



SUN Trail Program Process for Funding Individual Trail 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 municipalities), 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.

SUN Trail Program Eligibility Criteria Individual Trail Projects

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

- ▶ **Is the project envisioned as a paved component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Priority Land Trail Network, and therefore the SUN Trail Network?**
- ▶ **Is the project identified as a priority by the applicable jurisdiction?**
 - If the project is within a boundary of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), it must be a MPO priority.
 - For areas outside of a MPO boundary, the project is identified priority of the county (inclusive of their municipalities), tribal government, federal or state managing agency.
- ▶ **Has an entity formally committed to operation and maintenance of the project?**
- ▶ **Is the project consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan or the long-term management plan?**

SUN Trail Program Selection Criteria 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.

- ▶ **Project enhances the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.**
 - Project includes a safety component.
 - Project is located within an area identified as a hazardous biking / walking zone or an area with significant numbers of safety concerns.
 - Project implements bicycle and pedestrian safety action plan.
- ▶ **Project is recognized as having regional, state or national importance.**
 - Project is a component of a Regional Trail System prioritized by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.
 - Project is a component of a National Recreation Trail, East Coast Greenway or a trail that has other national importance.
 - Project implements an adopted regional bike, pedestrian or trail master plan.
- ▶ **Additional financial contribution committed to the project.**
 - Project funds are leveraged by multiple public/private sources of investments dedicated to this specific trail segment (i.e. federal, state, local, non-profit, private landowner contributions). If so, what is the percentage of match? What is the source of the matching funds?
 - Project funds are leveraged by at least one additional public/private source of investment dedicated to this specific trail segment (i.e. federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, private landowner contributions). If so, what is the percentage of match? What is the source of the matching funds?





SUN Trail Program Selection Criteria *(continued)*

- ▶ **Project blends transportation modes by completing, improving or enhancing existing facilities to improve mobility.**
 - Project implements Complete Streets objectives and initiatives.
 - Project implements Safe Routes to Schools objectives and initiatives.
 - Project provides a direct connection to regional transit systems, including rail stations, express or local bus routes.
 - Project is located within 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.
 - Project improves access in a designated Walk Friendly Community, as designated by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center.
- ▶ **Construction Readiness.**
 - Project is ready for immediate construction. All pre-construction phases are complete.
 - Project is capable near term development. The design is nearly complete and permitting is underway. This project includes pre-construction.
 - The project proposal is feasible but construction will occur in the future.
- ▶ **Project has a high level of documented public support.**
 - Measurable public support and community involvement.
 - The greater community supports the project as demonstrated by recently adopted proclamations or resolutions expressing commitment.
 - Demonstration of support is consistent across multiple entities representing the greater community, rather than a select few interest groups.
 - Recent community surveys provide indication of need and support.
- ▶ **Project has a significant immediate impact to the quality of life by enhancing economic opportunities and providing connectivity to destinations.**
 - Project connects to or through federal, state or local conservation/ recreation areas.
 - Project connects people to jobs, businesses or civic resources.
 - Project is located along or connects to a Florida Scenic Highway.
 - 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.
 - Project is located within a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) community defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, F.S.
 - Project is located within a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) defined pursuant to Section 288.0656, F.S.
- ▶ **Project enhances or preserves environmental resources.**
 - Project ensures the Florida Ecological Greenway Network (FEGN) maximizes protection of high priority linkages; location is within a Priority 1 or 2 Critical Linkage as identified by the FEGN.
 - Project restores or mitigates impacts of environmental degradation.
 - Project incorporates water quality or drainage improvements.
 - Project incorporates conservation initiatives to restore or maintain connectivity by reducing vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.
 - Environmental impact assessment or statement does not identify specific issues.
 - Environmental approval and permitting process is complete.
- ▶ **Project facilitates a system of interconnected trails by closing a gap in the SUN Trail Network.**
 - Project connects two or more existing trails within the SUN Trail Network.
- ▶ **Project includes cost-saving elements.**
 - Potential for overall cost savings for completing the project in conjunction with another project (i.e. new/resurfacing roadway, redevelopment/new development project, trail phase/extending trail project).

