PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE (PTSTF) MEETING AGENDA

October 10, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Pinellas County Emergency Services Center, Room 130
12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774
(Telephone: 727-582-2000)

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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5. **QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER**
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   - Pinellas Park
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   - Animal Services
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   - Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates
7. **REPORT ON MONTHLY TRAIL USER COUNT DATA**
8. **REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**
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- **NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES - IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORT TO SUSAN MILLER smiller@forwardpinellas.org, IF YOU WOULD PREFER, YOU CAN FAX THE REPORT TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY MPO at (727) 464-8212. THANK YOU.**

NEXT PTSTF MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2018

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Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – October 10, 2017

2. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2017

SUMMARY

The summary minutes of the July 18, 2017 Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting are attached.

ATTACHMENTS: Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Summary Minutes – July 18, 2017

ACTION: Approval of April Meeting Summary

PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
MEETING Summary
July 18, 2017

The following is a summary of the July 18, 2017 Forward Pinellas - Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting, which was held in the Pinellas County Public Safety Services Department, Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida 33774. This Committee meets at least quarterly during the year.

IN ATTENDANCE

Officer Ron Wolfson, Chairman	St. Petersburg Police Department & Volunteer Coordinator
Greg D'Amario	Pinellas County Risk Management
Officer Mike Christian	St. Petersburg Police Department
Officer John Ulrich	Tarpon Springs Police Department
Deputy Eric Gibson	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Deputy C. Yakes	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Deputy J. Short	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Craig Queen	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Carol Gray	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Chief Ranger
Michael Fritz	Belleair Police Department
Selena Hyppolite	Clearwater Police Department
Caroline Lanford	Pinellas County Planning
Cheryl Stacks	City of St. Petersburg Transportation and Parking
Alex Henry	FDOT District 7 Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Specialist
Commissioner John Tornga	Forward Pinellas Board (Dunedin)
Brentin Mosher	CUTR-USF
Rodney Chatman	Forward Pinellas staff
Susan J. Miller	Forward Pinellas staff
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas staff

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
   Chairman Ronald Wolfson, St. Petersburg Police Officer, called the meeting to order at 9 o'clock a.m. Self-introductions were provided.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – April 11, 2017**
   The summary from the April 11, 2017 meeting was approved as provided in the agenda packet.

3. **RIBBON CUTTING EVENT**
   Ms. Susan Miller shared an invite to all the committee members for the opening of Florida's Coast to Coast Trail section in Pinellas County, on July 20th at 9:30am on the SE corner of East Lake Road and Keystone Road.

4. **PRESENTATION: BIKE/WALK TAMPA BAY**
   Mr. Brentin Mosher with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) gave a presentation to the committee on Bike/Walk Tampa Bay. Their goal is to reach the at-risk pedestrian and bikers with some on the street education about pedestrian and bike safety and to provide information to neighborhoods and communities about the importance of walking and bicycle safety. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

5. A. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER

Chief Ranger Carol Gray, Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR), reported continued clean-up activity of transient camp areas. The Rangers continue to address illegal dumping issues. There were approximately six incidents since the last meeting with a thank you to Officer Christian for his help with resolving a code enforcement issue. In addressing the law enforcement agencies, Ranger Gray asked for clarification on whether the Rangers should be dealing directly with jurisdictional code enforcement divisions for illegal issues and received good directional feedback. The Rangers are continuing to work on alcohol and littering issues north of Drew and south of Myrtle, in an area adjacent to *the refuge* where the homeless seem to hang out and consume alcohol. The Rangers are working with the City of Clearwater Police Department, and were able to address several alcohol and littering incidents. The park staff cleared out a lot of vegetation and opened an area for better visibility of the park and posted no alcohol signs. This seem to have cut down on the illegal activity in this area, and the Rangers thanked the Clearwater Police Department. Posting no trespassing signs in the US19 underpass seems to have helped in curtailing after hour's activity in the underpass. The department is currently working with the attorney's office for citation training. Currently, they have been able to issue fee violation citations for beach access and boat ramps, but are working on the ability to issue code violation citations. Law enforcement officers at the meeting reminded Ranger Gray to be careful when handling trash pickup in the event of drug paraphernalia. Ranger Gray assured them they have the proper equipment to protect themselves. Ranger Gray also reported damage to one of the bike repair stations within the City of Seminole. The damage appears to be a result of vandalism.

B. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS

Ms. Miller updated the committee on the trail counts for March, April and May. A copy of the trail count reports was included in the agenda packet. There was one request to make note of any special events during the report period to explain any spikes in usage.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Gibson reported calls are down on the trail and reported three traffic violations in Dunedin where the drivers were issued warnings. They will continue with security patrols after dark.

B. Belleair

Officer Michael Fritz had nothing to report for the Belleair Police Department.

C. Clearwater

Clearwater Officer Selena Hyppolite reported two calls, one stolen vehicle and one drug arrest.

D. Gulfport

No report was provided from the Gulfport Police Department.

E. Largo

Ms. Miller will reach out to the Largo Police Department and share any reports received. Mr. Mosher with Bike/Walk reported they just provided the Largo Police Department with cling

stickers to put on the back window of the squad cars to remind motorists to give 3-feet when passing a bicyclist in the bike lane.

F. Pinellas Park

No report was provided from the Pinellas Park Police Department.

G. St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Police Officer Mike Christian provided an update stating 3 armed robberies. May 22nd, 58th Street S & the trail; May 27th, 9th Avenue & the trail; June 17th, 31st Street S & the trail. One arrest.

H. Tarpon Springs

Officer John Ulrich reported one incident of a bicyclist hit by a vehicle at Curlew Place and the trail. Bicyclist suffered neck injury.

I. Animal Services

No report was provided by Pinellas County Animal Services. Ms. Miller to reach out for a representative.

J. Public Safety Services

Mr. Craig Queen, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration, provided an updated report. There were eight trail related incidents. One call was cancelled.

K. Pinellas County Risk Management

Mr. Greg D'Amario, attending for Risk Management Specialist James Abaka, stated there is nothing to report.

L. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates

Chairman Wolfson provided a brief update on volunteers. Volunteers continuing to train on the electric carts, he is currently working on getting all volunteers certified. Ranger Gray added that the Auxiliary Rangers continue to do good work on the trail. She appreciates the dedication the volunteers have to the parks and trails. Four long term volunteers will move to the Chesnut Park area for the opening of the Coast to Coast trail.

7. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Ms. Miller reviewed the Trail Construction Activity report with the Security Task Force. The Duke Energy Trail between Sunset Point and the Enterprise overpass has been completed. Phase II, the gap from NE Coachman Road to Sunset Point Road is currently in the design/construction phase scheduled for FY17/18. Haines Bayshore Road to Ulmerton Road, construction schedule is currently being planned, but unfunded for the Duke Energy Trail south gap. The Tri-County (Coast to Coast) Trail project that runs from Keystone Road at East Lake to Brooker Creek Preserve is now completed and the dedication will be held July 20th at 9:30 am. The Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass at Bayshore Boulevard, the design has been funded with SUNTrail funding. Bayway Trail South has been delayed pending design/build dates for the St. Petersburg Seawall project and the Tierra Verde Bridge project. Roosevelt Blvd Trail is almost completed pending some landscaping but still scheduled to open Summer 2017. Treasure Island Causeway Connection is under construction and should be completed by the end of the year. Pinellas Trail Erosion Control/Repair/Maintenance: Elfers Spur has been completed and now opened. For the Orange Street overpass at Alternate 19,

the spans will be replaced with most of the work done at night. This project is out for bids. Preliminary design plans to incorporate trail and bike/ped connections are being planned for the Lake Tarpon/Outfall Canal connection and the San Martin Riviera Bay connection. The gap in Druid Trail Phase IV, from Betty Lane to the Duke Energy Trail is out for bids. In Dunedin, the Northern Route /Michigan Trail is scheduled for construction in FY 17/18. The Oldsmar Trail is a network of 5 or 6 trails that connect the parks and other recreational areas in Oldsmar. Construction is scheduled for FY 18/19. The segment from Enterprise Road to Chesnut Park has been funded. Currently in a design/build phase. The county has received proposals which are being evaluated. This project should be coming on line in the next several months.

