



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

**July 10, 2018 – 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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4. **QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER**
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  - St. Petersburg
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  - Animal Services
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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](mailto: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 – OCTOBER 9, 2018**

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## **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 10, 2018**

### **2. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2018**

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#### **SUMMARY**

The summary minutes of the April 10, 2018 Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting are attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Summary Minutes – April 10, 2018

**ACTION:** Approval of April Meeting Summary

**PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE**  
**MEETING Summary**  
**April 10, 2018**

The following is a summary of the April 10, 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
James Abaka	Pinellas County Risk Management
Casey Morse	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Craig Queen	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Dianna McDonald	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Gary Brown	Pinellas County Animal Services
Caroline Lanford	Pinellas County Planning
Carol Gray	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Chief Ranger
Jim Wedlake	Pinellas Trails, Inc. /Auxiliary Ranger, BPAC
Bill Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Phyllis Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Commissioner John Tornga	Forward Pinellas Board (Dunedin)
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 9:03 o'clock a.m. Self-introductions were provided.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – January 9, 2018**

The summary from the January 9, 2018 meeting was approved.

**3. PRESENTATION: PINELLAS TRAILS, INC.**

Mr. Scott Daniels, President, Pinellas Trails, Inc. was unable to attend today's meeting and will reschedule his presentation.

**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. A citizen became irate after being told that remote-controlled objects cannot be used on the Trail, and the incident was turned over the Deputy Eric Gibson of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Gibson contacted the citizen and reinforced the restriction. The other incident involved a young couple smoking marijuana on the Trail, and that incident was turned over to the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Chief Ranger Gray also expressed her appreciation to Deputy Gibson for organizing *Ride-A-Longs* on the Trail with PCSO's Bike Patrol south of Ulmerton Road. The experience was very informative and productive, and she was very grateful for their presence on the Trail. Chief Ranger Gray has also been in touch with the Deputy who is responsible for the Trail north of Ulmerton Road to coordinate a *Ride-A-Long* for that section. She added that she, Mr. Lyle Fowler, and St. Petersburg staff have been working on a formal Trail crossing at 72nd Street to improve pedestrian/bicycle access to 74th Street Elementary School.

## 5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS

### A. Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff Deputy Eric Gibson was unable to attend, however he did send an email reporting no incidences.

### 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 few indirect patrols and a couple of medical assists.

### D. Gulfport

No one attended from the Gulfport Police Department, and no report was received. Ms. Susan Miller, Forward Pinellas staff, will reach out to the Gulfport Police Chief and ask for a representative to attend.

### E. Largo

Officer V. Tran had nothing to report for the Largo Police Department.

### F. St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Police Officer Mike Christian provided an update stating there were only a few items that were noteworthy, however they did not take place on the trail, but at the trail head park at 3800 Fairfield Avenue South. Officer Christian also stated that with the new measures Tallahassee is taking with school safety and security, more officers are being pulled into the schools as School Resource Officers beginning July 1st. Therefore his unit will lose about 14 officers responding to St. Petersburg trail incidents.

### G. Tarpon Springs

Officer John Ulrich had nothing to report for Tarpon Springs.

### H. Animal Services

Mr. Gary Brown with Animal Services had nothing to report.

### I. Public Safety Services

Mr. Craig Queen, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration, provided an updated report. The amount of calls being received are on a downward trend. However the trail points being used

are true trail points. There were 47 calls in which some were duplicates which brings it to 32 responses and 9 trail points referenced. Nothing out of the ordinary.

#### **J. Pinellas County Risk Management**

Mr. James Abaka, Pinellas County Risk Management announced that the annual safety inspection of the Pinellas Trail took place and the trail is in relatively good condition. There were just a few safety discrepancies, the usual cracks here and there, overgrown vegetation and one transient incident. The contracted service that works with the Sheriff's Office was contacted to assist with the transient incident. There is drainage work being done by the KOA which is properly identified by signage.

#### **K. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates**

Chief Ranger Gray said there are 12 new Auxiliary Rangers volunteers being trained on bikes and carts, which brings the total to approximately 70 active members. Commissioner John Tornga inquired as to whether more volunteers are needed, as he would like to get the word out. Commissioner Tornga also commended Chief Ranger Gray on the wonderful job the Auxiliary Ranger volunteers do on the trail.

