

Dear Christine Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection found at [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN\\_Trail\\_Overview\\_11.4.15.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN_Trail_Overview_11.4.15.pdf).

The Airborne Mountain Bike Club Florida Nonprofit Corporation, which has over 300 members is deeply engaged in pursuing our primary mission of more, better trails. The Airborne club maintains trails in St. Lucie and Martin Counties and through a license agreement with the landowner has secured ongoing access to one of the most unique MTB trails in the state, located in St. Lucie County.

Airborne is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding, at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Travis Bailer  
President  
Airborne Mountain Bike Club of the Treasure Coast  
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March 20, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Via email: [Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us)

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I write in my capacity as a business professional in Indian River County. I have enjoyed multiuse trails in Florida and nationwide. Many of my clients and colleagues are cyclists, runners and hikers. We recognize the importance of safe, designated trails for recreation and health benefits. The larger picture, however, is the benefit to the local economies surrounding the trail locations. The six counties served by this section of the Greenway rely heavily on tourism and retirees. The connection of bicycle and pedestrian trails will add to the attraction to our area. I urge your support for this project.

Sincerely,

Amy Banov, AIA LEED AP

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As a Board member of Bike Walk Indian River County--a nonprofit coalition of business, government and civic leaders undertaking a mission to promote save bicycling and walking as transportation and recreation for a healthier, more vibrant and connected Indian River County—I am aware of the broad local support for Shared-Use Nonmotorized trails in this region. As a communications representative Vero Cycling Club, I am aware of the active promotion of cycling; encouragement of all cyclists of all levels, from beginning to advanced; advocacy for cycling related interests; and promotion of safe cycling. As the recent Indian River County designee to the regional Greenways & Trail Task Force I am aware of the shared regional commitment to advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. In these memberships I speak not only as a cyclist, but as a citizen supportive of the health, economy, ecology and hospitality of our region and the State of Florida.

I join the above referenced organizations in their commitment to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,  
Tad Diesel

Cc: The Honorable Bob Solari, Commissioner, Indian River County  
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I write for my wife and myself as concerned citizens and members Vero Cycling. We feel the Sun Trail to be a benefit to the health, economy, safety, and general well being of our community.

Sincerely, Belinda and Bob Mall

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March 25, 2016

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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is written in strong support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The East Coast Greenway is the single continuous segment within the Southeast Florida Greenways & Trails network, providing access to millions of residents and visitors to the region.

The City of Boynton Beach is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The City has recently adopted a Greenway, Blueway Bikes and Trails plan that should, in the future, provide multiple means of connectivity to parks, waterways, community centers, downtown area and other points of pedestrian and cyclist generation. Advanced connection to the proposed East Coast Greenway is an incredible opportunity for us to tie our local network into a regionally planned facility.

The City of Boynton Beach is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, the City of Boynton Beach is willing to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to develop an appropriate agreement to address operations and maintenance costs. The City understands that FDOT will not fund any segment under the SUN Trails program without an agreement in place to address operations and maintenance costs.

Please advise if we can provide any additional information to help advance the nomination of this unique and broadly-supported project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori LaVerriere".

Lori LaVerriere  
City Manager



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Broward County is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable, and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation, and visitor benefits. As part of the East Coast Greenway, the A1A Greenway Master Plan includes components of the Broward Greenways Vision: Recreation – providing a safe recreational trail of at least five miles in length; Transportation – providing safe transport for all, including seniors and children to areas within their neighborhoods; Environmental Restoration/Enhancement – including the restoration or enhancement of the natural ecosystem; Tourism – appealing to visitors, as well as providing access to bike rentals, canoes, and other amenities; and Social Aspects – creating gathering places for social interaction and promoting a sense of place. The creation of the A1A Greenway has the potential to link public beaches, resorts, waterside communities, activity centers, marinas, restaurants, municipal centers, and other attractions by providing continuous paths along the beach. The A1A Greenway is expected to enhance the sense of place along the corridor, as well as serve as an asset to each local neighborhood. The combination of these facilities will comprise the A1A Greenway from Deerfield Beach to Hallandale Beach, creating a continuous, unique, and safe recreational experience for all users as well as connecting Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties.

Broward is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding; at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other

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nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,



Dan West  
Director

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c: Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces





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Mr. Brian Smith, Chairman  
Florida Greenways and Trails Council  
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REF: SUN Trail Regional Trail Systems

Dear Chairman Smith,

I am writing to express the support of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the inclusion of the Underline and Ludlam Trails in the list of regional trails for funding through the SUN Trail program. The Underline is a segment of the East Coast Greenway that connects the cities of Pinecrest, South Miami and Coral Gables to eight Metrorail Stations and Downtown Miami. The Ludlam Trail connects to the Underline/East Coast Greenway and provides access to additional community destinations, including South Miami Elementary, Middle and High Schools, AD "Doug" Barnes Park and the Dadeland North Metrorail Station. Both trails form an integrated system that improves safety, promotes economic activity and connects to the regional multimodal transportation system.

The Underline project is included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Ludlam Trail is part of the MPO's North Dade Greenways Master Plan Network. Both projects have significant private and community support. On May 21, 2015, the MPO Governing Board passed Resolution #14-15, supporting funding for the Underline and Ludlam Trails (attached).

Thank you for your consideration of the Underline and Ludlam Trails as a Regional Trail System within the SUN Trail program.

Sincerely,

Aileen Bouclé  
MPO Executive Director

Attachment



**MPO RESOLUTION #14-15**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO CONNECT THE EXISTING TRAILS IN THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, THE VILLAGES OF PALMETTO BAY, PINECREST, AND KEY BISCAZYNE, AND THE CITIES OF SOUTH MIAMI, CORAL GABLES, AND MIAMI AND UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE PROPOSED UNDERLINE AND LUDLAM TRAILS; AND URGING THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Greenways and Trails Council was established pursuant to Florida Statute 260.0142; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council include advising the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on greenway and trail related issues, promoting intergovernmental cooperation and private partnerships for developing greenways and trails system, recommending priorities for critical links in the system, and providing funding recommendations for developing and managing the system; and

**WHEREAS**, connecting the existing trails within the Town of Cutler Bay, the Villages of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest and Key Biscayne, the Cities of South Miami, Coral Gables, and Miami and unincorporated Miami-Dade county with the proposed Underline and Ludlam Trails would reduce congestion and promote alternative fuel efficient modes of transportation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board expresses support to connect the existing trails in the Town of Cutler Bay, the Villages of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, and Key Biscayne, and the cities of South Miami, Coral Gables, and Miami and Unincorporated Miami-Dade County with the proposed Underline and Ludlam Trails and urges the Florida Greenways and Trails Council to recommend funding through the State Transportation Trust Fund.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis C. Moss, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Jean Monestime-Aye  
**Vice Chairman** Francis Suarez-Aye

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-Aye	Board Member Smith Joseph	-Aye
Board Member Esteban Bovo Jr	-Aye	Board Member Philip Levine	-Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Maurice Ferre	-Aye	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Aye	Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Absent	Board Member Juan C. Zapata	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By Zainab Salim  
 Zainab Salim, Clerk  
 Miami-Dade MPO







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## PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
c/o Mark Heinicke, [mheinic@miamidade.gov](mailto:mheinic@miamidade.gov)

**Subject: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region – SUNTrail Funding**

Dear Ms. Small:

I am providing this letter in support of the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail so that components of the trail system may be eligible for funding authorized by section 335.065(4), F.S. Please note that the East Coast Greenway spans 270 miles within Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This region encompasses 6,440,855 people comprising over 16 percent of Florida's population, many of whom live within close proximity to the East Coast Greenway corridor and will directly benefit from the funding investment requested.

The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of regional non-motorized system as reflected in the Southeast Florida Regional Greenways Plan approved by the Palm Beach MPO governing board on December 7, 2015. Further, we believe that the East Coast Greenway fully conforms to the Potential Framework for Funding Selection provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Finally, the Palm Beach MPO will continue to coordinate efforts to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection for regional SUNTrail funding.

Please let me know if we can supply additional information to support your selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region trail system for SUNTrail funding.

Sincerely,

Nick Uhren, P.E.  
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO  
Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Aileen Boucle, Miami-Dade MPO  
Greg Stuart, Broward MPO  
Beth Beltran, Martin County MPO  
Peter Buchwald, St. Lucie TPO  
Phil Matson, Indian River MPO



March 17, 2016

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Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

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The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) transportation planning. Sections of the greenway are currently included and prioritized in the Broward MPO's *Commitment 2040* Cost Feasible Plan. The Broward MPO, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (District 4), also continues to expand the East Coast Greenway through multimodal construction projects and roadway resurfacing projects. A list of these programmed projects are provided below:

- **FM# 4312041** – SR-A1A FROM SR-816/OAKLAND PARK TO FLAMINGO AVE. (BIKE PATH/TRAIL) \*Under Construction\*
- **FM# 4377861** – EL MAR DRIVE FROM FLAMINGO AVE. TO PINE AVE. (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK) \*Multipurpose Path\*
- **FM# 4378511** - SR-A1A/DANIA BEACH BOULEVARD/OCEAN DRIVE FROM SR-5/US-1 TO SR-A1A (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK) \*Multipurpose Path\*
- **FM# 4323231** – SR-A1A/S OCEAN DR FROM MONROE STREET TO SHERIDAN STREET (SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT)

Additionally, the Broward MPO is working with partners at the Miami-Dade MPO, the Palm Beach MPO, and regional municipal partners to coordinate alignments for the East Coast Greenway. These partners are meeting regularly to discuss future proposed alignments, funding options, and public outreach to move forward the implementation of this world class greenway facility.

The Broward MPO will work to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Stuart  
Executive Director

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**Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region for Florida SUN Trail Funding**

Dear Ms. Small:

The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) enthusiastically supports the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Southeast Region as the Second Regional Trail System for Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail funding authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation (FS 335.065(4)).

The BPAC provides recommendations regarding the bicycle and pedestrian planning and programming activities for the TPO and works with local and State government agencies to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning and programming activities in the TPO area. The BPAC has partnered with the East Coast Greenway Alliance and supported the ECG Southeast Region in its implementation for almost a decade with the completion of an ECG Bicycle-Pedestrian Corridor Study, ECG Area of Interest Analysis, and ECG Implementation Plan.

The BPAC is firmly committed to the effort of satisfying the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding and recognizes that across the six-county ECG Southeast Region, some entities may be ready to satisfy criteria ahead of other entities. Nonetheless, the BPAC is part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please contact us should you require any additional information regarding our support and commitment to the ECG Southeast Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bradley R. Keen".

Brad Keen  
BPAC Chairman





March 17, 2016

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**Re: Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Funding  
East Coast Greenway—Southeast Region**

Dear Ms. Small;

The Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports the East Coast Greenway (ECG). We are proud of the completed segments of ECG path in Indian River County, which have already improved multi-modal access to the Florida State Parks for our citizens.

The seamless connection of our trail along SR A1A provides continuity from Brevard County to our north to St. Lucie County to our south.

The ECG has the potential to connect the six counties in Southeast Florida by providing safe, affordable and enjoyable transportation options for non-motorized users. Using SUN Trail funding to fill gaps of the ECG in Southeast Florida will significantly increase access to our region's beautiful parks and natural areas, while also serving as an eco-tourism attraction for visitors to Florida.

Also attached, as requested, please find the Indian River MPO logo. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Sobczak, MPO Senior Planner at (772) 225-1518 or asobczak@ircgov.com.

I look forward to working with our regional partners on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Phil Matson, AICP  
MPO Director

Attachments

Cc: Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance

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- Indian River County School District

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- Town of Orchid
- Florida Department of Transportation

**Staff Director**  
Phillip J. Matson



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The Delray Beach Bike Club is an active and growing organization dedicated to introducing the joy of biking to a broad range of Delray citizens and visitors. We sponsor bike rides 3 times a week, exploring the many beautiful routes through the City.

One of our favorite routes is cycling up and down A1A which provides broad vistas of the beach and close-up views of beautiful homes. It connects to bike paths both to the north and the south of Delray making it a perfect link in the chain of bike routes that make up the East Coast Greenway. We, therefore, fully support the application of Delray Beach to join the East Coast Greenway.

