

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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THANK YOU.

NEXT PTSTF MEETING – JULY 10, 2018

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Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – April 10, 2018

2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2018



SUMMARY

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

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

ACTION: Approval of January Meeting Summary

PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
MEETING Summary
January 9, 2018

The following is a summary of the January 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 Mike Christian	St. Petersburg Police Department
Officer John Ulrich	Tarpon Springs Police Department
Officer Selena Hyppolite	Clearwater Police Department
Officer V. Tran	Largo Police Department
Officer Michael Fritz	Belleair Police Department
Deputy Eric Gibson	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Casey Morse	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Alexis Sergeant	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Craig Queen	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Caroline Lanford	Pinellas County Planning
Lyle Fowler	PC Parks and Conservation Resources, Operations Manager
Carol Gray	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Chief Ranger
Greg D'Amario	Pinellas County Risk Management
Bill Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Phyllis Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Bert Valery	Pinellas Trails, Inc.
Chali E. Valery	BeachTran Clearwater, LLC
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 – October 10, 2017

The summary from the October 10, 2017 meeting was approved with one correction: 6L – Chairman Officer Ron Wolfson requested to have the “volunteers” changed to “officers”. It is the officers who were gearing up for the bike patrol.

3. PRESENTATION: PINELLAS COUNTY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Casey Morse, Alexis Sergeant and Joan Rice, Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division, addressed the committee with updates to public works construction activity on the Pinellas Trail. Construction of the Orange Street overpass should begin shortly and will be completed by December 31st, 2018. There was a concern mentioned regarding ample notification to the drivers that the bicycle and pedestrian traffic has increased at this Trail crossing. The Trail accommodations through the Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal and McMullen Booth/Tampa Road intersection are currently being evaluated with the Design-Build contract to close the North Gap in the Trail Loop. The City of Oldsmar's Canal Park is located on the east side and would like a trail connection for the park to be

included. Public Works Transportation is working alongside engineers and consultants to determine the safest alternative through this area to complete the Pinellas Trail Loop Connection to Chesnut Sr. Park. The construction of the Trail Loop section between Old Coachman and Sunset Point Road should begin this year. There was much discussion regarding the rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), which were determined ineligible for use on all roadways due to current litigation over patents. Additional installations of RRFBs are prohibited, although existing RRFBs may remain in place. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

4. A. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER

Chief Ranger Carol Gray, Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR), reported a couple of incidents on the Trail since the hurricane clean-up. PCR received an anonymous call-in reporting criminal activity in the section of Taylor Park to Ulmerton Road, but the credibility of the call/caller was questionable. The caller got into an altercation with an individual about the caller's dog not being on a leash. This call was forwarded to Deputy Eric Gibson of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Auxiliary Ranger volunteers and County Animal Services were also notified. Another anonymous call stating that 12-14 youths were blocking the Trail and asked a female biker for her phone. Others bikers got involved and the female biker was able to get away. This report was turned over to the St. Petersburg Police Department. On December 30th, there was a medical episode in the vicinity of Jones Street reported to the Clearwater Police Department. EMS did arrive and aide with medical services. A report of trespassing on the Trail in the area of 20th Street to 22nd Street in St. Petersburg by two transients in possession of alcohol observed camping on the Trail. A trespass warning was issued. Questions regarding private property trespass warnings and city trespass warnings arose. It was suggested that the ranger contact the city police for a representative to come assist. Deputy Gibson suggested issuing blanket trespass from the Sheriff's office, since the entire Trail is a county park. Deputy Gibson will provide the blanket trespass to the city police departments to use as private property trespassing notifications.

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff Deputy Eric Gibson reported there were two incidents: juvenile trouble on Park Boulevard at the Trail. Chief Ranger Gray informed the Security Task Force that the Trail from Taylor Park in Largo to Ulmerton Road is a very busy section. She added that her rangers frequently concentrate their bike patrol rides on this portion of the Trail.

B. Belleair

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

C. Clearwater

Officer Selena Hyppolite reported the Clearwater Police Department had a couple of incidents: dirt bikes riding on the Trail, a couple of medical assists and an early (4:30 a.m.) morning assault.

D. Gulfport

No one attended from the Gulfport Police Department, and no report was received.

