



Florida Department of
TRANSPORTATION

Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network

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FDOT Trail Legislation Overview

2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS

- **FDOT was directed to give funding priority to trail projects that:**
 - **Are identified by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council as a priority within the FGTS;**
 - **Support the transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians;**
 - **Have national, statewide, or regional importance;**
 - **Facilitate an interconnected system of trails by completing gaps between existing trails;**
- **Funded projects shall be operated and maintained by an entity other than FDOT upon of construction, and FDOT is not obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance.**

FDOT Trail Legislation Overview

2015 Trail Legislation: 320.072, FS and 339.81, FS

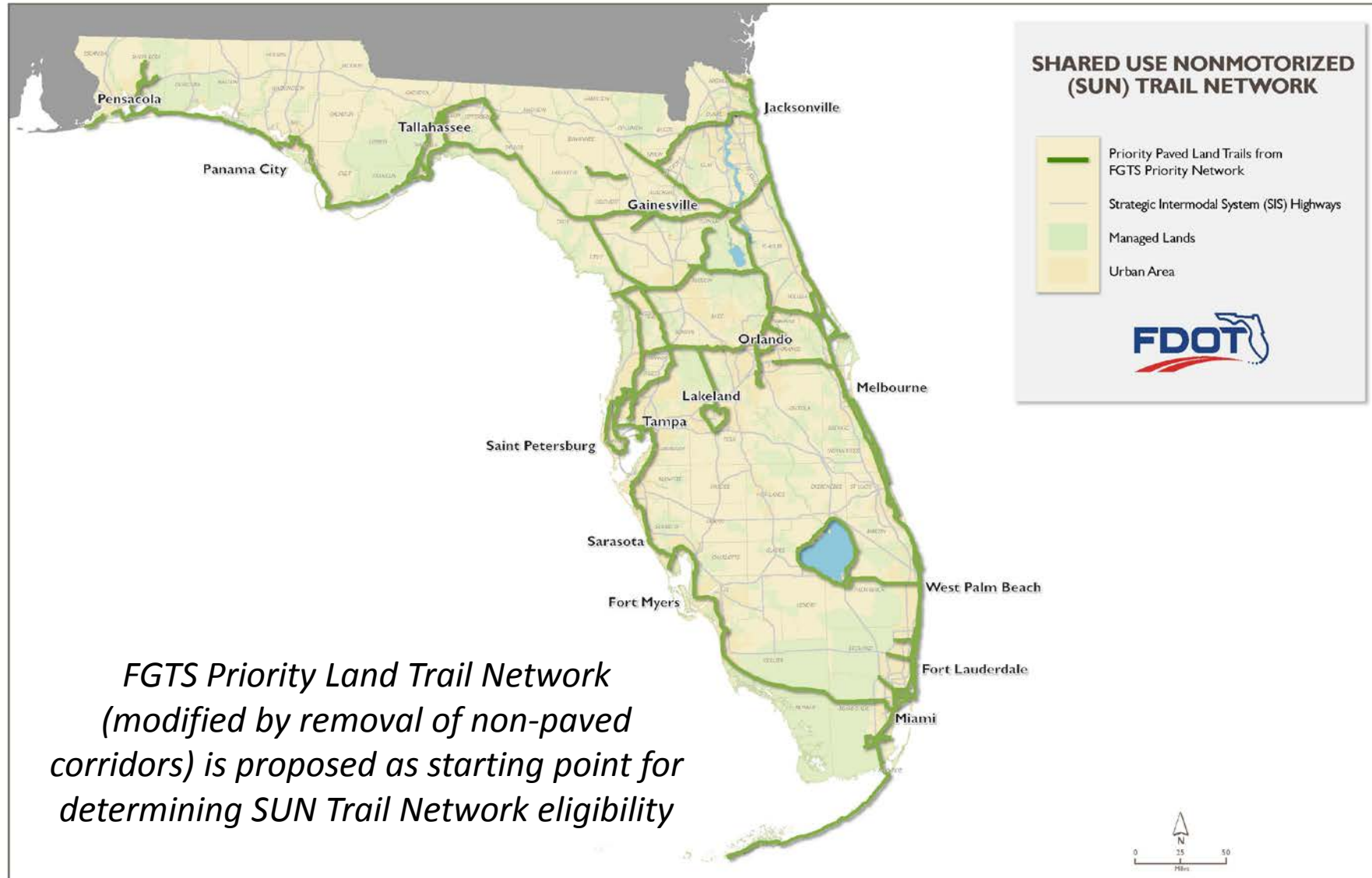
- **\$25 million annually to SUN Trail Network from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues;**
- **Created as a component of the FGTS which is planned by FDEP;**
- **Funding or planning, development, operation and maintenance;**
- **Excludes: sidewalks; loop trails wholly within a single park or natural area; water trails; the Florida National Scenic Trail; and On-road facilities except:**
 - **Segments less than a ½ mile connecting two or more non-motorized trails; or on-road components of FKOSHT.**

The Plan for the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)

The Florida Greenways and Trails Act: Chapter 260, FS

- **Provide the means and procedures for establishing and expanding a statewide system of greenways and trails...which shall be designated as the Florida Greenways and Trails System;**
- **Coordinate greenway and trail plans and development;**
- **Establish the 21 member Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC) to advise FDEP in the execution of powers and duties under this chapter; including:**
 - **Facilitate a statewide system of interconnected trails; and**
 - **Recommend priorities for critical links in the FGTS.**

Proposed SUN Trail Network Eligibility



SUN Trail Aspirational Goal

Advance the SUN Trail Network by developing the combination of:

- prioritized regional paved multi-use trail systems
- prioritized individual trails outside of those regional systems

Potential Framework for Funding Selection

SUN Trail Eligible
(Priority Land Trails Network)

Top Regional Trail System

Second Regional Trail System

Individual Trails

Ranked by
Florida Greenways
and Trails Council

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)**

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

Possible Eligibility Criteria for All Projects

- **Located on the SUN Trail Network (FGTS Land Trails Priority Map)**
- **Priority of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or applicable local government in non-MPO area**
- **Entity committed to operate and maintain the constructed trail**
- **Ready to be programmed and to begin first/next phase of work**

Possible Selection Criteria

- **National, Statewide or Regional Importance**
- **Other Funds Committed to the Project**
- **Previous Investments**
- **Ability to Close Gaps**
- **Construction Readiness**

Other Issues

Maintenance

- **Maintenance Agreement for Project within FDOT's Right-of-Way**
- **Maintenance Agreement for "Off-System" Multi-Use Trail Project**

Right-of-Way

- **Transfer to Local Entity for "Off-System"**



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Questions?

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