Delray is also in the process of building connections to east-west bike routes and greenways enabling bicyclists and pedestrian to explore streets shaded by tropical trees. We welcome the opportunity to include Delray Beach and our bike club this worthwhile effort.

Best regards,

Patrick Halliday,  
President and Founder of the Delray Bike Club





March 14, 2016:

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Bike305 is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Bike305's mission, since its inception four years ago, is to promote Miami-Dade's current off-road trail system as a connection to neighboring municipalities, community attractions, schools, parks and popular destinations via bicycle. In addition to organizing annual bike rides like Bike305 Bike to Work Day and Bike305 Bike the Underline, both of which demonstrate the feasibility of commuting in combination with cycling and trips on public transportation, Bike305 produces trail maps in printed and digital versions and makes them available at municipal recreation centers, community events and bike shops.

Bike305 is committed to major efforts to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

*Sue Kawalerski*

Sue Kawalerski  
Coordinator  
Bike305

Cc: Mark Heinicke



March 14, 2016:

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The Everglades Bicycle Club is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. EBC has supported the usage of the current off-road trail system in Miami-Dade County, particularly through organized rides on The Underline and the South Dade Trail (both are part of the East Coast Greenway), the Rickenbacker Causeway, the Ludlam Trail, the Black Creek Trail and the current trail network on the eastern edge of the County. EBC was a major organizer of trail rides during the annual East Coast Greenway Alliance meeting in November in South Miami, in conjunction with WHEELS, a 5-day event promoting the use of bicycles in combination with public transportation. EBC has formed a specific Trails Committee to promote existing trails through regularly scheduled rides and plans for a future network of trails connecting municipalities and top commuter destinations.

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The Miami River Commission is deeply engaged in creating the public Miami River Greenway, of which a portion is along the route of the "East Coast Greenway Southeast Region". The Greenway seeks to provide safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits.

The Miami River Commission is committed to finishing construction of the remaining 4 miles of the total 10 mile public Miami River Greenway. The Miami River Commission is part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Brett Bibeau  
Managing Director,  
Miami River Commission



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March 15, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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Via [mheinic@miamidade.gov](mailto:mheinic@miamidade.gov)

*Per Florida Greenways and Trails Council*

Dear Ms. Small:

SAFE is an email based, non-dues, advocacy organization that connects with individuals, elected officials, government leaders, governmental departments/agencies, businesses, clubs, the media, etc., to promote safety on Florida roadways. SAFE periodically sends out a free, email newsletter.

We founded SAFE in 2000 in Delray Beach, FL and has a long-term goal of encouraging communities to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. SAFE's members meet with local government leaders and other community organizations to encourage the design and construction of “complete streets”, pedestrian walkways and cycling facilities. SAFE also encourages communities to design and fund greenways and trails for community enjoyment.

SAFE is currently working with the City of Delray Beach, Florida to designate approximately 6.3 miles of SR A1A, George Bush Boulevard and North/South Federal Highways as an East Coast Greenway. In December 2015, the City Commission of Delray Beach approved a city resolution to approve and name this trail.

SAFE supports SUN Trail funding for the ECG Southeast Region trail.

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James E. Smith  
SAFE Chairman

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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC):

The Miami Foundation strongly supports the East Coast Greenway Southeast (ECG-SE) Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection found at:

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Trails, greenways and other vibrant public spaces help connect Miamians to our community and each other. Living near a park or green space has tremendous positive impacts on our health and well-being and we believe Southeast Florida residents deserve more. Linear parks like the ECG-SE, in particular, offer much-needed green space and a valuable transportation alternative, creating safe walking, skating and biking paths between neighborhoods and enhancing our economy.

The Miami Foundation is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. We envision a Miami where every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a park – one that encourages residents and visitors to embrace the outdoors and engage with each other in a vibrant urban retreat. The ECG-SE and sections of it like the Underline will be a huge step in that direction. They will make our community healthier, more mobile, safer, and more sustainable.

Please advise how we can assist with the selection of The East Coast Greenway Coalition in Southeast Florida as a Priority 2 Regional Trail network and will secure much-needed funding for the creation, improvement and expansion of trails in our community.

Sincerely,

Stuart Kennedy  
Director of Program Strategy and Innovation



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Friends of The Underline is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. With schools, businesses, thousands of homes and families, and major destinations including downtown, the port, airport, and more, connecting to the current and future East Coast Greenway (in particular Miami's future Underline), we are eager to create an off-road safe haven for residents and tourists alike to walk and bike rather than driving. This will make our community healthier, more mobile, safer, and sustainable, an important mission for Miami-Dade County.

Please advise how we can assist with the selection of The East Coast Greenway Coalition in Southeast Florida as a Priority 2 Regional Trail network to secure much-needed funding for the creation, improvement and expansion of trails in our community.

Sincerely,



Meg Daly  
Friends of The Underline  
CEO/President





## Advancing Multi-Modal Mobility

March 15, 2016

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WHEELS is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. In November 2015, WHEELS united thousands of South Floridians to use alternative modes of transportation. The East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) co-sponsored this week-long event that included guided and self-led bike rides, walks, runs, and a green mobility conference – all incorporating transit. For its key location on a Metrorail station, South Miami was chosen for WHEELS to offer a car-free ECGA leadership meeting.

WHEELS is committed to major efforts to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region, some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Victor Dover

WHEELS Chair

Principal-in-Charge, Dover, Kohl & Partners







122 A. E. Backus Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. is in support for this project because of its ability to bring people into our downtown in a safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation method. It is great for health, jobs, recreation, and visitor benefits to have the trails to safely move about. Our organization is extremely pleased that the East Coast Greenway could possibly come through our downtown. We have a very active city marina and walking trails will be a big asset for the boaters.

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. is committed to make a major effort to support the eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding, at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise if we can further assist with this nomination. This is a great thing for our State, our city and our surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Doris Tillman, CMSM  
Executive Director

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Bike SoMi is totally committed towards advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Bike SoMi, Miami Dade County, the City of South Miami, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance, recently organized the recent mega-event, Wheels. This advanced the Underline, the Ludlam Trail, and other trails as bike/ped + transit "enablers" for commuting and recreation in our county, and in linking to other counties.

Bike SoMi is a proud participant in Miami-Dade's working group consisting of government agencies and other nonprofits seeking regional SUN Trail funding. Miami-Dade County is third in the nation for international tourism, and among the top in the nation for pedestrian and bike fatalities. Please do your part to help improve the abysmal status quo in our SE Florida region.

As part of the SE region, we will work towards achieving program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Sincerely,

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Mari Chael, LEED AP  
Bike SoMi/ Green Mobility Network  
Bike, Ped, Transit Advocacy



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John Hopkins

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Green Mobility Network is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Since 2009, Green Mobility Network has advocated for numerous bike/pedestrian improvements along Miami-Dade segments of the East Coast Greenway including the M-Path, Underline and South Dade Trail. In addition, we also support connecting greenways including the Ludlam Trail, Black Creek Trail, Snapper Creek and Biscayne-Everglades Greenway. We currently lead trail activation projects along all of the previously mentioned trails and greenways. Many of our activation projects receive hundreds of community members in attendance demonstrating our unified support for a safe and beautiful regional trail network that connects to multiple schools, parks, transit hubs, employment centers and other major destinations.

Richard Berkowitz

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Green Mobility Network is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Eric Katz  
Executive Director

Cc: Tony Garcia, Chairman





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Our organization, [Plan Z for Miami](#), is a grassroots led effort that aims to restore safety and vitality back to the most utilized segment of road in the state of Florida for cycling and running; Miami Dade County's Rickenbacker Causeway.

We along with The Underline and The Ludlam Trail are deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits.

In 2014, Florida Governor Scott conducted a press conference in the same vicinity where a South Florida resident was tragically killed while riding his cycle in the designated bike lane. As a result, the death of Aaron Cohen prompted the creation of a Florida law (Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act) and spurred the conceptualization for Plan Z for Miami by the famed Architect and Urban Planner Bernard Zyscovich.

Regrettably however, almost one year after the signing of the Aaron Cohen Law, another cyclist's life was abruptly ended on the Rickenbacker Causeway. The death of Walter Reyes now grimly represents a total of 4 cycling deaths on this vital waterfront transportation and recreation corridor in less than a decade.

By connecting Plan Z to the East Coast Greenway we establish a safe and highly desirable trail for cyclist, runners, hikers, walkers and others who simply want to experience the best views and beaches along Biscayne bay and Miami's skyline. This particular area encompasses and connects some of Miami's most beautiful parks and beaches on Biscayne Bay and provides for everything from coastal ecological zones to water sports of all kinds, from a historic marine stadium, seaquarium to mountain bike trails, from nationally recognized academic institutions like MDCPS's Mast Academy and University of Miami Rosentiel Medical Science Building to the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Nature Center. There is not a better location for both domestic and international tourism than this for the east coast greenway participant. It will be a prime destination for the day trip cyclists as well as road adventurers as they embark on the east coast greenway.

Plan Z for Miami is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

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Sincerely,

Bernard Zyscovich, FAIA  
CEO and Founder  
Zyscovich Architects

Cc:





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Via eMail: [Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us)

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**RE: SUN Trail support letter from Nonprofits/Businesses**

Dear Ms. Small,

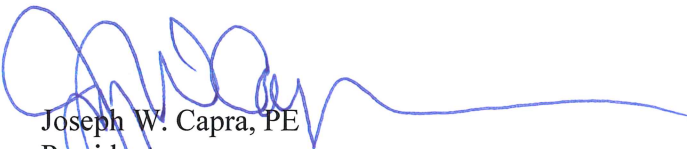
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CAPTEC Engineering, Inc. is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. In the past, CAPTEC has prepared designs and monitored construction of various improvements to the East Coast Greenway such as; Savannah Boardwalk in St. Lucie County and the Green River Parkway in Martin County. Our staff of active workers, with young children, have utilized these facilities. These facilities are a safe efficient use of public lands and have provided these counties with safe, healthy recreational activities.

CAPTEC is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding, at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

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Sincerely,



Joseph W. Capra, PE  
President

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March 25, 2016

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: East Coast Greenway, Southeast Region

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is in support of the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. This letter follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection on the Florida Department of Transportation website.

The City of Hallandale Beach is fully engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The City is seeking to boost every mobility option available to alleviate its top constituent concern, traffic. The interconnected north-south alternative envisioned would be a tremendous addition to the mobility choices available to our constituents.

The City is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. We are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020. The City is prepared to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to formulate and sign an agreement regarding the City's funding of ongoing operations and maintenance costs for any portion or segment of East Coast Greenway --or any trail improved using SUN Trail funds -- in Hallandale Beach.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rosemond  
City Manager

C: Keven Klopp, Development Services Director





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March 24, 2016

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RE: SUN Trail Letter of Support

To Members of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is written to confirm the City of Lake Worth's strong support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The East Coast Greenway is the single continuous segment within the Southeast Florida Greenways & Trails network, providing access to millions of residents and visitors to the region.

The City of Lake Worth is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The availability of bicycle and associated infrastructure plays an important role in the City's transportation system.

Lake Worth has a significant bicycling community that uses bicycles for commuting, shopping and recreational purposes. There is considerable bicycling activity that can be evidenced in residential neighborhoods, the downtown business district and commercial areas along U.S. 1. Despite its relatively small size, Lake Worth supports two bicycle shops that are active in the community. In addition, the City of Lake Worth was selected by Bicycling Magazine in 2005 as one of only ten cities across the nation for the designation of "Biketown USA".

As part of the City and Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency's continuing efforts in promoting bicycling within the City boundaries, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was commissioned in 2009 to develop an inclusive and sustainable Comprehensive Bicycle Network Plan. The Plan serves as an implementation guide for facilities and amenities related to bicycling activities within the City and encompasses multiple elements. Integral to the Plan implementation is the design and construction of capital improvements related to pedestrian connectivity throughout the City.

The City of Lake Worth is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, the City of Lake Worth will assume responsibility for operational and maintenance costs related to those segments and address as part of the local budget process.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Bornstein, City Manager



# City of Stuart

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Paul J. Nicoletti  
City Manager

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March 24, 2016

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Re: Florida Greenways and Trails Council

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The City of Stuart is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for the health, job, recreation and visitor benefits it provides. For the past several years, the City of Stuart has added to or completed small segments to fill-in the gaps of the East Coast Greenway. Because of our unique location as an urban area bisected by the St. Lucie River running east-west, and by the Florida East Coast Railway running north-south, the segment along the Old Dixie Highway, which crosses the St. Lucie River in Stuart is critical in many respects. Parts of this link are the FDOT movable span bridge over the St. Lucie River, and Martin County Road A1A, but most of it has already been transferred to the City for jurisdiction and maintenance.