E. Largo

Officer V. Tran with the Largo Police Department reported 16 calls for service from September to December 2017. The most significant incident was a robbery on December 16th, at West Bay and the Trail about 10:30 am. A male suspect punched a victim and took their bicycle.

F. St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Police Officer Mike Christian provided an update stating there were 21 incidents within 100 ft of the Trail. Six arrests were made for minor infractions with one alcohol related, but there was no Trail activity. Nothing of interest on the cameras located between 46th and 49th Streets.

G. Tarpon Springs

Officer John Ulrich had nothing to report for Tarpon Springs.

H. Animal Services

No one from Animal Services attended the meeting.

I. Public Safety Services

Mr. Craig Queen, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration, provided an updated report. There were 44 calls this last quarter with some listed more than once. There were 7 emergency decal numbers for the Trail that were provided with the initial call for service, and one transport from the decal location.

J. Pinellas County Risk Management

Mr. Greg D'Amario, Pinellas County Risk Management announced that the annual safety inspection of the Pinellas Trail is scheduled to begin later this month.

K. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates

Chairman Wolfson provided a brief update that volunteers continue to train with the new carts and the bike patrol program with the police department is moving in a positive direction.

Chief Ranger Gray said that new Auxiliary Rangers volunteers are being trained and the program is sustaining itself. Mr. Bert Valery, Pinellas Trails, Inc. questioned the number of County employees assigned to patrol the Pinellas Trail. The Security Task Force discussed the current number of Trail rangers assigned to patrol the linear park, and suggested additional ranger positions to increase Trail coverage. Mr. Lyle Fowler, PCR Operations Manager, explained that requests for additional positions to patrol the Trail have been submitted for the last several years and that they will continue to request additional personnel.

7. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS

Ms. Miller briefly discussed the automatic counter reports included in the agenda packet for September, October and November. Two automatic counters are currently off-line, reflected on the three reports. Work is currently being done to get those back on-line. Ms. Miller hopes to have a yearly recap by the next meeting, contingent upon getting the counts from the two off-line counters.

8. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Ms. Miller reviewed the Trail Construction Activity report with the Security Task Force. The Duke Energy Trail, Phase II, from S.R. 590/NE Coachman Road to Sunset Point Road is currently

scheduled for construction in FY18. The construction schedule is currently being planned for the South Gap segment from Haines Bayshore Road to Ulmerton Road. There are some environmentally sensitive areas through this segment that are currently being worked through. The design of the Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass at Bayshore Boulevard has been funded under the SUNTrail program, with construction scheduled in 2023. FDOT currently shared a few designs with the Forward Pinellas committees. The Pinellas Trail Loop connection at NE Coachman/Old Coachman Road and the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail is scheduled for construction in 2018. CSX will not allow another trail crossing, so the Pinellas Trail Loop is being collocated with the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail for that crossing. The North Gap to Chesnut Sr. Park has received SUN Trail funding and design/build is underway. The remaining section of the Bayway Trail South and the Tierra Verde Bridge has been slated for design/build in FY 18/19. The Roosevelt Boulevard Trail is now completed, but there are still trail connection concerns, currently being looked into by the City of St. Petersburg. The Treasure Island Causeway Connection, Phase I is under construction and should be completed by May 2018. Trail accommodations will be incorporated into the design of the San Martin/Riviera Bay replacement bridge, and may also be included in the design of a structure across the Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal for the Pinellas Trail Loop. The last phase of the Druid Trail, Glen Oaks Park to the Duke Energy Trail is slated for construction in May. The Oldsmar Trail network consists of several trails connecting the city's parks, recreational areas and other popular destinations. The trail segment along Douglas Road from Racetrack Road to Tampa Road is scheduled for construction in FY 18/19.

Ms. Rice noted the Howard Frankland Bridge rebuild will include a bike trail on the north side and there will need to be a connection to the Pinellas Trail. The City of St. Petersburg is currently looking into connection possibilities with the FDOT.

9. REPORT ON TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Deputy Gibson announced that the Sheriff's Office is currently putting together a "Bike Ride Across the State", which will benefit PAL (Police Athletic League), in hopes of bringing awareness to PAL across the State of Florida. PAL provides safe and healthy environments for children and teens, encouraging them to realize their full individual potential as productive members of society. Sponsors are greatly needed.

