



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.**

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## *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.**

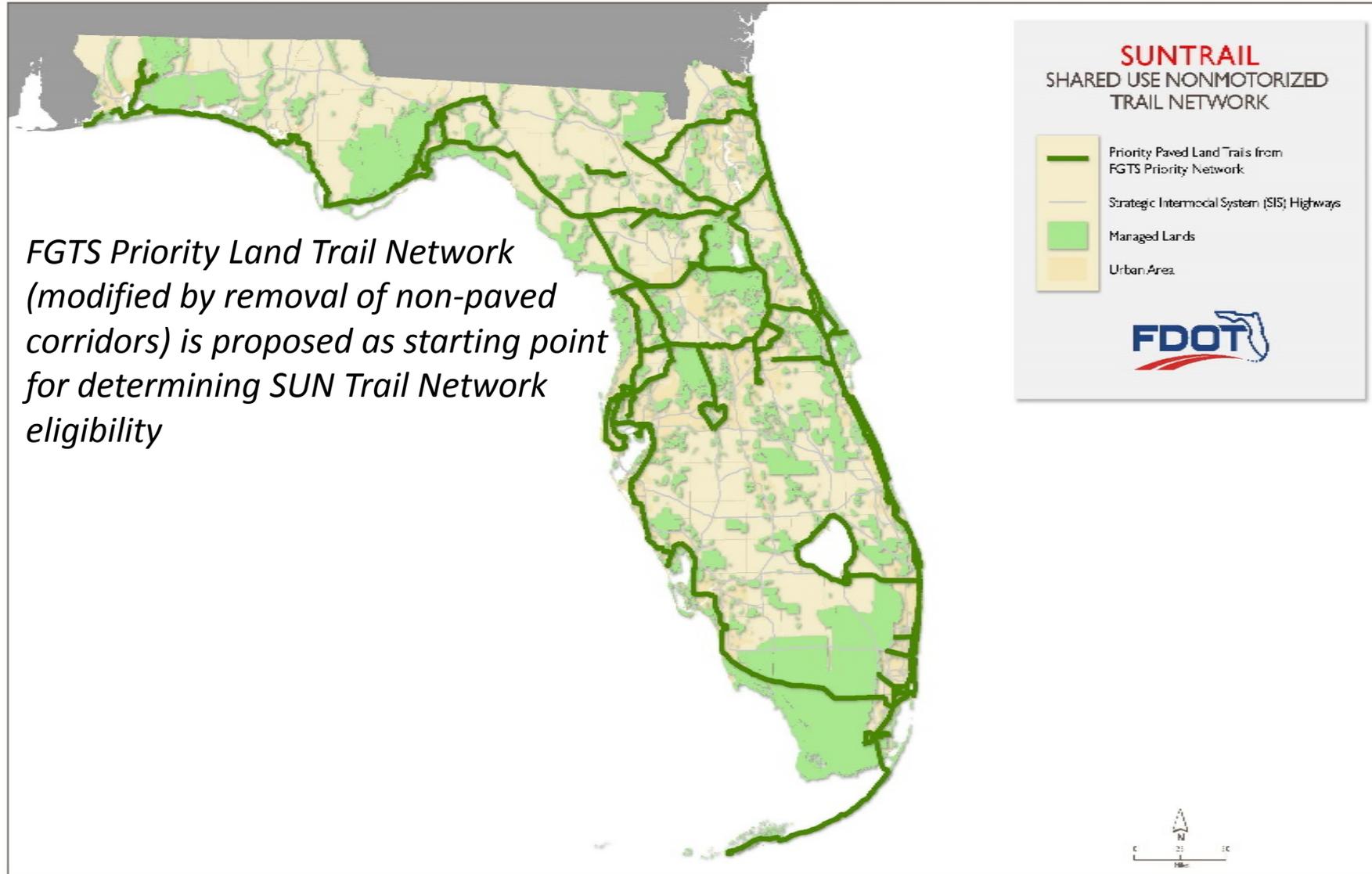
# The Plan for the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS)

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## *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

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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)



**Ranked by**  
**Florida Greenways**  
**and Trails Council**

# Project Programming

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## 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

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- **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

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

# Other Issues

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## *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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