Stuart is committed to the future support of this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, the City of Stuart will assume responsibility for operational and maintenance costs related to those segments and address as part of the local budget process.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

PAUL J. NICOLETTI  
City Manager





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City Manager

# *CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE*

*Office of the City Manager*

March 24, 2016

Christine Small  
Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

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The City of Port St. Lucie is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The City recently completed the 1.25 mile Savannas Recreation Trail and is the process of submitting an application to be included in the East Coast Greenway Trail System. The City currently maintains a 2.7 mile segment of the trail system which connects to Martin County and recently provided enhancements including benches, trash receptacles, pet waste bag dispensers and landscaping.

The City of Port St. Lucie is committed to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding, at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bremer  
City Manager

March 22, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator

Florida Office of Greenways and Trails

Division of Recreation and Parks

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Dear Ms. Small,

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I write in my capacity as Vice-President and Treasurer of Vero Cycling, Inc. and as an avid cyclist and tax paying citizen of Florida.

Anytime you can help increase the health of your fellow citizens, boost the economy and provide a safe environment to exercise, it is a win-win for everyone.

Sincerely,

David B Hunter

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August 31, 2015

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The Delray Beach Bike Club is an active and growing organization dedicated to introducing the joy of biking to a broad range of Delray citizens and visitors. We sponsor bike rides 3 times a week, exploring the many beautiful routes through the City.

One of our favorite routes is cycling up and down A1A which provides broad vistas of the beach and close-up views of beautiful homes. It connects to bike paths both to the north and the south of Delray making it a perfect link in the chain of bike routes that make up the East Coast Greenway. We, therefore, fully support the application of Delray Beach to join the East Coast Greenway.

Delray is also in the process of building connections to east-west bike routes and greenways enabling bicyclists and pedestrian to explore streets shaded by tropical trees. We welcome the opportunity to include Delray Beach and our bike club this worthwhile effort.

Best regards,

Patrick Halliday,  
President and Founder of the Delray Bike Club





March 14, 2016:

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Bike305 is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Bike305's mission, since its inception four years ago, is to promote Miami-Dade's current off-road trail system as a connection to neighboring municipalities, community attractions, schools, parks and popular destinations via bicycle. In addition to organizing annual bike rides like Bike305 Bike to Work Day and Bike305 Bike the Underline, both of which demonstrate the feasibility of commuting in combination with cycling and trips on public transportation, Bike305 produces trail maps in printed and digital versions and makes them available at municipal recreation centers, community events and bike shops.

Bike305 is committed to major efforts to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

*Sue Kawalerski*

Sue Kawalerski  
Coordinator  
Bike305

Cc: Mark Heinicke



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The Everglades Bicycle Club is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. EBC has supported the usage of the current off-road trail system in Miami-Dade County, particularly through organized rides on The Underline and the South Dade Trail (both are part of the East Coast Greenway), the Rickenbacker Causeway, the Ludlam Trail, the Black Creek Trail and the current trail network on the eastern edge of the County. EBC was a major organizer of trail rides during the annual East Coast Greenway Alliance meeting in November in South Miami, in conjunction with WHEELS, a 5-day event promoting the use of bicycles in combination with public transportation. EBC has formed a specific Trails Committee to promote existing trails through regularly scheduled rides and plans for a future network of trails connecting municipalities and top commuter destinations.

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Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

*Sue Kawalerski*

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Everglades Bicycle Club

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The Miami River Commission is deeply engaged in creating the public Miami River Greenway, of which a portion is along the route of the "East Coast Greenway Southeast Region". The Greenway seeks to provide safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits.

The Miami River Commission is committed to finishing construction of the remaining 4 miles of the total 10 mile public Miami River Greenway. The Miami River Commission is part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Brett Bibeau  
Managing Director,  
Miami River Commission



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March 15, 2016

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*Per Florida Greenways and Trails Council*

Dear Ms. Small:

SAFE is an email based, non-dues, advocacy organization that connects with individuals, elected officials, government leaders, governmental departments/agencies, businesses, clubs, the media, etc., to promote safety on Florida roadways. SAFE periodically sends out a free, email newsletter.

We founded SAFE in 2000 in Delray Beach, FL and has a long-term goal of encouraging communities to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. SAFE's members meet with local government leaders and other community organizations to encourage the design and construction of “complete streets”, pedestrian walkways and cycling facilities. SAFE also encourages communities to design and fund greenways and trails for community enjoyment.

SAFE is currently working with the City of Delray Beach, Florida to designate approximately 6.3 miles of SR A1A, George Bush Boulevard and North/South Federal Highways as an East Coast Greenway. In December 2015, the City Commission of Delray Beach approved a city resolution to approve and name this trail.

SAFE supports SUN Trail funding for the ECG Southeast Region trail.

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James E. Smith  
SAFE Chairman

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Charles T. Bonfield  
SAFE President





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March 15, 2016

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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC):

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Trails, greenways and other vibrant public spaces help connect Miamians to our community and each other. Living near a park or green space has tremendous positive impacts on our health and well-being and we believe Southeast Florida residents deserve more. Linear parks like the ECG-SE, in particular, offer much-needed green space and a valuable transportation alternative, creating safe walking, skating and biking paths between neighborhoods and enhancing our economy.

The Miami Foundation is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. We envision a Miami where every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a park – one that encourages residents and visitors to embrace the outdoors and engage with each other in a vibrant urban retreat. The ECG-SE and sections of it like the Underline will be a huge step in that direction. They will make our community healthier, more mobile, safer, and more sustainable.

Please advise how we can assist with the selection of The East Coast Greenway Coalition in Southeast Florida as a Priority 2 Regional Trail network and will secure much-needed funding for the creation, improvement and expansion of trails in our community.

Sincerely,

Stuart Kennedy  
Director of Program Strategy and Innovation



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Friends of The Underline is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. With schools, businesses, thousands of homes and families, and major destinations including downtown, the port, airport, and more, connecting to the current and future East Coast Greenway (in particular Miami's future Underline), we are eager to create an off-road safe haven for residents and tourists alike to walk and bike rather than driving. This will make our community healthier, more mobile, safer, and sustainable, an important mission for Miami-Dade County.

Please advise how we can assist with the selection of The East Coast Greenway Coalition in Southeast Florida as a Priority 2 Regional Trail network to secure much-needed funding for the creation, improvement and expansion of trails in our community.

Sincerely,



Meg Daly  
Friends of The Underline  
CEO/President





## Advancing Multi-Modal Mobility

March 15, 2016

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WHEELS is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. In November 2015, WHEELS united thousands of South Floridians to use alternative modes of transportation. The East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) co-sponsored this week-long event that included guided and self-led bike rides, walks, runs, and a green mobility conference – all incorporating transit. For its key location on a Metrorail station, South Miami was chosen for WHEELS to offer a car-free ECGA leadership meeting.

WHEELS is committed to major efforts to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region, some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Victor Dover

WHEELS Chair

Principal-in-Charge, Dover, Kohl & Partners



March 16, 2016



*The Foundation for a healthy community*

Florida Greenways and Trails Council  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Council members,

Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

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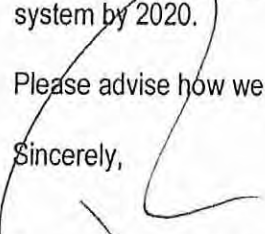
Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF), a non-profit organization, is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Since founded in 1993, HFSF has awarded more than \$113 million to nonprofit organizations focused on promoting health and preventing disease in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties.

HFSF has contributed close to \$100,000 to projects related to transforming underutilized lands and paths, data analysis to forecast trail demands and bicycle connectivity opportunities as well as contribution to a study done by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy to connect people to recreation and physical activity opportunities and build a strong South Florida advocacy group. HFSF is currently supporting a planning project with the Miami Downtown Development Authority to develop the design and implementation plan for a 3-mile, waterfront walking and biking trail.

HFSF is committed to this major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding; at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

  
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March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Dear Ms. Small,

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. is in support for this project because of its ability to bring people into our downtown in a safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation method. It is great for health, jobs, recreation, and visitor benefits to have the trails to safely move about. Our organization is extremely pleased that the East Coast Greenway could possibly come through our downtown. We have a very active city marina and walking trails will be a big asset for the boaters.

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Please advise if we can further assist with this nomination. This is a great thing for our State, our city and our surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Doris Tillman, CMSM  
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March 17, 2016:

Office of Greenways and Trails  
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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council (FGTC):

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Bike SoMi is totally committed towards advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Bike SoMi, Miami Dade County, the City of South Miami, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance, recently organized the recent mega-event, Wheels. This advanced the Underline, the Ludlam Trail, and other trails as bike/ped + transit "enablers" for commuting and recreation in our county, and in linking to other counties.

Bike SoMi is a proud participant in Miami-Dade's working group consisting of government agencies and other nonprofits seeking regional SUN Trail funding. Miami-Dade County is third in the nation for international tourism, and among the top in the nation for pedestrian and bike fatalities. Please do your part to help improve the abysmal status quo in our SE Florida region.

As part of the SE region, we will work towards achieving program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Sincerely,

Mari

Mari Chael, LEED AP  
Bike SoMi/ Green Mobility Network  
Bike, Ped, Transit Advocacy

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Green Mobility Network is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. Since 2009, Green Mobility Network has advocated for numerous bike/pedestrian improvements along Miami-Dade segments of the East Coast Greenway including the M-Path, Underline and South Dade Trail. In addition, we also support connecting greenways including the Ludlam Trail, Black Creek Trail, Snapper Creek and Biscayne-Everglades Greenway. We currently lead trail activation projects along all of the previously mentioned trails and greenways. Many of our activation projects receive hundreds of community members in attendance demonstrating our unified support for a safe and beautiful regional trail network that connects to multiple schools, parks, transit hubs, employment centers and other major destinations.

Green Mobility Network is committed to major effort to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. At the same time we understand that across the six-county ECG-SE Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Eric Katz  
Executive Director

Cc: Tony Garcia, Chairman





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Our organization, [Plan Z for Miami](#), is a grassroots led effort that aims to restore safety and vitality back to the most utilized segment of road in the state of Florida for cycling and running; Miami Dade County's Rickenbacker Causeway.

We along with The Underline and The Ludlam Trail are deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits.

In 2014, Florida Governor Scott conducted a press conference in the same vicinity where a South Florida resident was tragically killed while riding his cycle in the designated bike lane. As a result, the death of Aaron Cohen prompted the creation of a Florida law (Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act) and spurred the conceptualization for Plan Z for Miami by the famed Architect and Urban Planner Bernard Zyscovich.

Regrettably however, almost one year after the signing of the Aaron Cohen Law, another cyclist's life was abruptly ended on the Rickenbacker Causeway. The death of Walter Reyes now grimly represents a total of 4 cycling deaths on this vital waterfront transportation and recreation corridor in less than a decade.

By connecting Plan Z to the East Coast Greenway we establish a safe and highly desirable trail for cyclist, runners, hikers, walkers and others who simply want to experience the best views and beaches along Biscayne bay and Miami's skyline. This particular area encompasses and connects some of Miami's most beautiful parks and beaches on Biscayne Bay and provides for everything from coastal ecological zones to water sports of all kinds, from a historic marine stadium, seaquarium to mountain bike trails, from nationally recognized academic institutions like MDCPS's Mast Academy and University of Miami Rosentiel Medical Science Building to the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Nature Center. There is not a better location for both domestic and international tourism than this for the east coast greenway participant. It will be a prime destination for the day trip cyclists as well as road adventurers as they embark on the east coast greenway.

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Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Bernard Zyscovich, FAIA  
CEO and Founder  
Zyscovich Architects

Cc:





March 23, 2016

Ms. Christine Small  
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Dennis Markatos-Soriano

**Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region**

Dear Ms. Small:

The East Coast Greenway Alliance is impressed by Florida’s commitment to becoming a national leader in trail development. The SUN Trail program — Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail, as authorized by the 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS — brings resources forward that match the high ambition of Florida DEP’s Office of Greenways & Trails and Florida DOT. As the organization leading the development of the nation’s longest urban trail, we feel a strong alignment with your efforts.