A 200-mile relay on the Florida Coast to Coast Trail is being planned for May 11-12, 2018. Ms. Miller agreed to email additional information to Security Task Force members.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfson adjourned the meeting with a pounding of the gavel at 10:14 a.m. The next PTSTF meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – April 10, 2018



3. Presentation: Pinellas Trails, Inc.

SUMMARY

The Pinellas Trails, Inc. was formed to advocate for the creation of a linear trail in Pinellas County and support the campaign for the first Penny for Pinellas sales tax vote. Pinellas Trails Inc. is a non-profit citizen “friends group” that advocates for the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail, supports various amenities for the Trail, organizes appreciation events for auxiliary ranger volunteers, and maintains an online presence.

Please welcome the new president of Pinellas Trails, Inc., Mr. Scott Daniels, as he provides a brief presentation about the non-profit organization.

ATTACHMENTS: None

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

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6. 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:
December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

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

Total Usage

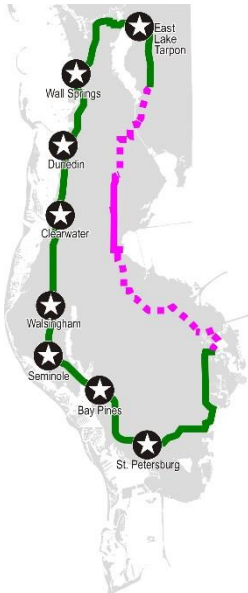
31-Day Count Total: NA
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

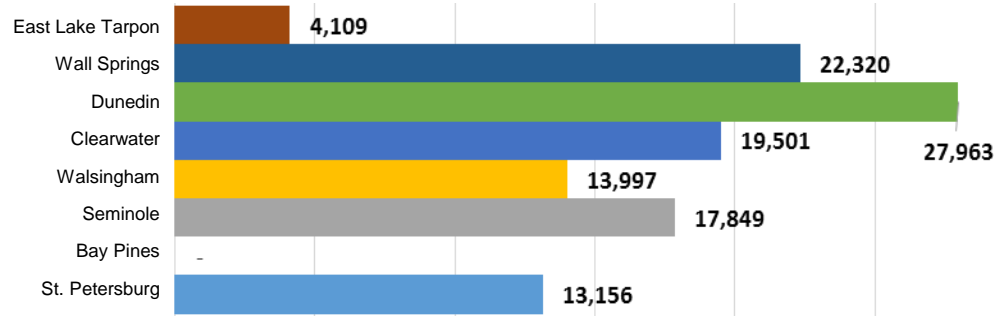
- #1 – Saturday, December 16th (Dunedin - 1,634)
- #2 – Sunday, December 31st (Wall Springs - 1,185)
- #3 – Sunday, December 10th (Seminole - 881)

Note: Bay Pines counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.

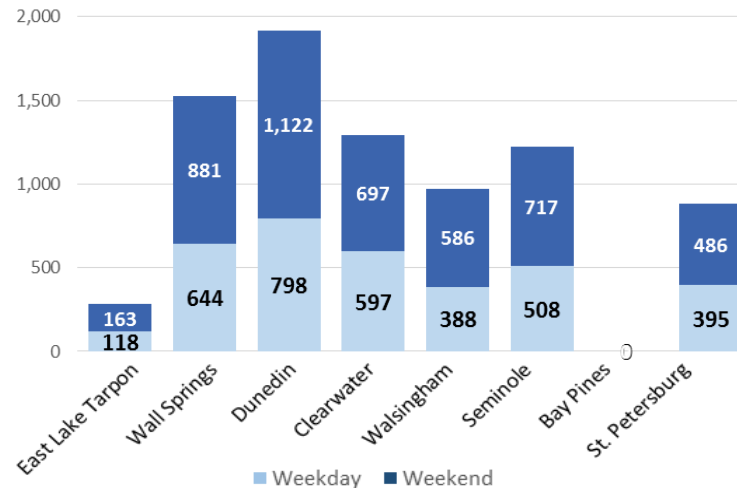
Counter Locations



Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	4%	96%
Wall Springs:	23%	77%
Dunedin:	27%	73%
Clearwater:	42%	58%
Walsingham:	20%	80%
Seminole:	39%	61%
Bay Pines:	NA	NA
St. Petersburg:	29%	71%