8. REPORT ON TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Ranger Gray shared that the mile markers on the trail have been replaced with numbered stencils from Demens Landing to Safford Avenue in Tarpon Springs.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Wolfson requested all agendas to be electronic and if possible to go out more than 7 days in advance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am. The next PTSTF meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2017.

Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – October 10, 2017

3. Election of 2018 Chairman

SUMMARY

Ron Wolfson has served as the Chairman of the Security Task Force for the last several years. He has indicated that he would be willing to continue to chair the meetings for the 2018 calendar year.

At this time, others are welcome to submit their names for nomination. Elections will follow.

ATTACHMENTS: None

ACTION: Nominate and Elect PTSTF Chairman for 2018

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4. Pinellas County Department Risk Management

SUMMARY

Risk Management protects Pinellas County against accidental financial loss by taking steps to develop, manage and secure our most valuable assets in accordance with statutes, ordinances, and laws. They also provide quality services and support to all citizens while providing a safe and healthy environment.

Risk Management administers the following programs for Pinellas County, Board of County Commissioners:

- Auto Liability
- General Liability
- Workers Compensation
- Commercial Insurance
- Safety & Loss Control

Please welcome Ms. Virginia Holscher, Bureau Director of Pinellas County Risk Management as she presents an overview of Risk Management responsibilities to the Security Task Force.

ATTACHMENTS: None

ACTION: Informational Only

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7. Report on Monthly Trail User Count Data

SUMMARY

This item will include the monthly data summary report for the automatic trail counters along the Pinellas Trail.

ATTACHMENT: Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary Reports, June 2017, July 2017 and August 2017

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
June 1 – June 30, 2017 (30 days)

FORWARD PINELLAS
Integrating Land Use & Transportation

Total Usage

30-Day Count Total: 91,299
Daily Average Users: 3,043

Highest Daily Totals:

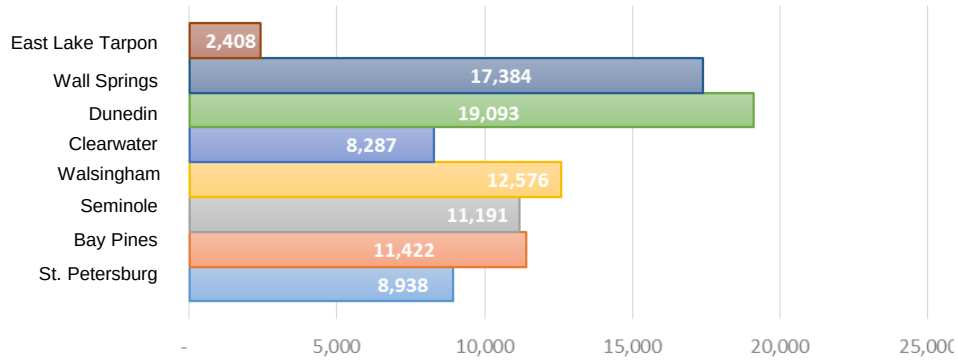
#1 – Saturday, June 24th (Dunedin - 1,275)

#2 - Tuesday, June 27th (Walsingham - 1,248)

#3 - Sunday, June 25th (Wall Springs - 1,170)

Note: Dunedin Counts Estimated Only

Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



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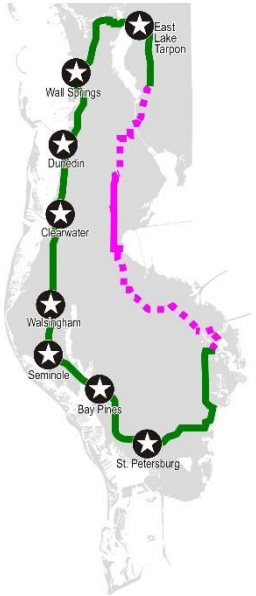