We see a special opportunity in southeastern Florida and support the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as a six-county region ripe for trail development which would benefit the maximum number of Floridians. The counties are Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade.

The East Coast Greenway is a 2,900-mile multi-use trail linking 15 states and 450 communities from Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida. National Park Service Outdoor Recreation Chief Bob Ratcliffe recently called the ECG “my model” for long-distance trail development. Almost 900 miles of the East Coast Greenway are traffic-separated, over 1,000 of the miles are marked with ECG signs and arrows, and the entire route is available on an online trip planner and a mobile app. Closing key gaps in our Florida route will have a strong impact improving green mobility, public health; local, state, and regional economic development; tourism; quality of life; social equity; and the environment.

Our Alliance thrives as a collaborator with local and state partners in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors. Almost 40 percent of the 234-mile, six-county multi-use regional trail is already in place in South Florida, both paved and off-road. Furthermore, the regional trail is already half programmed.





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The current state of completion through the six-county region includes: Miami-Dade County, 39 miles; Broward County, 2 miles; Palm Beach County, 11 miles; Martin County, 9 miles; St. Lucie County, 4 miles; and Indian River County, 22 miles.

The Alliance is committed to developing our route through Florida, the longest state route in our 15-state corridor at more than 500 miles. In November 2015, we collaborated with dozens of partners including FDOT to produce WHEELS, one of the largest transit and trails events in Florida history. Its chief market was the six-county southeast region and was precisely built on the regional collaboration already marked by the Seven | 50 SE Florida Prosperity Plan (that also includes Monroe County).

Regional partners today include: the Miami-Dade Trail Alliance, the Miami Beach-Fort Lauderdale Atlantic Coastal Trail Network Task Force, Human-Powered Delray; Safety As Floridians Expect, Green Mobility Network, the Treasured Lands Foundation, and Bike-Walk Indian River County.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance will continue to help lead the development of trails through Florida. Thank you for considering this timely investment to enhance the lives of millions of residents and tourists alike in the years ahead.

To Continued Greenway Progress,

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March 23, 2015

Mr. Eric Weis  
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Dear Mr. Weis:

We are pleased to endorse the inclusion of a multimodal trail, known as "Martin County US 1 Side Path" into the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Trail System.

Martin County US-1 Side Path is a 2.4 mile long, 12 foot wide multi-use trail that is owned and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation, District 4. The trail is easily accessible, open to the public, and compliant with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The trail is situated along the west side of SE Federal Highway from SE County Line Road to the entrance of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, in Martin County, Florida. We have attached several exhibits containing details of the path including, an engineering cross section, a map depicting the location as well as, labeled photographs taken from various locations along the trail.

As the agency responsible for the segment of multi-use trail known as Martin County US-1 Side Path, we hereby endorse the designation by the East Coast Greenway Alliance as part of the ECG Trail System. We agree to work with Martin County to develop permits and a maintenance agreement for trail markers and features that would be provided by the East Coast Greenway Alliance. This maintenance agreement will be in accordance with requirements outlined in FDOT's Guidance for Multi-Use Trail Development and Maintenance, which is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry O'Reilly".

Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.  
District Secretary  
District Four

GO/jf  
Enclosure  
cc: Jennifer Fierman, Complete Streets Coordinator



# Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

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## Support letter for Southwest Region of East Coast Greenway

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Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

March 21, 2016

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The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park (FOJDSP) is a Florida Non-profit Organization, with the mission to support Jonathan Dickinson State Park's mission and goals. With the inclusion of Club Scrub, a subcommittee of our organization, the Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park have nearly 1000 active members who avidly support outdoor recreation. Furthermore, the park that we support is a very important destination for hikers, kayakers, campers and bikers, and it encompasses an integral portion of the proposed East Coast Greenway Trail through Martin County.

FOJDSP is committed to supporting the park in their continued effort to build and maintain the portion of the greenway that is planned for construction within the park. A 2.4 mile multi-modal path currently connects the park to Palm Beach County in the south. Further construction on Phase 1 of construction on the remaining trail system should begin as early as this Summer. The terminal project that includes a biological corridor/multi-modal overpass of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) is awaiting an easement from FEC for final approval. This is expected to happen in time to make the 5 year requirement of this program.

As this project would considerably increase access to the Park and help campers and visitors of the park to access local attractions and businesses, we believe that it is an optimal use of these funds and would support inclusion in the project, wholeheartedly.

Bruce Bain,

President, Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park.

<http://www.friendsofjdsp.org>



**STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ENTRY INTO AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION,  
MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE UNDERLINE**

BETWEEN

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, TRANSIT, FRIENDS OF THE UNDERLINE, INC., AND A  
CONTEMPLATED NOT-FOR-PROFIT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

JANUARY 9, 2016

Miami-Dade County's Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department ("PROS") and Miami-Dade Transit ("MDT") agree to work together to cause the redevelopment of the underutilized land below Miami's Metrorail, from the Miami River to Dadeland South Station ("The Underline"), into an iconic linear park, world-class urban trail and living art destination to connect communities, improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, create over a hundred acres of open space with restored natural habitats, encourage a healthy lifestyle, provide an easily accessible place to exercise, create a mobility corridor that integrates transit, car, biking and walking, provide a 10-mile canvas for artistic expression, increase transit ridership, reduce traffic from motorized vehicles, attract development along US1, and generate significant positive jobs and other economic impact to the County.

Both Parties have already worked extensively with Friends of the Underline ("Friends" and together with PROS and MDT, the "Parties"), a Florida non-profit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and agree that they shall facilitate the construction, management and maintenance of The Underline with the assistance of Friends. Further, Parties contemplate the formation of a separate non-profit "Management Organization" qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with broad public representation that will oversee the management of the public space in a strategic venture with PROS and MDT.

While the Parties recognize that none of the matters herein are legally binding or enforceable until a final Management Agreement is reached, this Statement of Intent outlines the factual acknowledgements and roles and responsibilities that the Parties currently intend to establish by the final Management Agreement, including the following:

**1. FTA/FDOT**

a. The land that will be utilized for The Underline was acquired and the Metrorail system constructed with funding from the Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA), since renamed the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and from local public funding sources; therefore, all Parties acknowledge that Transit is required to comply with all applicable FTA and FDOT regulations and guidelines, including the obligation to ensure that any use of The Underline does not interfere with transit operations and Transit's obligation to maintain continuing ownership of The Underline property (including all land, permanent structures and appurtenances located thereon).

**2. Miami-Dade County (Miami-Dade Transit / Parks Recreation and Open Spaces)**

- a. MDT is the property owner and transit facility operator.
- b. PROS shall oversee the construction of the capital improvements in accordance with the Master Plan authored by James Corner Field Operations and approved by all Parties and any subsequent revisions to be to such Master Plan as deemed necessary and agreed by all parties fully recognizing that the master plan is a guiding document that may change over time as the design process gets finalized.

### **3. The Underline Management Organization**

a. A public non-profit organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code will be structured as a governance board. This organization will be subject to the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law and Florida's public records laws. The Management Organization will have public representation from all Parties to this agreement, Miami-Dade County, the various municipalities affected by The Underline, and community representatives. The Management Organization will be charged with the responsibility to approve and deny programming proposals, fund operations and capital improvements, and, in collaboration with PROS, will ensure maintenance and regulatory compliance of The Underline with all applicable county, state and federal regulations.

### **4. Friends of the Underline**

a. Friends is responsible for supporting fundraising efforts for capital improvements, and, along with the Management Organization, operations (including but not limited to maintenance and programming). Friends may develop marketing and programming plans to promote public use of The Underline, subject at all times to review and approval by MDT, applicable county, state and federal regulations.

### **5. Timing**

a. The Parties both agree that they are committed to working together to reach a final Management Agreement in an expeditious manner.

[SIGNATURES ON SEPARATE PAGE]



**For Miami-Dade Transit:**

Signature: 

Printed name: Alice Brown

**For Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department:**

Signature: 

Printed name: Jackie Kivdys

**For Friends of The Underline:**

Signature: 

Printed name: Margaret Daly

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March 24, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails

Dear Ms. Small:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, it is my pleasure to submit this letter in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a SUN Trail which was authorized by F.S. 335.065(4). The City of Fort Pierce is within this region which encompasses Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The City of Fort Pierce, in support of St. Lucie County, is committed to advancing safe, efficient and affordable transportation in our community and the surrounding regions to promote health, job, recreation and tourism benefits. The City of Fort Pierce, in collaboration with St. Lucie County, has been, and continues to be active in promoting these endeavors, while furthering the East Coast Greenway initiative. The success of these undertakings is pivotal for economic development and the promotion of quality of life for our residents and visitors alike.

The City of Fort Pierce is committed to the efforts to satisfy the criteria for eligibility of regional SUN Trail funding for the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region. We remain dedicated to our working group which will continue to collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020. Thank you very much for this opportunity to express support for, and the desire to promote this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Hudson".

Linda Hudson  
Mayor





March 17, 2016

Ms. Christine Small  
Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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**Re: Support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region Selection as a Six-County Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail**

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: (section 335.065(4), Florida Statutes). The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is a partner on the current efforts of the East Coast Greenway and is committed to continuing that partnership to satisfy the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding to create a world-class recreational and functional trail for the millions of residents and visitors of our region.

We are proud of the collaboration we have shared within the region, to bring together the champions of the East Coast Greenway from cities, counties, FDOT, and MPOs. Through this collaboration, we have completed a "gap analysis" of built trails and identified corridors for short term and long term considerations to move forward to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020. This partnership and collaboration will allow our region to move quickly once funding is appropriated into the necessary next steps to make this trail system more complete with each segment planned and constructed.

The City's Vision identified the highest priority set forth by the residents was to build a "multi-modal city where the pedestrian is first". The East Coast Greenway directly supports the goals of our city leadership and our neighbors to achieve this priority. With the support of the Sun Trails funding, this project will gain increased momentum to move towards implementation. As our region densifies, we understand the critical need to provide alternative opportunities to neighbors and visitors alike, just as we are implementing alternatives within our City.

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South Florida has shown the leadership and capacity for cooperative initiatives at a regional scale through the South Florida Climate Compact, the South Florida Regional Transportation Study, and Seven50 – a blueprint for livability. We are proud to be a part of these impressive partnerships formed with the leadership of our MPO, FDOT District 4, counties and municipalities.

I look forward to working with the State to provide greater opportunities for our neighbors and visitors to safely walk and bike to their destinations and enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration for this funding and we look forward to a favorable response.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954-828-5959.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM  
City Manager

C: Christopher J. Lagerbloom, Assistant City Manager  
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 HUMAN POWERED DELRAY

March 16, 2016

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[Christine.Small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.Small@dep.state.fl.us)  
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*Per Florida Greenways and Trails Council*

Dear Ms. Small:

I am writing this letter to support the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as the six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection found at [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN\\_Trail\\_Overview\\_1.4.15.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN_Trail_Overview_1.4.15.pdf).

Our organization --- Human Powered Delray (HPD) --- is a walking and biking advocacy group heavily involved in making Delray Beach less dependent on automobiles as a primary mode of transportation. We work closely with the City of Delray Beach, the County of Palm Beach, and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to build bike and ped pathways, construct complete streets, convert alleys to non-motorized use, and make transportation safer for all concerned. As such we have written grants, written local legislation, and promoted bike-ped through all agencies of the City including Sustainability, Parks, Police, Planning and Engineering. We have helped staff task forces to make our voices heard and spoken out at countless public meetings.

We have prepared the Delray Beach Bike Ped Master Plan which among other mobility goals supports the designation of the East Coast Greenway along our lovely beach and improvements to our pathways to achieve ASHTO standards.

We appreciate your consideration of our locality and region for SUN funding to achieve our goals of shared use pathways, viable routes for multiple non-motorized users including underserviced communities, and completion of the East Coast Greenway in our City.

Sincerely,

James R. Chard  
Chair of Human Powered Delray

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March 21, 2016

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and  
Via E-Mail: [Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us)

Dear Ms. Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

I am happy to write in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, in support of this project.

