



**PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
(PTSTF) MEETING AGENDA**

January 8, 2019 – 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2018**
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5. **QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER**
6. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS**
 - Sheriff's Office
 - Belleair
 - Clearwater
 - Gulfport
 - Largo
 - St. Petersburg
 - Tarpon Springs
 - Animal Services
 - Public Safety Services
 - Pinellas County Risk Management
 - 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 – APRIL 9, 2019

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Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – January 8, 2019

2. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2018



SUMMARY

The summary minutes of the October 9, 2018 Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting are attached.

ATTACHMENTS: Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Summary Minutes – October 9, 2018

ACTION: Approval of October Meeting Summary

PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
MEETING Summary
October 9, 2018

The following is a summary of the October 9, 2018 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. The Security Task Force meets at least quarterly during the year.

IN ATTENDANCE

Officer Ron Wolfson, Chairman	St. Petersburg Police Department & Volunteer Coordinator
Officer Gabrielle Berger	St. Petersburg Police Department
Officer John Ulrich	Tarpon Springs Police Department
Officer Raniel Heredia	Clearwater Police Department
Officer Michael Fritz	Belleair Police Department
Officer Duane Piper	Belleair Police Department
Officer V. Tran	Largo Police Department
Deputy Eric Gibson	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Lyle Fowler	Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources (PCR)
James Abaka	Pinellas County Risk Management
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Craig Queen	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Gary Brown	Pinellas County Animal Services
Byron Bozarth	Trail Ranger, Pinellas County PCR
Teresa Brydon	City of Largo Economic Development Manager
Katrina Gordon	City of Largo Planning
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 9:00 a.m. Self-introductions were provided.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – July 10, 2018

The summary from the July 10, 2018 meeting was approved, with no corrections.

3. PRESENTATION: LARGO TRAILHEAD PROJECT

Ms. Teresa Brydon, City of Largo Economic Development Manager, shared a presentation with the Security Task Force on the Largo West Bay Drive Trailhead Project. The West Bay Drive Trailhead project is designed to improve residential access to the Trail, add wayfinding and amenities. The project's primary objective is to establish new connectivity and access at three locations on the Pinellas Trail between Washington Avenue and 4th Avenue NW, while enhancing the overall aesthetics of the Pinellas Trail and surrounding amenities. The project includes new overpasses connections, a mid-block crossing, repair and rehabilitation of the existing infrastructure, landscaping, and new parking options. Large glass pillars will be placed on either side of the trail overpass at West Bay Drive. Ms. Katrina Gordon, City of Largo Planning, shared an update on the downtown Triangle Parcel at the intersection of Seminole Boulevard and West Bay Drive on the opposite side of Largo Central Park. The development of this triangular piece of property is intended to be a landmark feature to further establish the identity of downtown. The design includes a large internally lit Largo sign on the outside of a monument made of green wire screen with glass discs, lit

by LED's., meandering paths, bench seating and low-level walls that will not require railings. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

4. A. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER

Ranger Byron Bozarth, Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR), filling in for Chief Ranger Carol Gray, reported that on August 10th, PC Parks contacted the PCSO in reference to transient camps under the overpass at Alt. U.S. 19 and also underneath the U.S. 19 overpass. The St. Petersburg Police were contacted due to an intoxicated person at 5th Avenue. Several transient camps were reported in September.

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff Deputy Eric Gibson reported July 1st – September 31st, there were a couple of incidents on the trail that were specific to suspicious people. One directed patrol.

B. Belleair

Officer Michael Fritz had nothing to report for Belleair.

C. Clearwater

Officer Raniel Heredia reported 51 incidents but nothing specific to the Trail, other than directed patrols.

D. Gulfport

A crime analyst for Gulfport provided an email report with no trail incidents, only one found property report.

E. Largo

Officer V. Tran reported 11 calls for service from July through September. Two calls were for a suicidal subject, one traffic crash on the trail with a Park Ranger, and one gator call. The Security Task Force congratulated Officer Tran for receiving the Officer of Year Award from the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation.

F. St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Police Officer Gabrielle Berger reported 41 incidents, although none were directly related to the trail.

G. Tarpon Springs

Officer John Ulrich reported that on the 28th of August, an accident with a bicyclist at Curlew Place and the Pinellas Trail, and the bicyclist went to the hospital with minor injuries.