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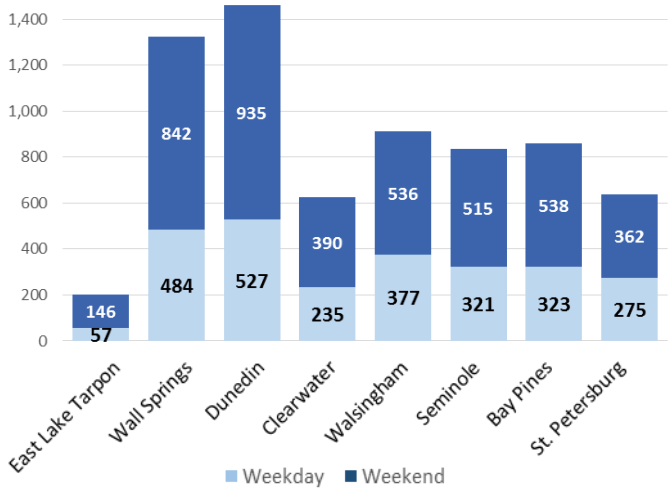


Trail User Mode Split

East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Wall Springs:	21%	79%
Dunedin:	4%	96%
Clearwater:	13%	87%
Walsingham:	25%	75%
Seminole:	9%	91%
Bay Pines:	25%	75%
St. Petersburg:	9%	91%

Source: Forward Pinellas June 2017

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
July 1 – July 31, 2017 (31 days)

FORWARD PINELLAS
Integrating Land Use & Transportation

Total Usage

31-Day Count Total: 103,694
Daily Average Users: 3,345

Highest Daily Totals:

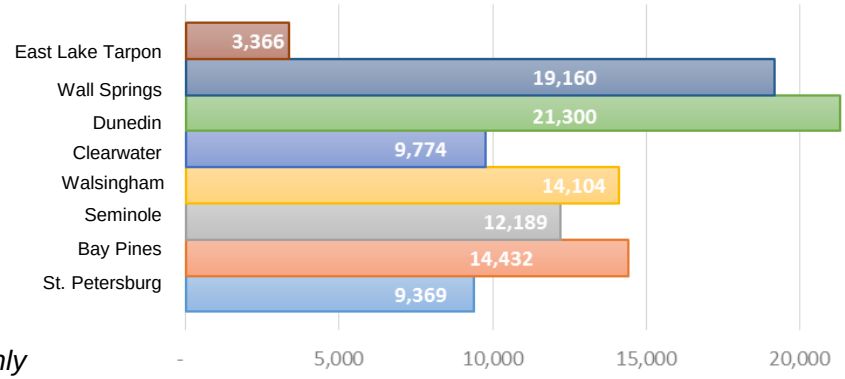
#1 – Tuesday, July 4th (Dunedin - 1,193)

#2 – Sunday, July 16th (Wall Springs - 1,052)

#3 – Sunday, July 16th (Bay Pines - 743)

***Note**: Dunedin, Walsingham & Bay Pines Counts are Estimates Only*

Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



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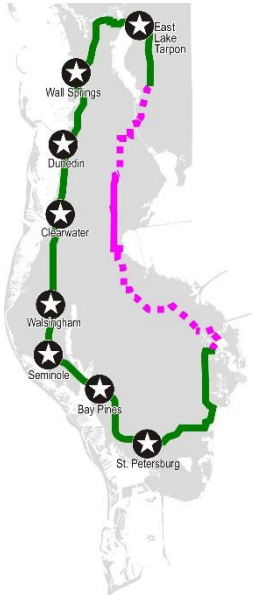

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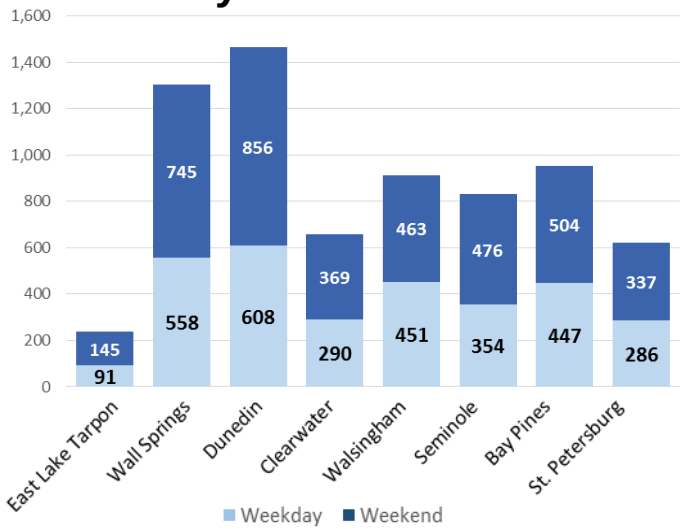