The Sun Trail project would support what the County is trying to do to increase the health of its citizens and to increase the County's position as a premier location for those who want to pursue a healthy, active lifestyle. Additionally, it will further help the County's effort to increase our desirability for tourists interested in active outdoor activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Sobczak, MPO Senior Planner at (772) 225-1518 or [asobczak@ircgov.com](mailto:asobczak@ircgov.com).

Thank you very much for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

Commissioner Bob Solari, Chairman

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March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Dear Ms. Small,

The letter I am writing to you is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) /Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows our review of the Potential Framework for funding Selection found at [Http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN\\_Trail\\_Overview\\_11.4.15.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN_Trail_Overview_11.4.15.pdf).

Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. is in support for this project because of its ability to bring people into our downtown in a safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation method. It is great for health, jobs, recreation, and visitor benefits to have the trails to safely move about. Our organization is extremely pleased that the East Coast Greenway could possibly come through our downtown. We have a very active city marina and walking trails will be a big asset for the boaters.

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. is committed to make a major effort to support the eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding, at the same time we understand that across the six-county East Coast Greenway Southeast Region some entities are ready to satisfy some criteria ahead of others. Nonetheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise if we can further assist with this nomination. This is a great thing for our State, our city and our surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

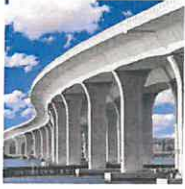
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**Re: Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Funding  
East Coast Greenway - Southeast Region**

Dear Ms. Small:

The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports the East Coast Greenway (ECG). We are proud of the completed segments of the ECG path in Martin County, which have already improved multi-modal access to the Florida State Parks for our citizens.

First, at our north border with St. Lucie County, we provided a connection for bicycles and pedestrians between the ECG and the entrance of Savannas Preserve State Park. (Please see attached Photo 1.) Secondly, south of Downtown Stuart, the 1.3 mile section of the ECG runs through sand pine scrub habitat in the Seabranche Preserve State Park. (Please see ribbon cutting in attached Photo 2.) Thirdly, at our south border with Palm Beach County, the ECG trail along U.S. 1 extends over one mile to Jonathan Dickinson State Park (JDSP). (Please see Photo 3 taken from the entrance of JDSP.)

The ECG has the potential to connect the six counties in Southeast Florida by providing safe, affordable and enjoyable transportation options for non-motorized users. Using SUN Trail funding to fill gaps of the ECG in Southeast Florida will significantly increase access to our region's beautiful parks and natural areas, while also serving as an eco-tourism attraction for visitors to Florida.

Also attached, as requested, please find the Martin MPO logo.



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**Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator**

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If you have any questions, please contact Alice Bojanowski, MPO Senior Planner, at (772) 320-3015 or [abojanow@martin.fl.us](mailto:abojanow@martin.fl.us) .

I look forward to working with our regional partners on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,



Beth Beltran  
MPO Administrator

Attachments

cc: Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance



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March 24, 2016

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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

As an organization that represents 34 municipalities within Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County League of Cities is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefit. As part of our vision for advancing the community's strategies for public transportation, we recently, jointly organized the 2015 Transportation Summit. As part of our strategy for walkable, livable communities, trails play a vital role in achieving this goal.

Miami-Dade League of Cities is working with our municipalities to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. We realize that this will take great collaboration, but nevertheless, we are part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that are working hard to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Suarez  
President, MDCLC



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March 23, 2016

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To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is written in strong support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail, authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The East Coast Greenway is the single continuous segment within the Southeast Florida Greenways & Trails network, providing access to millions of residents and visitors to the region.

The Miami River Commission (MRC) is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The public "Miami River Greenway" is a part of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region, and features designated historic sites, thousands of riverfront residences, businesses, James L Knight Convention Center, mass transit, Riverfront Parks, etc.

The Miami River Commission is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Although the non-profit 501C3 tax exempt Miami River Commission does not own, and is therefore not legally responsible to maintain any portion of the Miami River Greenway, the MRC works with volunteers and hires a cleaning and landscaping company to assist the property owners respective efforts to maintain the public Miami River Greenway, including emptying garbage cans, picking up litter and illegal dumping, landscaping, painting over graffiti, etc (subject to available funding).

Please advise if we can provide any additional information to help advance the nomination of this unique and broadly-supported project.

Sincerely,

Brett Bibeau  
Managing Director,  
Miami River Commission



# MIAMI BEACH

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March 24, 2016

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Re: Support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region Selection as a Six-County Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is to express the City of Miami Beach support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Miami Beach is within the jurisdiction of Miami-Dade County.

The City of Miami Beach is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. For the past year the City of Miami Beach has been working on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update and the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Both documents highlight the importance of providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities to allow connectivity to not only the local transportation system but also regional trails such as the East Coast Greenway. The BPMP and TMP will be presented at the April City Commission for adoption. The City beachwalk system serves as the coastal East Coast Greenway and over 5,000 bicyclists and pedestrians utilize this corridor daily. The beachwalk currently extends about 4.5 miles of the city's 7 miles of oceanfront. Once this corridor is completely constructed, residents and visitors will be able to safely enjoy this scenic trail.

Under the leadership from City of Miami Beach Mayor Phillip Levine, the Administration has been leading a Coastal Bikeway Task Force with the purpose of exploring opportunities to develop a continuous bicycle pathway that would connect Miami Beach with Fort Lauderdale along the coastal region. This Task Force is comprised of representatives of coastal cities along the proposed pathway connecting these two jurisdictions, including the cities of Surfside, Bal Harbour, Sunny Isles, Hallandale, Golden Beach, Hollywood, and Fort Lauderdale. This Task Force also includes the Florida Department of Transportation Districts 6 (Miami-Dade County) and 4 (Broward County), the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for Broward County and Miami-Dade County, as well as the Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinators of the two counties.

The City of Miami Beach has been serving as the Chair of the Task Force. More specifically, the Transportation Department is the City's lead Department in collaboration with the Environmental and Sustainability Department. The goal of the Task Force is to develop recommendations on an implementation plan, including funding strategies. The SUN Trail has been at the center of discussions and the Task Force fully supports the goals of the program.

This regional initiative supplements the localized efforts outlined as part of the BPMP and TMP, and would serve as an excellent alternative mode of transportation connecting various coastal cities in a very unique way. Overall, the development of a continuous pathway between the cities of Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale would be an infrastructure improvement to bicycle networks and a regional transportation asset connecting various cities along the route.

The City of Miami Beach is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, the City of Miami Beach will assume responsibility for operational and maintenance costs related to those segments and address as part of the local budget process.

We look forward to working with the State to provide greater opportunities for our residents and visitors to safely walk and bike to their destinations and enjoy the health benefits of these activities. Thank you for your consideration for this funding initiative.

Sincerely,



Jimmy L. Morales  
City Manager



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March 23, 2016

Ms. Christine Small  
Southeast Region Coordinator  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Subject: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region Trail System

Dear Ms. Small:

I am providing this letter in support of the selection of the East Coast Greenway-Southeast Trail (ECG) for funding through the regional trail component of the Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail program.

The ECG corridor spans 270 miles within Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties. This region encompasses over six million people comprising over 16 percent of Florida's population, many of whom live within close proximity to the ECG corridor and will directly benefit from the development of this regional facility. Within Miami-Dade County the ECG corridor has been included in the MPO's North Dade Greenways Master Plan and the South Dade Greenways Network Master Plan. Portions of the ECG have been prioritized through our 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and funded in the Miami-Dade Transportation Improvement Program including:

FM# 4367481 – Miami Beach Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway  
FM# 4355011 – The Underline/M-Path/Brickell Backyard Project

Please let me know if we can supply additional information to support the selection of the East Coast Greenway-Southeast for SUNTrail funding.

Sincerely,

  
Aileen Bouclé  
Executive Director



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March 24, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
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Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

Dear Ms. Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway (Southeast) selection as a six county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065 (4). This proposed continuous trail would run from southern Miami-Dade County north through Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties, and would provide tremendous benefits to both residents and visitors in Southeast Florida. This letter follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection as part of the FDOT Sun Trail Overview Document.

The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPO's future transportation plans and continues to provide multimodal mobility for the region's residents and visitors. Funding is needed to construct the remaining portions of this world-class greenway facility. With projects in all phases of development (from planning to construction), the Sun Trail funding program offers a unique opportunity to build upon the existing work currently underway in the Southeast Florida region. Sections of the greenway are already funded (in various phases) as part of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for all three MPOs, including the following projects:

Miami-Dade

**FM# 4367481** – MIAMI BEACH PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAY

**FM# 4355011** – THE UNDERLINE/M-PATH/BRICKELL BACKYARD PROJECT

Broward

**FM# 4312041** – SR-A1A FROM SR-816/OAKLAND PARK TO FLAMINGO AVE. (BIKE PATH/TRAIL) \*Under Construction\*

**FM# 4377861** – EL MAR DRIVE FROM FLAMINGO AVE. TO PINE AVE. (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK)  
\*Multipurpose Path\*

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Palm Beach

**FM# 4276531** – A1A FROM US 1 TO INDIANTOWN ROAD- SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

**FM# 2297444** – US 1 FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO SILVER BEACH ROAD- PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING

**FM# 4190131** – SR 80 FROM FLAGLER DRIVE TO A1A- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TO INCLUDE GREENWAY FACILITIES

The Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPO's have been working together since 2014 to advance the East Coast Greenway as a way of providing greater connectivity in Southeast Florida and promoting tourism and economic development in the region. The three MPOs meet regularly to discuss project opportunities, funding options, and public outreach to move forward towards completing this world class greenway facility. In alliance through the Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Council, the MPO's have collectively identified the East Coast Greenway as a priority trail in the Regional 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Additionally, the MPO's are coordinating locally with each of their partner municipalities to identify opportunities to close existing local gaps along the East Coast Greenway and are taking advantage of these partnerships to continue funding regional gaps.

The three Southeast Florida MPO's will continue to work in partnership to complete the East Coast Greenway in accordance with the vision. In order to bring this vision to fruition and to continue expediting projects, the region would request that the Office of Greenways and Trails consider the East Coast Greenway for priority funding as part of its recommendation to the Florida Department of Transportation. Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,



Aileen Bouclé  
Executive Director  
Miami-Dade MPO



Gregory Stuart  
Executive Director  
Broward MPO



Nick Uhren  
Executive Director  
Palm Beach MPO





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February 29, 2016

Mr. Brian Smith, Chairman  
Florida Greenways and Trails Council  
c/o Samantha Browne, Bureau Chief,  
Office of Greenways and Trails MS 795  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

REF: SUN Trail Regional Trail Systems

Dear Chairman Smith,

I am writing to express the support of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the inclusion of the Underline and Ludlam Trails in the list of regional trails for funding through the SUN Trail program. The Underline is a segment of the East Coast Greenway that connects the cities of Pinecrest, South Miami and Coral Gables to eight Metrorail Stations and Downtown Miami. The Ludlam Trail connects to the Underline/East Coast Greenway and provides access to additional community destinations, including South Miami Elementary, Middle and High Schools, AD "Doug" Barnes Park and the Dadeland North Metrorail Station. Both trails form an integrated system that improves safety, promotes economic activity and connects to the regional multimodal transportation system.

The Underline project is included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Ludlam Trail is part of the MPO's North Dade Greenways Master Plan Network. Both projects have significant private and community support. On May 21, 2015, the MPO Governing Board passed Resolution #14-15, supporting funding for the Underline and Ludlam Trails (attached).

Thank you for your consideration of the Underline and Ludlam Trails as a Regional Trail System within the SUN Trail program.