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

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

Total Usage

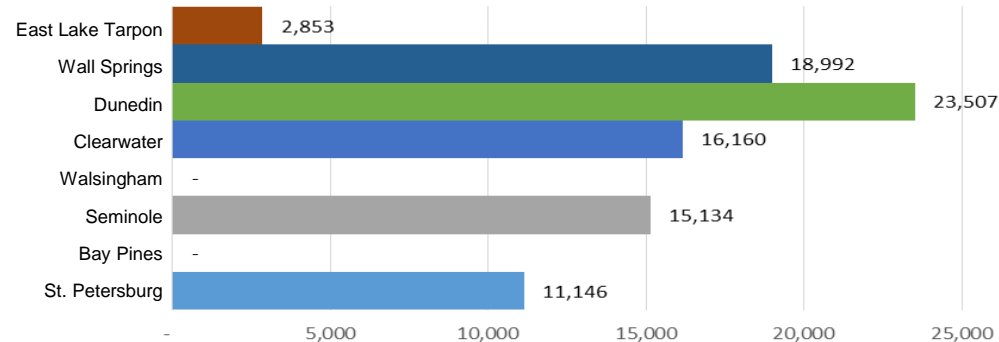
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Daily Average Users: NA

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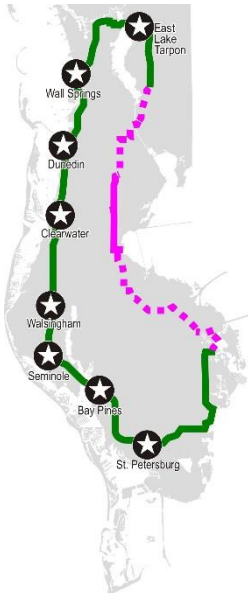
- #1 – Sunday, January 21st (Dunedin - 1,834)
- #2 – Sunday, January 21st (Wall Springs - 1,509)
- #3 – Sunday, January 21st (Seminole – 1,204)

Note: Walsingham & Bay Pines counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.

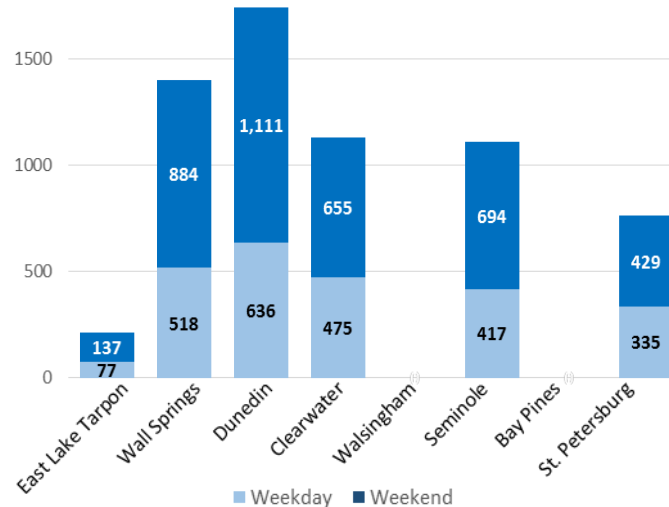
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	7%	93%
Wall Springs:	27%	73%
Dunedin:	32%	68%
Clearwater:	40%	60%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	44%	56%
Bay Pines:	NA	NA
St. Petersburg:	32%	68%

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
February 1 – February 28, 2018 (28 days)

Total Usage

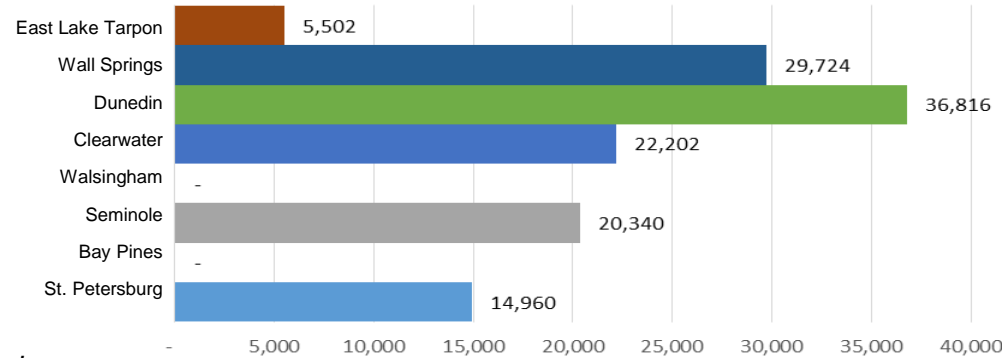
28-Day Count Total: NA
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