H. Animal Services

Mr. Gary Brown, Animal Services, reported a dog bite from a stray at 8th and West Bay Drive, Largo.

I. Public Safety Services

Mr. Craig Queen, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration, provided an updated report. 62 incidents reported. The trail points are being used correctly by the operators. No reports of incidents on the trail, just the trail markers were referenced.

J. Pinellas County Risk Management

Mr. James Abaka, Pinellas County Risk Management had nothing to report.

K. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates

Chair Wolfson stated that it is that time of the year to send the volunteers back out onto the trail in the golf carts, otherwise nothing to report. Lyle Fowler reported that a trail volunteer was involved in an altercation with a citizen currently being investigated by Risk Management. The volunteer was discharged.

6. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS

Ms. Miller briefly discussed the automatic counter reports included in the agenda packet for June, July and August 2018. Technical difficulties were reported for a couple of the counters and a technician has been sent to inspect the counters. The Trail Rangers have been very astute in watching out for these counters and reporting any incidents. Forward Pinellas will be conducting another trail survey for the spring 2019. The surveys are labor intensive, so volunteers will be needed.

7. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Ms. Miller reviewed the Trail Construction Activity report with the PTSTF. She noted the active links on the electronic agenda that have been added to provide additional project information. The North Gap and the South Gap for the Duke Energy Trail: The North Gap is in design/build phase and construction is underway and will be completed in 2020. There will be an open house/public forum in November. The South Gap, from Belleair Road as it crosses US 19 to Haynes Bayshore, then Haynes Bayshore to Ulmerton Road, will connect to the North Bay Trail. The 10-foot sidewalk on Haynes Bayshore that is a part of the trail has been completed. Ms. Joan Rice, Public Works, said they have applied for SUN Trail funding for some areas while they investigate right-of-way ownership in other areas and continue meeting with Duke Energy. The Pinellas Trail Loop connection at NE Coachman/Old Coachman Road and the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail is scheduled for construction in 2018, to be completed by end of 2019, and the bridge will be replaced. The San Martin Trail, which connects the North Bay Trail with the Loop, includes a bridge which is currently part of the PD&E study. The design of the Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass at Bayshore Boulevard has been funded under the SUN Trail program, with construction scheduled in 2023. FDOT recently shared the preferred design with the Forward Pinellas committees and will attempt to move this project up in the Work Program. The Orange Street Overpass must go through more FDOT inspections before the bridge spans can be replaced. Design for the Harn Boulevard Overpass is underway with construction scheduled for 2020/21. The Bayway Trail South will be constructed with the Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement. The City of St. Petersburg has been coordinating the Treasure Island Causeway Trail projects to connect the Pinellas Trail to Gulf Boulevard and the beaches. Trail facilities do exist on the bridges, and St. Petersburg is looking for a safer way through the residential areas between the bridges. The last phase of the Druid Trail, Glen Oaks Park to the Duke Energy Trail is currently under construction, and looking good. The Druid Trail heads west, across the Memorial Causeway Bridge, and out to Clearwater Beach and BeachWalk. The Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension, which will meander through the state park, is currently under construction. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) helped fund this separate bike path, and this project is expected to enhance the already popular local asset. The design of the Oldsmar Trail, Phase 6 is underway with construction scheduled for 2019, funded through Penny for Pinellas.

8. REPORT ON TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Pinellas Trails, Inc. has a meeting scheduled for Monday, December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. at the Largo Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rice announced that the Elfers Spur will be closed from October 15th to October 19th. There was no other business discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The next PTSTF meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019.

Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – January 8, 2019



3. Election of 2019 Chairman

SUMMARY

St. Petersburg Police Officer Ron Wolfson has served as the Chairman of the Pinellas Trail Security Task Force for the past few years. He is very willing to continue to chair these meetings for the 2019 calendar year.

Anyone interested in chairing the meetings for 2019 are encouraged to submit their names for nomination.

After nominations are complete, elections will follow. The elected person will proceed to chair the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: None

ACTION: Nominate and Elect PTSTF Chairman for 2019

4. Presentation: 911 Trail Markers

SUMMARY

Emergency Response Markers were first installed on the Pinellas Trail in 2010 with a unique alphanumeric system of location points, spaced approximately 250-feet apart, with GPS coordinates that have been included in Pinellas County's 911 System. The system benefits trail users, park personnel, emergency medical responders, and neighboring residents. Trail users can easily communicate their exact location for emergencies, first aid or security concerns, and park personnel can easily and more accurately note locations for maintenance issues, and keep more accurate incident records and related information. In addition, the markers provide emergency responders with the closest and most appropriate access point for the specific emergency vehicle required.

