credit Stephen Hodges

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Draft Process for Funding Individual Trails

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.

Five-Year Work Program

Example

Name	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Project A	CON				
Project B	ROW		CON		
Project F	PD&E	PE		CON	
Project G	FS		PD&E	PE	ROW
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>25 million</i>	<i>22 million</i>	<i>28 million</i>	<i>24 million</i>	<i>26 million</i>

LEGEND

(FS) Feasibility Study

(PD&E) Project Development &
Environment

(PE) Preliminary Engineering

(ROW) Acquisition of Right-of-Way

(CON) Construction

Schedule

Through early February 2016	Developing SUN Trail Program and process based upon targeted outreach
Late February – March 2016	Public Input (Open Houses and Webinar)
April 2016	SUN Trail Program Finalized
Following April 2016	Development of the five-year Tentative Work Program
Summer 2016	Selection of projects for the five-year Tentative Work Program

Please Remember



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Public Open Houses and Webinar
Evaluation Form

The evaluation form also is available at www.FloridaSunTrail.com if you would like to complete it and submit it electronically. Your input is appreciated and will be considered. All comments should be submitted by March 25, 2016. Thank you.

Were the Meeting Objectives Met?	Strongly Agree				Strongly Disagree
Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network was clearly explained	5	4	3	2	1
Draft Eligibility Criteria for All Individual Trail Projects was clearly explained	5	4	3	2	1
Draft Eligibility Criteria for All Individual Trail Projects is appropriate for evaluating projects for funding	5	4	3	2	1
Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trails Projects was clearly explained	5	4	3	2	1
Draft Selection Criteria for Individual Trails Projects is appropriate for evaluating projects for funding	5	4	3	2	1

Was the Meeting Organization Effective?	Strongly Agree				Strongly Disagree
The location for the meeting was accessible	5	4	3	2	1
Handouts were helpful	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation was effective and informative	5	4	3	2	1
Information on display was effective and informative	5	4	3	2	1
Staff encouraged and were receptive to public input	5	4	3	2	1
Meeting format was effective	5	4	3	2	1

Which meeting(s) did you participate?

What did you like best about the meeting?

What could be improved?

Other comments (use the back if needed)

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SUN Trail Public Meetings PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

The SUN Trail program encourages written comments. This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

Date: _____ Name: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Information: _____

Please make your comment(s) as specific as possible and offer suggestions to address your concerns.

COMMENT(S): _____

Please give your completed form to the Professional Staff or fax it to Robin Birdsong at 850-414-4876.

Additional information is available at www.FloridaSunTrail.com

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Questions?

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