Trail User Mode Split

East Lake Tarpon:	2%	98%
Wall Springs:	17%	83%
Dunedin:	4%	96%
Clearwater:	17%	83%
Walsingham:	24%	76%
Seminole:	4%	96%
Bay Pines:	44%	56%
St. Petersburg:	6%	94%

Source: Forward Pinellas July 2017

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
August 1 – August 31, 2017 (31 days)

FORWARD PINELLAS
Integrating Land Use & Transportation

Total Usage

31-Day Count Total: NA
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

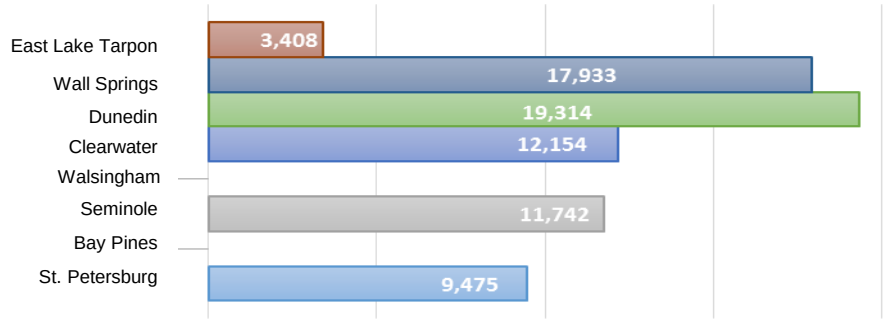
#1 – Saturday, August 19th (Dunedin - 1,180)

#2 – Saturday, August 5th (Wall Springs - 932)

#3 – Sunday, August 20th (Clearwater - 638)

***Note**: Dunedin ped counts are estimates only; Walsingham & Bay Pines counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.*

Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



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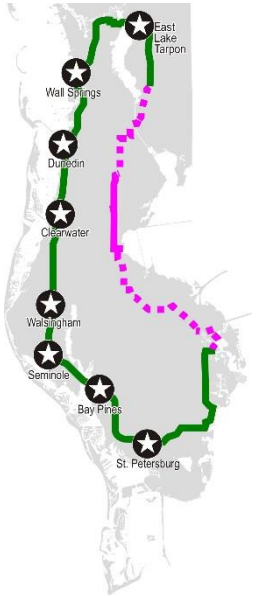

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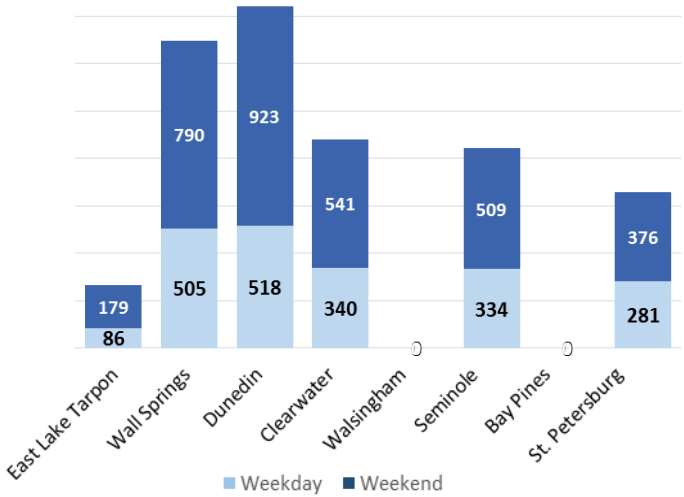

Trail User Mode Split

East Lake Tarpon:	1%	99%
Wall Springs:	20%	80%
Dunedin:	4%	96%
Clearwater:	38%	62%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	2%	98%
Bay Pines:	NA	NA
St. Petersburg:	5%	95%

Source: Forward Pinellas August 2017

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8. Report on Trail Construction Activity

SUMMARY

This item will include a review of the ongoing and planned Trail construction activity.