Since the initial installation of the 911 markers on the Pinellas Trail, additional segments of the Pinellas Trail have been built, as well as sections of the Duke Energy Trail, and the Pinellas section of the Coast-to-Coast Connector Trail.

It would be appropriate at this time to discuss the current and future alphanumeric scheme with the Security Task Force in order to provide seamless coordination with the County 911 System.

ATTACHMENTS: Pinellas Trail Alphanumeric Prefix Worksheet
Pinellas Trail Marker System Stationing Procedure

ACTION: STF to Provide Input on the Alphanumeric Prefix System Update

**TRAIL ALPHANUMERIC
EMERGENCY RESPONSE MARKERS
PREFIX WORKSHEET**

EXISTING TRAILS	SUGGESTED Prefix
Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail	PT
Duke Energy Trail	DT
Roosevelt Blvd Trail	RT
North Bay Trail	NB
Downtown Connection Trail	DC
Bayshore Trail	BT
Bayway Trail North	BN
Bayway Trail South	BS
Belleair Causeway Trail	BC
Clearwater BeachWalk/Memorial Cswy Path	CB
Courtney Campbell Trail	CC
Druid Trail	DR
Elfers Spur	ES
Coast to Coast Connector Trail	C2C
Ft DeSoto Park Trail	FD
Friendship Trail	FT
Gulfport Spur	GS
Gulfport Tangerine Greenway	GT
Historical Booker Creek Trail	HB
Honeymoon Island Trail	HI
Island Loop Trail	IL
Joe's Creek Greenway Trail	JC
Lansbrook Trail	LT
Oldsmar Trails	OD
Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail	RW
Skyway Trail	SK
South Beaches Trail	SB
SPC Trail Spur - St. Petersburg	SPC
SPC Trail Spur - Seminole	SS
Treasure Island Causeway Trail	TI
Walsingham Spur	WS
Walter Fuller Park Connection	WF

Pinellas Trail – Trail Marker System Stationing Procedure

1. Station numbers should be sequential and increase by an order of 1 in order to reduce the magnitude of station numbers.
2. Station markers should use the County's alphabetical prefix, if determined. Otherwise, the station markers should use a two-letter, alphabetical prefix that has not been used on a Pinellas County trail previously.
3. Station markers may increase sequentially at the trail's beginning which should be at the discretion of the maintaining jurisdiction.
4. Station markers shall not be placed within an intersection; care should be exercised when placing a station marker near the approaches to an intersection to be sure that critical information remains clear and uncongested.
5. Station markers may be located on a trail overpass or trail underpass.
6. Station marker decals should be located near the center of the trail surface, with the text oriented in the direction of increased stationing.
7. On occasions where the trail is divided in two paths, the station numbers for the parallel paths should remain the same. The geocoded location associated with the station number should be that of the larger trail path.
8. Station markers shall be geocoded in a manner that is consistent with the Pinellas County 911 system.

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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:

- September 2018
- October 2018

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
September 1 – September 30, 2018 (30 days)

Total Usage

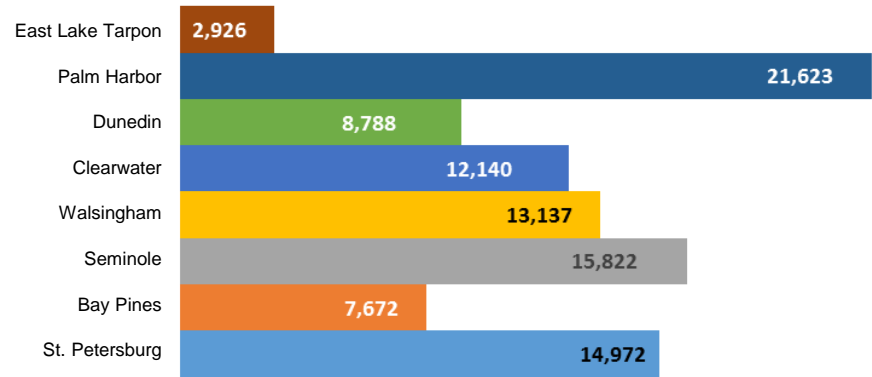
30-Day Count Total: 97,080
Daily Average Users: 3,236

Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Sunday, September 2nd (Palm Harbor - 1,094)
- #2 – Saturday, September 8th (Dunedin - 910)
- #3 – Saturday, September 29th (St. Petersburg - 843)

Note: Bay Pines area closed during September. Dunedin count atypically low, may be due to technical issues. All RoadSys counters.