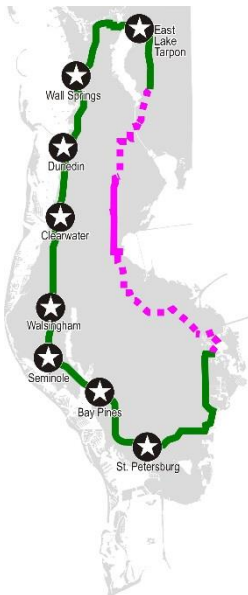
- #1 – Saturday, February 10th (Dunedin - 2,129)
- #2 – Sunday, February 11th (Wall Springs - 1,727)
- #3 – Tuesday, February 20th (Clearwater – 1,202)

Note: Walsingham & Bay Pines counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.

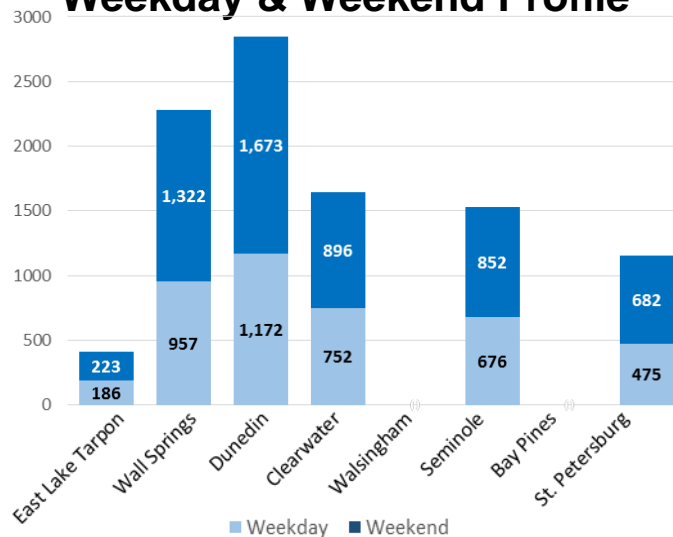
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	2%	98%
Wall Springs:	21%	79%
Dunedin:	24%	76%
Clearwater:	26%	74%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	33%	67%
Bay Pines:	NA	NA
St. Petersburg:	28%	72%

Source: Forward Pinellas February 2018

7. Trail Construction Activity Report

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
April 2018

Coast to Coast (C2C) Connector Trail	Pinellas Trail to Pasco County Line through Brooker Creek Preserve Completed July 2017
Duke Energy Trail - North Gap	Enterprise Rd to Chesnut Sr. Park; SUN Trail; Design-Build Underway
Duke Energy Trail - South Gap	Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Rd to N Bay Trail; Design/Construction TBD
Pinellas Trail Loop - Ream Wilson Connection	NE Coachman RRX to Duke Energy Corridor; Construction 2018
Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass	Trail Overpass at S.R. 60/Bayshore Blvd; SUN Trail; Design Underway; Construction TBD
Orange Street Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass Design Underway; Construction 2018
Harn Boulevard Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass; Design Underway; Construction 2021/2022
Bayway Trail South	SR 682 & Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement Design Underway; Construction TBD
Elfer's Spur Shoreline Stabilization	Restoration/Stabilization Project; Completed June 2017
Roosevelt Boulevard Trail	28 Street N to 4 Street N; Completed December 2017
Treasure Island Causeway Project	Phase I Completed February 2018; Phase II Design 2018
Druid Trail Ph IV	Glen Oaks Park to Duke Energy Trail; Construction 2018
Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension	Separated Bike Trail, FDEP Project; Design-Build TBD
Michigan Boulevard Ph II	Phase II Cancelled by City of Dunedin
Oldsmar Trail Phase 6	Design underway; Construction 2019
San Christopher Drive Multi-Use Trail	Pinellas Trail to CR 1; Construction 2019

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9. Other Business

SUMMARY

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

ATTACHMENT: None

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

Save the DATE
May 18, 2018
8:00 am



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