ATTACHMENT: Trail Project Construction Activity Report October 2017

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item

Trail Project Construction Activity Report
OCTOBER 2017

TRAIL SEGMENT	LOCATION FROM	LOCATION TO	PROJECT MANAGER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Duke Energy Florida Trail - Segment B2	Phase II: SR 590/Old Coachman Rd	Sunset Point Rd	Pinellas County	SR 590/Old Coachman Rd to Sunset Point Rd	**Construction 2018**
Duke Energy Florida Trail - Segment C	Haines Bayshore Rd	Ulmerton Rd/ Cross Bayou Canal	Pinellas County	Construct Trail connection to existing underpass at Ulmerton Rd/Cross Bayou Canal	**Design/Construction TBD**
Tri-County Trail Project - Coast-to-Coast Trail	Keystone Rd / East Lake Rd Intersection	Brooker Creek Preserve / Pinellas-Pasco County Line	FDOT SUN Trail	Tri-County Trail Study approved by Pinellas & Pasco MPOs in December 2013.	**RIBBON CUTTING July 20, 2017**
Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass	Bayshore Blvd	Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail	FDOT SUN Trail	Design/Construct Trail overpass at Bayshore Blvd	**SUN Trail Project Funded Design**
Pinellas Trail Loop Connection at NE Coachman Road	Ream Wilson Clw Trail at RR crossing	Duke Energy Trail on NE Coachman Road	Pinellas County	Construct trail from RRX to Duke Energy Corridor on north side of NE Coachman Road	**Construction 2018**
Pinellas Trail Loop Connection to Chesnut Sr. Park (North Gap)	Enterprise Rd / Overpass	John Chesnut Sr. Park *(2200 East Lake Rd)*	FDOT SUN Trail	Construct trail from Enterprise Rd and overpass to Chesnut Sr. Park	**SUN Trail Funded Design-Build Project**
Bayway Trail South & Tierra Verde Bridge Structure E	Pinellas Bayway SR 682	Tierra Verde Bridge	FDOT	Reconstruct Bridge with trail facility, Reconfigure Madonna Blvd/1st Street Intersection	**Design-Build FY 18/19**
Roosevelt Blvd Trail	West of 4th Street	28th Street	FDOT	Trail construction with roadway resurfacing project	**COMPLETED by mid-Oct 2017**
Treasure Island Causeway Connection	Treasure Island Cswy	Pinellas Trail	City of St. Petersburg	Construct Trail connection to Treasure Island	**Ph 1 Under Construction Estim. Completion May 2018**
Pinellas Trail - Maintenance	Orange Street Overpass at Alt US 19		Pinellas County	Replacement of overpass spans	**Construction 2018**
2 Bridge Connections for Pinellas Trail Loop	1 - Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal Connection 2 - San Martin / Riviera Bay Connection		Pinellas County	PINELLAS TRAIL LOOP ACCOMMODATIONS: 1 - Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal 2 - San Martin/Riviera Bay (PD&E Underway)	**PD&E Schedule TBD**
Druid Trail Phase IV	Glen Oaks Park (Betty Lane)	Duke Energy Trail	City of Clearwater	Construct to complete east-west connection for Pinellas Trail Loop	**Construction FY 17/18**
Michigan Trail Ph I & Ph II (Dunedin Northern Route)	Ph I: Bayshore Blvd Alt US 19	Community Art Center	City of Dunedin	Construct east-west community trail	**Phase I COMPLETE**
	Ph II: Community Art Center	Belcher Road		Construct east-west trail extension to athletic complex at Belcher	**Phase II Cancelled**
Oldsmar Trail	along Douglas Road from Racetrack Road	Tampa Road	City of Oldsmar	Oldsmar Trail connection along Douglas Road to Racetrack Road	**Construction FY 18/19**