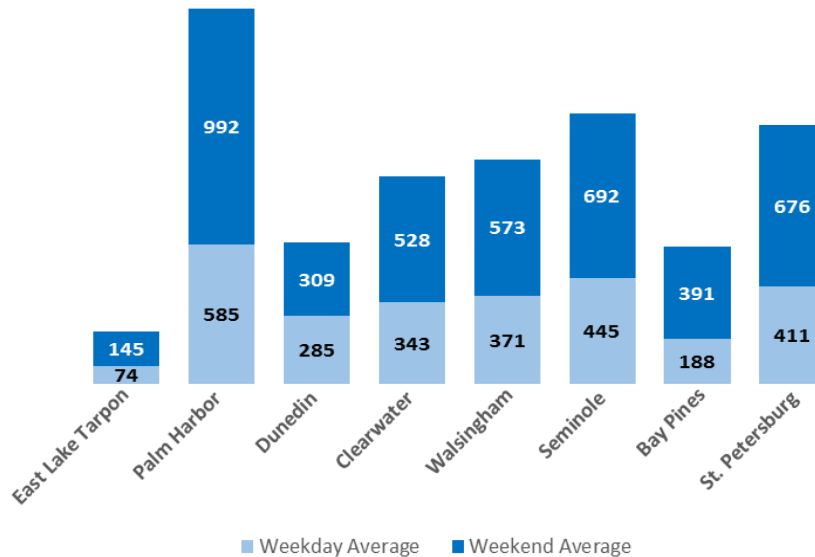
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Palm Harbor:	10%	90%
Dunedin:	12%	88%
Clearwater:	52%	48%
Walsingham:	18%	82%
Seminole:	39%	61%
Bay Pines:	9%	91%
St. Petersburg:	46%	54%

Source: Forward Pinellas September 2018
National Weather Service: [September 2018](#)

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
October 1 – October 31, 2018 (31 days)

Total Usage

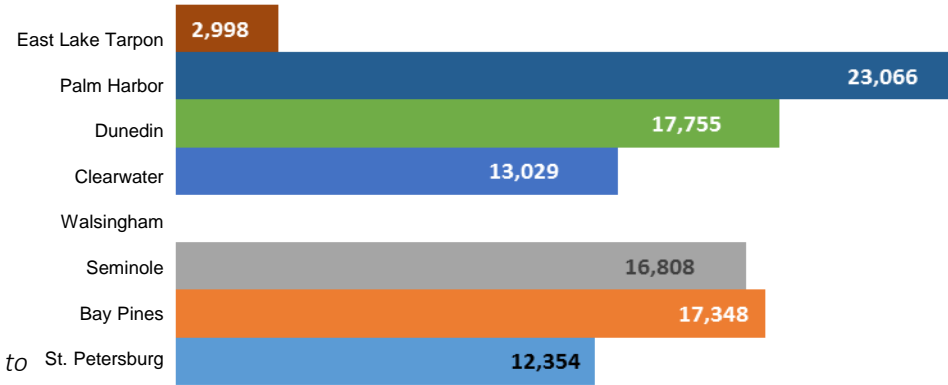
31-Day Count Total: 103,358
Daily Average Users: 3,334

Highest Daily Totals:

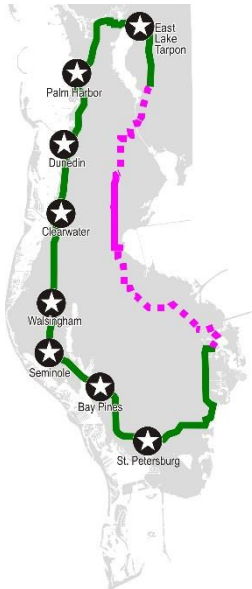
- #1 – Sunday, October 28th (Dunedin - 1,615)
- #2 – Sunday, October 28th (Palm Harbor - 1,338)
- #3 – Sunday, October 28th (St. Petersburg - 1,068)

Note: Walsingham counts unavailable, St. Petersburg counts begin 10/11 due to technical issues.