Sincerely,

Aileen Bouclé  
MPO Executive Director

Attachment



**MPO RESOLUTION #14-15**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO CONNECT THE EXISTING TRAILS IN THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, THE VILLAGES OF PALMETTO BAY, PINECREST, AND KEY BISCAZYNE, AND THE CITIES OF SOUTH MIAMI, CORAL GABLES, AND MIAMI AND UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE PROPOSED UNDERLINE AND LUDLAM TRAILS; AND URGING THE FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Greenways and Trails Council was established pursuant to Florida Statute 260.0142; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council include advising the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on greenway and trail related issues, promoting intergovernmental cooperation and private partnerships for developing greenways and trails system, recommending priorities for critical links in the system, and providing funding recommendations for developing and managing the system; and

**WHEREAS**, connecting the existing trails within the Town of Cutler Bay, the Villages of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest and Key Biscayne, the Cities of South Miami, Coral Gables, and Miami and unincorporated Miami-Dade county with the proposed Underline and Ludlam Trails would reduce congestion and promote alternative fuel efficient modes of transportation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**, that this Board expresses support to connect the existing trails in the Town of Cutler Bay, the Villages of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, and Key Biscayne, and the cities of South Miami, Coral Gables, and Miami and Unincorporated Miami-Dade County with the proposed Underline and Ludlam Trails and urges the Florida Greenways and Trails Council to recommend funding through the State Transportation Trust Fund.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis C. Moss, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Jean Monestime-Aye  
**Vice Chairman** Francis Suarez-Aye

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-Aye	Board Member Smith Joseph	-Aye
Board Member Esteban Bovo Jr	-Aye	Board Member Philip Levine	-Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Aye
Board Member Maurice Ferre	-Aye	Board Member Jeff Porter	-Aye
Board Member Oliver G. Gilbert, III	-Aye	Board Member Marc D. Sarnoff	-Absent
Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Aye
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Absent	Board Member Juan C. Zapata	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

By Zainab Salim  
 Zainab Salim, Clerk  
 Miami-Dade MPO







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## PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
c/o Mark Heinicke, [mheinic@miamidade.gov](mailto:mheinic@miamidade.gov)

**Subject: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region – SUNTrail Funding**

Dear Ms. Small:

I am providing this letter in support of the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail so that components of the trail system may be eligible for funding authorized by section 335.065(4), F.S. Please note that the East Coast Greenway spans 270 miles within Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This region encompasses 6,440,855 people comprising over 16 percent of Florida's population, many of whom live within close proximity to the East Coast Greenway corridor and will directly benefit from the funding investment requested.

The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of regional non-motorized system as reflected in the Southeast Florida Regional Greenways Plan approved by the Palm Beach MPO governing board on December 7, 2015. Further, we believe that the East Coast Greenway fully conforms to the Potential Framework for Funding Selection provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Finally, the Palm Beach MPO will continue to coordinate efforts to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection for regional SUNTrail funding.

Please let me know if we can supply additional information to support your selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region trail system for SUNTrail funding.

Sincerely,

Nick Uhren, P.E.  
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO  
Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Aileen Boucle, Miami-Dade MPO  
Greg Stuart, Broward MPO  
Beth Beltran, Martin County MPO  
Peter Buchwald, St. Lucie TPO  
Phil Matson, Indian River MPO



March 17, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection as part of the FDOT Sun Trail Overview Document.

The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) transportation planning. Sections of the greenway are currently included and prioritized in the Broward MPO's *Commitment 2040* Cost Feasible Plan. The Broward MPO, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (District 4), also continues to expand the East Coast Greenway through multimodal construction projects and roadway resurfacing projects. A list of these programmed projects are provided below:

- **FM# 4312041** – SR-A1A FROM SR-816/OAKLAND PARK TO FLAMINGO AVE. (BIKE PATH/TRAIL) \*Under Construction\*
- **FM# 4377861** – EL MAR DRIVE FROM FLAMINGO AVE. TO PINE AVE. (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK) \*Multipurpose Path\*
- **FM# 4378511** - SR-A1A/DANIA BEACH BOULEVARD/OCEAN DRIVE FROM SR-5/US-1 TO SR-A1A (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK) \*Multipurpose Path\*
- **FM# 4323231** – SR-A1A/S OCEAN DR FROM MONROE STREET TO SHERIDAN STREET (SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT)

Additionally, the Broward MPO is working with partners at the Miami-Dade MPO, the Palm Beach MPO, and regional municipal partners to coordinate alignments for the East Coast Greenway. These partners are meeting regularly to discuss future proposed alignments, funding options, and public outreach to move forward the implementation of this world class greenway facility.

The Broward MPO will work to satisfy the criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding. Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Stuart  
Executive Director

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March 17, 2016

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Ms. Christine Small  
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**Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region for Florida SUN Trail Funding**

Dear Ms. Small:

The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) enthusiastically supports the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Southeast Region as the Second Regional Trail System for Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail funding authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation (FS 335.065(4)).

The BPAC provides recommendations regarding the bicycle and pedestrian planning and programming activities for the TPO and works with local and State government agencies to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning and programming activities in the TPO area. The BPAC has partnered with the East Coast Greenway Alliance and supported the ECG Southeast Region in its implementation for almost a decade with the completion of an ECG Bicycle-Pedestrian Corridor Study, ECG Area of Interest Analysis, and ECG Implementation Plan.

The BPAC is firmly committed to the effort of satisfying the possible criteria for eligibility and selection of regional SUN Trail funding and recognizes that across the six-county ECG Southeast Region, some entities may be ready to satisfy criteria ahead of other entities. Nonetheless, the BPAC is part of the working group comprised of government agencies and other nonprofits that will collaborate to achieve program readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020.

Please contact us should you require any additional information regarding our support and commitment to the ECG Southeast Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bradley R. Keen".

Brad Keen  
BPAC Chairman





March 17, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
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3900 Commonwealth Blvd., M.S. 795  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

**Re: Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Funding  
East Coast Greenway—Southeast Region**

Dear Ms. Small;

The Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports the East Coast Greenway (ECG). We are proud of the completed segments of ECG path in Indian River County, which have already improved multi-modal access to the Florida State Parks for our citizens.

The seamless connection of our trail along SR A1A provides continuity from Brevard County to our north to St. Lucie County to our south.

The ECG has the potential to connect the six counties in Southeast Florida by providing safe, affordable and enjoyable transportation options for non-motorized users. Using SUN Trail funding to fill gaps of the ECG in Southeast Florida will significantly increase access to our region's beautiful parks and natural areas, while also serving as an eco-tourism attraction for visitors to Florida.

Also attached, as requested, please find the Indian River MPO logo. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Sobczak, MPO Senior Planner at (772) 225-1518 or asobczak@ircgov.com.

I look forward to working with our regional partners on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Phil Matson, AICP  
MPO Director

Attachments

Cc: Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance

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*Nelson Cover Jr.  
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March 21, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Via eMail: [Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us)

Dear Ms. Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

As a former resident and owner of a consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia, which has an extensive bike and pedestrian trail system, I have witnessed through personal use the many benefits of bicycle/pedestrian trails which connect different communities and jurisdictions.

As a resident of Indian River County for over 16 years, I can tell you that it would be a tremendous benefit for the county to be as bicycle and pedestrian friendly as possible.

In brief, these trails bring communities together by enabling destination recreational riding for shopping, restaurants and for various community festivals and events. They support family recreation, healthy living, reduce traffic congestion and enhance the potential for commuting to school and work. They become a major selling point for employers and employees considering Indian River County as a place to live and work.

Congestion and traffic, particularly at this time of year, are a major complication in the lives of our citizens, resulting in lost revenue for local businesses (why hassle trying to find a place to park when you can order something off Amazon that will arrive the next day?). Studies done nationally attest to increased business activity in areas supported by bike and pedestrian trails.

For these reasons, I strongly support the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection.

Sincerely,

Nelson Cover Jr.

Cc: The Honorable Bob Solari, Commissioner, Indian River County [bsolari@ircgov.com](mailto:bsolari@ircgov.com)  
Hugh Aaron, President Bike Walk Indian River County [hugh@theaarons.com](mailto:hugh@theaarons.com)



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Phil Matson, Staff Director Indian River County MPO [pmatson@ircgov.com](mailto:pmatson@ircgov.com)  
Tad Diesel, Regional Greenways and Trails Task Force [tadiesel@outlook.com](mailto:tadiesel@outlook.com)

Dear Ms. Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

I am an avid cyclist. I love living in Vero Beach, FL. I also spend some time in the Summer in Colorado. The town I visit has a connected bike/hike/horse trail that stretches over 75 miles. It is a big draw for both locals and visitors. The path is safe and well-maintained. It is a major lifestyle enhancement for all of the communities.

Sincerely,

Danette Dieffenbach

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Vero Beach, FL 32963

Cc: The Honorable Bob Solari, Commissioner, Indian River County [bsolari@ircgov.com](mailto:bsolari@ircgov.com)

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March 24, 2016

Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., M.S. 795  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is written in strong support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The East Coast Greenway is the single continuous segment within the Southeast Florida Greenways & Trails network, providing access to millions of residents and visitors to the region.

The Village of North Palm Beach is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. We are currently developing a Master Plan for our Village which will make our Village more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. This may include the narrowing of US 1 from six lanes to four lanes to allow for protected bike lanes.

The Village of North Palm Beach is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, we are willing to work with FDOT regarding a potential agreement for O & M.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

James P. Kelly, Esq.  
Village Manager

Cc: Kim Delaney, PhD., Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The ECG is one of seven short-listed regional trail systems eligible for the new SUN Trail funding. I would like you to support this. Thank you.

Nicolai L Hansen DC  
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Sharon LaPoint, President  
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March 23, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, South Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Parks and Recreation  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

Dear Ms. Small

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties.

Vero Cycling, Inc. is a 501C, non-profit. Our goals are: to promote cycling in Indian River County, to encourage all cyclists of all levels, to advocate for cycling-Related interests, to promote safe cycling, and to encourage respect among cyclists and non-cyclists.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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March 16, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
[Christine.Small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.Small@dep.state.fl.us)

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail, as authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This letter additionally follows the Potential Framework for Funding Selection found at [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN\\_Trail\\_Overview\\_11.4.15.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/SUNTrail/SUN_Trail_Overview_11.4.15.pdf).

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. SFRTA worked closely with the East Coast Greenway Alliance last November in the multi-county green mobility mega-event, WHEELS, and looks forward to a renewed collaboration in this new and exciting six-county endeavor.

In regards to promoting bicycle usage in the region, SFRTA has recently retrofitted three Tri-Rail coaches, converting them into bike cars for the growing demand the agency has experienced on the train system. The system also boasts one of the largest bicycle locker programs in the United States, with a high usage level, including being at-capacity at several of our stations.

SFRTA continues to be devoted to multi-modal regional transportation efforts as represented by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack L. Stephens".

Jack L. Stephens  
Executive Director



March 24, 2016

To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

I am pleased to write in support of the selection of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region as a six-county Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail for the region including Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. This project is a key priority for Southeast Florida, and advances the goals of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and implementation of the *Seven50: SE Florida Prosperity Plan*. (<http://seven50report.org/>)

In October 2010, with the assistance of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a seven-county partnership of Indian River through Monroe counties, was awarded a \$4.25 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Over the course of the three-year grant, these resources were matched by more than \$2 million in local contributions from Partnership members. These resources were used to develop the *Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan*. This Prosperity Plan reflects regional agreement around priority investments in key areas of importance to Southeast Florida's future. In its Prosperity Plan, the Partnership has identified key regional initiatives that will enhance economic development and competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and communities through a focus on broad-based inclusion and access to opportunity. Broadly stated, these initiatives are focused on issues related to Everglades and waterways; balanced mobility (transportation); climate preparedness and resilience; education and workforce; and economic competitiveness and opportunity.

Southeast Florida's population is expected to grow from 6.1 million residents in 2010 to more than 9 million residents by 2060; a 32% increase in population. It is very important to create opportunities for green space, recreation, and alternative transportation options while accommodating projected regional growth. Moving this project forward now will help ensure that future generations of Floridians will have the opportunity to enjoy a cleaner environment, open space, recreation, healthier communities and lifestyles, and enhanced quality of life. All of these factors contribute to a more productive workforce and vibrant economy.

The Council strongly supports good public policy and investments that will increase transportation alternatives and create opportunities for healthy living, recreation, open and green space, and job creation. We are committed to supporting state, regional, and community stakeholders to move the Sun Trail initiative forward in Southeast Florida. Please let me know how we can be of assistance. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and for your service to our great state.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Isabel Cosio Carballo".

Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA  
Executive Director



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March 28, 2016

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Re: SUN Trail Funding Support

Dear Ms. Small:

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), FS. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

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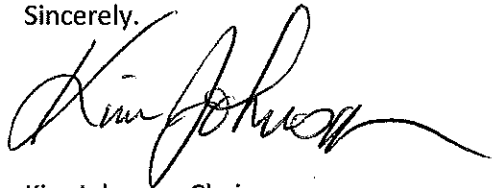
Furthermore it is the County's mission to provide service, infrastructure and leadership necessary to advance a comprehensive network of greenways and trails that provide health, walkability, and passive recreation, a sustainable community, maintain a high quality of life, promote eco-tourism, and protect the natural environment for all our citizens.

On July 24, 2001, the County adopted the St. Lucie County Greenways, Trails and Bikeways Preliminary Master Plan with Resolution No. 01-123, demonstrating a commitment to providing for the health, walkability and passive recreation in the County.

Recently, SLC established a Greenways & Trails Taskforce made up of area agencies, local governments and trail and health advocates to ensure the proper implementation of the Master Plan, as well in association with our partners in the City of Ft Pierce and the City of Pt St Lucie several sections of the EGC (approx. 3 miles) have recently been completed and have been submitted to the East Coast Greenway Alliance for designation.

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Sincerely,

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Kim Johnson, Chairman  
St Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
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RE: SUN Trail Funding of the East Coast Greenway, Southeast Region

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As Director of the St. Lucie County Planning and Development Services Department and a member of Transportation Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), I know firsthand how vital greenways and trails are to the overall transportation network. Providing these trail networks improves safe transportation alternatives which ultimately facilitate community health, jobs, recreation and tourism. The legislature acknowledged the important role of nonmotorized transportation as evidenced in FSS 339.81 Florida SUN Trail.

St. Lucie County is committed to seeing our section of the trail satisfy the criteria for funding eligibility, and as such we are a part of the working group of government agencies and other not-for-profits that are collaborating to achieve program-readiness for the entire six-county system by 2020. I will continue to advocate for the completion of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region. Please contact me if I can further assist with this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Olson", is written over the typed name and title.

Leslie Olson, AICP  
Director, Planning and Development Services

Cc: Chuck Barrowclough, Environmental Lands Coordinator  
Mark Satterlee, AICP, Deputy County Administrator



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SUN Trail support letter from nonprofits

March 23, 2016

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St. Lucie County is deeply engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable, and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation, and visitor benefits. We have a section of EGC in Savannahs Recreation Area that we're working to have designated by the ECGA. I am currently working with the municipalities, support organizations, and others. Thus far, we have letters of support from Sheriff Mascara, TPO, BPAC, IRC/MPO, Martin/MPO, Airbourne Mountain Bike Club, Bike & Walk of Indian River County, Main Street Ft. Pierce, PLS, Ft. Pierce, City of Stuart, Captec Engineering, Banov Architects, Friends of JDSP, Club Scrub, and a number of Individuals.

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Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,



Edward R. Matthews  
Director: Parks, Recreation & Facilities





February 26, 2016

Christine Small  
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Michael J. Busha, AICP  
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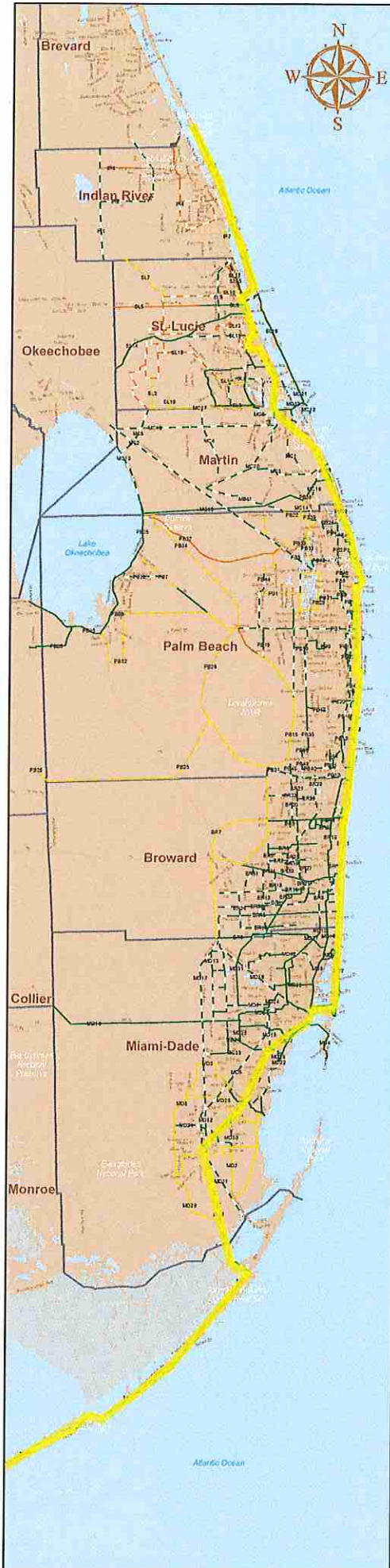
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March 16, 2016

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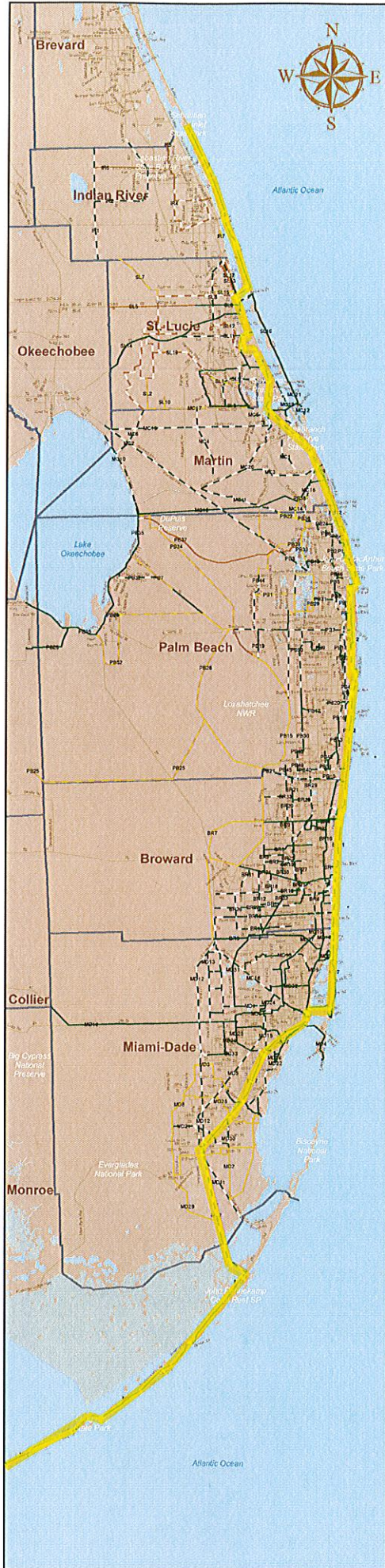
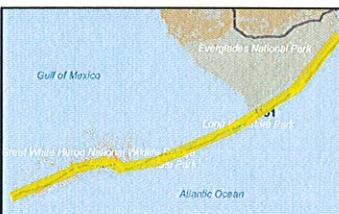
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- BR24, SR 84 / New River Greenway
- BR25, Sunset Strip
- BR26, SW 172nd Ave
- BR27, SW 39th Ave
- BR28, Tradewinds
- BR29, Turnpike Trail
- BR30, University Dr
- BR31, Vista View
- BR32, Waldrep
- BR33, Wiles Rd

### Miami-Dade County

- MD1, Beacon
- MD2, Biscayne-Everglades Greenway
- MD3, Black Creek Trail
- MD4, Commodore
- MD5, CSX Corridor
- MD6, East-West
- MD7, East Coast Greenway**
- MD8, Flagler
- MD9, Gold Coast
- MD10, Keys Trail
- MD11, Krome Trail
- MD12, Lake Belt
- MD13, Lehman Link
- MD14, Ludlum / Perimeter
- MD15, Memorial
- MD16, Merrick
- MD17, Miami River
- MD18, Micoosukee Link / River of Grass
- MD19, Miller Link
- MD20, Mowry Trail
- MD21, Old Cutler Road
- MD22, Oleta Link
- MD23, Perimeter
- MD24, Princeton Trail
- MD25, Red Road Linear Park
- MD26, Snake Creek
- MD27, Snapper Creek
- MD28, Southern Glades Trail
- MD29, Tallahassee Connector
- MD30, Turpple
- MD31, Unity
- MD32, W. Kendall

### Monroe County

- MO1, Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail / East Coast Greenway**



This information was compiled from state and local agencies including Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Trail Association, St. Johns River Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District, Indian River County, St. Lucie County, Martin County MPO, Palm Beach MPO, Broward County, Miami-Dade County and Monroe County.





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March 24, 2016

Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., M.S. 795  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

To the Florida Greenways and Trails Council:

This letter is written in support of the East Coast Greenway Southeast Region selection as a six-county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065(4), F.S. The region includes Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The East Coast Greenway is the single continuous segment within the Southeast Florida Greenways & Trails network, providing access to millions of residents and visitors to the region.

The Town of Lantana is engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits and is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program and invested in our jurisdiction, we will assume responsibility for future operational and maintenance costs related to those segments and address as part of the local budget process.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

David J. Stewart  
Mayor





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METROPOLITAN  
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Broward **MPO**  
Metropolitan Planning Organization



**SEFTC**  
Southeast Florida  
Transportation Council

March 24, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Re: East Coast Greenway Southeast Region

Dear Ms. Small,

This letter is in support of the East Coast Greenway (Southeast) selection as a six county Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail authorized by 2014 Trail Legislation: 335.065 (4). This proposed continuous trail would run from southern Miami-Dade County north through Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties, and would provide tremendous benefits to both residents and visitors in Southeast Florida. This letter follows our review of the Potential Framework for Funding Selection as part of the FDOT Sun Trail Overview Document.

The East Coast Greenway is an essential component of the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPO's future transportation plans and continues to provide multimodal mobility for the region's residents and visitors. Funding is needed to construct the remaining portions of this world-class greenway facility. With projects in all phases of development (from planning to construction), the Sun Trail funding program offers a unique opportunity to build upon the existing work currently underway in the Southeast Florida region. Sections of the greenway are already funded (in various phases) as part of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for all three MPOs, including the following projects:

Miami-Dade

**FM# 4367481** – MIAMI BEACH PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAY

**FM# 4355011** – THE UNDERLINE/M-PATH/BRICKELL BACKYARD PROJECT

Broward

**FM# 4312041** – SR-A1A FROM SR-816/OAKLAND PARK TO FLAMINGO AVE. (BIKE PATH/TRAIL) \*Under Construction\*

**FM# 4377861** – EL MAR DRIVE FROM FLAMINGO AVE. TO PINE AVE. (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK)  
\*Multipurpose Path\*

**FM# 4378511** - SR-A1A/DANIA BEACH BOULEVARD/OCEAN DRIVE FROM SR-5/US-1 TO SR-A1A (BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK) \*Multipurpose Path\*

**FM# 4323231** – SR-A1A/S OCEAN DR FROM MONROE STREET TO SHERIDAN STREET (SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT)

Palm Beach

**FM# 4276531** – A1A FROM US 1 TO INDIANTOWN ROAD- SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

**FM# 2297444** – US 1 FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO SILVER BEACH ROAD- PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING

**FM# 4190131** – SR 80 FROM FLAGLER DRIVE TO A1A- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TO INCLUDE GREENWAY FACILITIES

The Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPO's have been working together since 2014 to advance the East Coast Greenway as a way of providing greater connectivity in Southeast Florida and promoting tourism and economic development in the region. The three MPOs meet regularly to discuss project opportunities, funding options, and public outreach to move forward towards completing this world class greenway facility. In alliance through the Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Council, the MPO's have collectively identified the East Coast Greenway as a priority trail in the Regional 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Additionally, the MPO's are coordinating locally with each of their partner municipalities to identify opportunities to close existing local gaps along the East Coast Greenway and are taking advantage of these partnerships to continue funding regional gaps.

The three Southeast Florida MPO's will continue to work in partnership to complete the East Coast Greenway in accordance with the vision. In order to bring this vision to fruition and to continue expediting projects, the region would request that the Office of Greenways and Trails consider the East Coast Greenway for priority funding as part of its recommendation to the Florida Department of Transportation. Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,



Aileen Bouclé  
Executive Director  
Miami-Dade MPO



Gregory Stuart  
Executive Director  
Broward MPO



Nick Uhren  
Executive Director  
Palm Beach MPO

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March 20, 2016

Ms. Christine Small, Southeast Regional Coordinator  
Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Via eMail: [Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Christine.small@dep.state.fl.us)

Dear Ms. Small,

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I write in my capacity as a board member of Bike Walk Indian River County, an avid bicyclist that would regularly use the trail and a small developer that supports actions like this that can make our region more supportive of safe exercise and outdoor activities.

I support the connection of a bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting the six counties to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to the area. This will provide a safe and exciting way to tour the area and encourage a more active life style.

Respectfully,



David Ederer

Cc: The Honorable Bob Solari, Commissioner, Indian River County [bsolari@ircgov.com](mailto:bsolari@ircgov.com)  
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*"THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE UNDER THE SUN"*

March 24, 2016

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Florida Office of Greenways and Trails  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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The Village of North Palm Beach is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. We are currently developing a Master Plan for our Village which will make our Village more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. This may include the narrowing of US 1 from six lanes to four lanes to allow for protected bike lanes.

The Village of North Palm Beach is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, we are willing to work with FDOT regarding a potential agreement for O & M.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

James P. Kelly, Esq.  
Village Manager

Cc: Kim Delaney, PhD., Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

# Village of Tequesta

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March 25, 2016

Christine Small, Southeast Region Coordinator  
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Division of Recreation and Parks  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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The Village of Tequesta is highly engaged in advancing safe, efficient, affordable and socially equitable transportation for health, job, recreation and visitor benefits. The Village of Tequesta recently completed a community wide master plan focused on Complete Streets and mobility. That plan concluded with a lane elimination project on U.S. Highway 1, from County Line Road to State Road A1A, which is fully funded and will be under construction in 2017. This project will transform the 1.3-mile corridor and add buffered bicycle lanes, eight-foot multi-use paths, pedestrian scale lighting, landscaping, and complement the East Coast Greenway. It will also provide enhanced pedestrian/bicycle connections to the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA), the nationally designated Historic Jupiter Lighthouse, and the Village's mixed-use commercial center.

The Village of Tequesta is committed to supporting this critical investment in our greenways and trails network. Further, for any East Coast Greenway segments funded through the SUN Trail program in our jurisdiction, The Village of Tequesta will assume responsibility for operational and maintenance costs related to those segments and address as part of the local budget process.

Please advise how we can further assist with this nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Couzzo, Jr.  
Village Manager

MC/dt

Vice-Mayor Vince Arena  
Council Member Steve Okun

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Village Manager Michael Couzzo

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HELLO SUNNY

Mr. Billy Hattaway  
District Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1249  
Bartow, FL 33831-1249

Dear Secretary Hattaway:

The Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County area welcomed 14.3 million visitors, spending over \$11.4 billion dollars in 2014. For every 85 visitors a new tourism job is supported. Today, there are over 163,000 Broward County residents with full time employment in the hospitality industry.

The FDOT can provide important marketing assistance to cyclists throughout the South Florida area by allowing the posting of East Coast Greenway signs at intervals along its routes through Broward County and the additional 12 counties of the Florida Greenway Route. These signs are vital because in addition to enhancing the safety of cyclists, they convey that cyclists are welcome in Florida. Broward County has formed a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee which has produced a Bicycle Suitability Map that is intended to serve as a reference for bicycling in Broward County. Whether you're biking for exercise and health, for recreation, or, more and more commonly these days, to commute, safety is of utmost importance.

On behalf of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Broward County Tourist Development Council, which voted unanimously to send this communication to you, we urge the FDOT to permit the installation of signs along the East Coast Greenway Route.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,



Nicki E. Grossman  
President/CEO





April 23, 2015

Mr. Billy Hattaway, Secretary  
Florida Dept. of Transportation, District 1  
[Billy.hattaway@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Billy.hattaway@dot.state.fl.us)  
P.O. Box 1249  
Bartow, FL 33831-1249

Dear Secretary Hattaway:

The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce is the designated tourism promotion and marketing arm of Indian River County government. Indian River County has an enthusiastic biking community and roadways that are amenable to cyclists. The Chamber supports signage for the East Coast Greenway at intervals along its route including through Indian River County as part of the Florida Greenway Route.

Signage programs for the East Coast Greenway are now in place in 14 Greenway states north of Florida to Maine. The signs are important to cyclist safety but also will be a means of letting the public know that Florida is part of the national trail system for the cycling community.

With an advent of more tourists and our county seeing more eco-tourists, we believe bicycle tourism is the next step in eco-healthy vacations. While no studies have been done on cycling in our individual county, there are studies and indicators on the Adventure Cycling Association [website](http://www.adventurecycling.com) ([www.adventurecycling.com](http://www.adventurecycling.com)) most particular one study on cycling trails from [Orange County Florida](http://www.adventurecycling.org/default/assets/File/USBRS/Research/Economic%20impact%20-%20FL%20Orange%20County%20Trail%205-11.pdf) (<http://www.adventurecycling.org/default/assets/File/USBRS/Research/Economic%20impact%20-%20FL%20Orange%20County%20Trail%205-11.pdf>) noting the economic impact of cyclists on the tourism industry.

We urge Florida D.O.T. to permit and move forward with the installation of signs along our coastline and help us welcome our cycling public to Florida!

Sincerely,

Penny Chandler  
President  
Indian River County Chamber of Commerce

Allison McNeal  
Tourism Director



# MARTIN COUNTY

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March 24, 2015

Mr. Billy Hattaway, Secretary  
Florida Department of Transportation District 1  
[billy.hattaway@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:billy.hattaway@dot.state.fl.us)  
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Bartow, FL 33831-1249

Dear Secretary Hattaway:

Strategically located on Florida's East Coast, Martin County is part of the Treasure Coast. A real Florida treasure that celebrates small town life and that hard to find old Florida feel. Martin County boasts a natural landscape from ocean to river, to the lake and everything in between.

When it comes to tourism, Martin County has approximately 1364 hotel/motel rooms and about 282,500 visitors each year with almost 70% coming from other areas of Florida. There are several distinct areas within the county, each having a special draw and offering unique, authentic experiences. One thing that makes Martin County unique is the dedication to the environment, making it a perfect eco-tourism destination and a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.

One growth trending in tourism is "Bike Tourism", a 2012 report by Advocacy Advantage details research that supports the benefits of "Bike Tourism". Cyclists, like other forms of travelers, require lodging. But, in addition, because bicycling is a physical activity, cycle tourists require food and drink. Research has shown that bicyclists also tend to spend more nights in an area compared to non-cycling visitors. This data is a very appealing to destination marketing organizations as it translates to "heads in beds" which will help to increase and sustain our promotional efforts.

The East Coast Greenway links together locally owned and managed trails into a continuous route. Signage programs are now in place through most of the 14 Greenway states north of Florida to Maine. These signs are important for more than cyclists' safety. Signs also allow us to promote our beautiful natural resources to this important demographic.

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<http://www.martin.fl.us>

A developed East Coast Greenway addresses many of today's challenges including: rising health costs, pollution, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and sustainable economic growth. We encourage FDOT to join with the numerous counties in Florida that support these efforts by installing signs along the East Coast Greenway route.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Fielding', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Fielding  
Chairman

EF/tp

cc: Honorable Board of County Commissioners



August 12, 2015



Mr. Billy Hattaway, Secretary  
FDOT District 1  
801 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, Florida 33830-3809

Dear Secretary Hattaway:

The Palm Beaches is experiencing remarkable growth in its tourism assets, including a number of new hotel, retail and entertainment projects underway throughout The Palm Beaches. County data shows that 805 new rooms were added in 2014 and 2015 with nearly 1,000 more rooms in development for 2016.

This expansion of infrastructure is a direct result of growing consumer demand that also creates local jobs for the development, construction and operation of these facilities.

The record-high 6.3 million visitors to The Palm Beaches in 2014 generated a \$7.3 billion economic impact on the destination, and supported 63,000 jobs. As a leading economic sector, tourism accounts for one job for every 100 visitors to The Palm Beaches, with each visitor directly spending an average of \$768 and bringing a total of \$1,175 in economic impact. These visitors rely on our roads, which suggests the value of this initiative and its importance for FDOT and the public.

Among visitors, The Palm Beaches are seeing an increasing number, who ride bicycles during their stays. Favored destinations include sections of the East Coast Greenway through Jupiter, along Lake Worth through downtown West Palm Beach, and alongside-paths in our beach towns, and along new designated trails through the City of Boca Raton or the famous Lake Trail in Palm Beach.

FDOT can provide important assistance for touring cyclists by allowing the posting of East Coast Greenway way-finding signs at intervals along its route through The Palm Beaches and through the 12 additional counties of its Florida route. Such signage programs are now in place through most of the 14 Greenway states north of Florida to Maine. These signs are important for more than cyclists' safety. These signs inform cyclists, that Florida is part of a national trail system which generates word-of-mouth marketing to the cycling world. Cyclists know they're welcome in Florida by information provided from cycling pages on the VISIT FLORIDA website, a comprehensive trail website under compilation by the Department of Environmental Protection, and from Florida pages at [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org).

Discover The Palm Beaches wholeheartedly urges FDOT to permit the installation of signs along the East Coast Greenway route. Many co-partners will work with FDOT and the Florida Legislature to help fund these signs, their posting and maintenance, including county government offices, tourism authorities such as ours, foundations and the private sector.

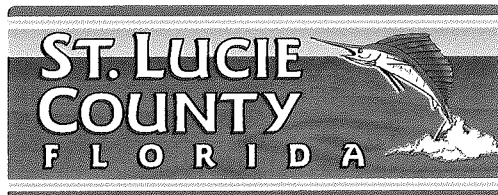
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jorge Pesquera".

Jorge Pesquera  
President & CEO  
Discover The Palm Beaches

The Official Tourism Marketing Corporation for Palm Beach County

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CHRIS DZADOVSKY

COMMISSIONER

June 19, 2015

Mr. Billy Hattaway, Secretary  
District One  
Florida Department of Transportation  
801 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, Florida 33830-3809

Dear Secretary Hattaway:

For the year 2014, St. Lucie County had an inventory of 4,934 hotel, motel, RV sites and condo rentals, which facilities generated \$3 million in room taxes. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Report of October 2, 2013, hospitality and leisure jobs account for 13.4 percent of the county work force.

Among visitors, the county sees an increasing number who arrive by bicycle and who, otherwise arriving by air and/or by car, ride bicycles during their stays. St. Lucie County constitutes a vital link for the East Coast Greenway along its Maine-Florida route. Data for the economic impacts of bicycle touring are summarized at <http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-routesystem/implement-a-us-bike-route/benefits-and-building-support/economic-impact/>.

Accordingly, St. Lucie County has invested in many ways to market to the bicycle touring market. The county in 2010 developed a Bicycling & Trails Master Plan. It has built almost five north-south miles of its proposed network to AASHTO standards, which miles have been designated by the Greenway Alliance. The County Transportation Planning Organization has been first among the 13 counties of the Greenway through Florida to request that signs for the Greenway be posted along its entire route that traverses FDOT right of way. Indeed, the TPO is at work now with FDOT District 4 for permitting these signs.

FDOT can provide additional important assistance for touring cyclists by allowing the posting of East Coast Greenway way-finding signs at intervals along through its entire 13-county Florida route. Such signage programs are now in place through most of the 14 Greenway states north of Florida to Maine. These signs are important for more than cyclists' safety. They tell cyclists that Florida is part of a national trail system that generates word-of-mouth marketing to the cycling world. Cyclists know they're welcome in Florida. They find back-up from cycling pages on the VISIT FLORIDA website, from a comprehensive trails website under compilation by the Department of Environmental Protection, from Florida pages at [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org), and from [www.flgreenway.org](http://www.flgreenway.org).

Mr. Billy Hattaway  
June 19, 2015  
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The St. Lucie County Tourist Development Council urges FDOT to permit the installation of signs along the entire route of the East Coast Greenway. Co-partners will work with FDOT to help fund these signs, their posting and maintenance, including county government offices, tourism authorities such as ours, foundations and the private sector. The St. Lucie County Tourist Development Council welcomes FDOT's further leadership in facilitating this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Dzado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "D".

Chris Dzado, Chairman  
Tourist Development Council  
St. Lucie County Commissioner, District 1