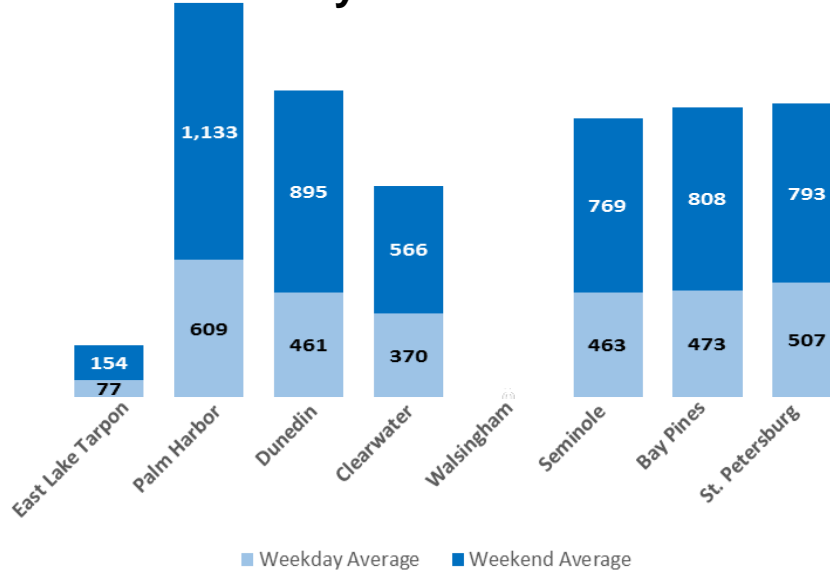
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
East Lake Tarpon:	5%	95%
Palm Harbor:	12%	88%
Dunedin:	25%	75%
Clearwater:	50%	50%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	36%	64%
Bay Pines:	36%	64%
St. Petersburg:	47%	53%

Source: Forward Pinellas October 2018
National Weather Service: [October 2018](#)

8. Trail Construction Activity Report

**TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
January 2019**

Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap Countryside	Enterprise Rd to Chesnut Sr. Park; SUN Trail; Design-Build Underway, Est. Complete 2020 (link)
Pinellas Trail South Loop Phase 3 & 4	Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Rd to 126th Ave; Applied for SUN Trail Funding; Construction 2024
Pinellas Trail Loop - Ream Wilson Connection (Old Coachman Bridge)	Trail widening and bridge improvements over Alligator Creek; Construction 2019 (link)
Pinellas Trail Loop – Duke Energy Trail	NE Coachman to Sunset Point; Penny for Pinellas funded; Construction 2019/20 (link)
71st Street Trail Connector	Pinellas Trail to 38th Avenue N; Design 2022, Construction 2024
San Martin Bridge & Trail connection	PD&E in Late 2018 (link)
Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass	Trail Overpass at S.R. 60/Bayshore Blvd; SUN Trail; Design Underway; Construction 2023
Howard Frankland Bridge Trail	FDOT included trail with new bridge construction; Design-Build Project; Est. Construction 2020 (link)
Orange Street Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass Spans being replaced; Construction scheduled for February 2019 (link)
Harn Boulevard Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass; Design Underway; Construction 2022 (link)
Bayway Trail South	SR 679 & Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement Construction late 2018 – 2021 (link)
Treasure Island Causeway Project	Phase I Completed February 2018; Phase II Design 2018
Druid Trail Ph IV	Glen Oaks Park to Duke Energy Trail; Currently Under Construction
Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension	Separated Bike Trail has been Completed
Oldsmar Trail Phase 6	Douglas Rd (Bayview Blvd N to Race Track Rd, approx. 1.2 miles) Design underway; Constr 2019

10. Other Business

A. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest

Forward Pinellas Committee Meeting Schedule

B. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics

This item is provided to allow Committee members to suggest topics for future BPAC agendas.

C. Other

If any member has other business to discuss, they may address it under this item.

COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2019

PAC (Planners Advisory Committee) 1:30 pm	CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) 7:00 pm	TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) 2:00 pm	BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) 8:30 am	LCB (Local Coordinating Board) 9:15 am	STSC (School Transportation Safety Committee) 9:00 am	PTSTF (Pinellas Trail Security Task Force) at the Pinellas County Public Safety Services Office - 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Rm 130) 9:00 am
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(These dates are subject to change)

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