Chief Ranger Gray expressed her gratitude to Public Works, now assisting on the trail, focusing on asphalt and paving, storm water drainage, signage and right-of-way utilization issues. New emergency decal markers are being installed on the trail. Regarding motorized vehicles on the trail, the electric bicycle is an acceptable vehicle on the trail.

Also noted to volunteers, the annual bollard building project happened this winter. Bollards are built in advance so that there are plenty available. This year ten volunteers built 291 bollards.

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.

### **7. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS**

Ms. Miller briefly discussed the automatic counter reports included in the agenda packet for December 2017, January and February 2018. Two automatic counters are currently off-line, reflected on the three reports. Work is currently being done to get those back on-line.

Chief Ranger Gray stated they have discontinued use of the old Eco-Counters. They will attempt to extract any data from the counters and pass on that information. Two new pedestrian counters have been ordered to replace them.

### **8. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Ms. Miller reviewed the Trail Construction Activity report with the Security Task Force. The North Gap and the South Gap for the Duke Energy Trail: The North Gap is in design/build and construction should begin in December and be completed in 2020. The South Gap has a yet to be determined construction date. Public Works is meeting with Duke Energy to complete alignment studies and determine ownership. The Pinellas Trail Loop connection at NE Coachman/Old Coachman Road and the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail is scheduled for construction in 2018 and be completed by end of 2019. 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 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 and will attempt to move this project up on the priority list. With regards to the Orange Street Overpass, the bridge segments are being fabricated and are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018. There are safe mid-block crossings with RRFB's. The Harn Boulevard Overpass, design is underway with construction scheduled for 2020/2021. Bayway Trail South, SR682 and Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement, the trail is to be included in the bridge construction and is currently under maintenance agreement talks. Treasure Island Causeway project, the City of St. Petersburg has been coordinating and helping to connect the Pinellas Trail with the Treasure Island Causeway. Phase I has been completed. Phase II consists of adding signage and additional markings, but we have no additional information on this project. The last phase of the Druid Trail, Glen Oaks Park to the Duke Energy Trail is currently under construction. Construction is moving along and looking good. The Druid Trail heads west and connects to the Memorial Causeway Bridge, out to Clearwater Beach. Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension, going into Honeymoon Island. FDEP was contacted for a separate trail, and although it was agreed, the funding fell short. This project will happen, as soon as funds are available. The Oldsmar Trail Phase 6, design is underway with construction scheduled for 2019.

Ms. Joan Rice, Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division, requested the Howard Frankland Bridge be added to the construction report. She also shared 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 down 4<sup>th</sup> Street, to be completed in 2024.

## **9. REPORT ON TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Commissioner Tornnga shared that the celebration in Dunedin, congratulating Dunedin for being named as Florida's First Trail Town, will take place April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the new Trailside Pavilion. All are invited to attend. Ms. Miller agreed to email additional information to Security Task Force members.

Ms. Casey Morse, Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division, announced several of the Public Works members just became certified as helmet fitters and received 200 helmets, which they will be going to the public schools for fittings. Additional training for bike rodeo's and helmet fittings are available.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

A 250-mile relay on the Florida Coast to Coast Trail is being planned for May 11-12, 2018, from Titusville to Tarpon Springs. Ms. Miller agreed to email additional information to Security Task Force members.

Bike-Your-City will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>, National Bike to Work Day, in St. Pete Beach. The bike ride begins at 8:00 am. *Biking with a Badge* will take place in Kenneth City on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **3. Pinellas Trail User Security Update**

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#### **SUMMARY**

In 2014, the City of St. Petersburg Police Department conducted several enforcement activities in response to reported incidents along the Pinellas Trail. A CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) review was conducted in which an officer trained in those principals traveled along the Trail to identify areas that could present security risks. When completed, solutions and recommendations were provided to minimize such risks, preferably using natural solutions such as removing overgrowth and modifying fence locations, etc. Additional strategies included increased officer patrols, scheduled events, support from the businesses and neighborhood associations, the Citizens Road Patrol, SPPD supervised citizen-volunteers and routine safety inspections.

During this period of time, the city pursued a security camera pilot program targeting a few blocks of the Trail that traveled through an industrial area. The Bradenton Police Department had recently installed a security camera system for their Riverwalk and skate park. The surveillance system equipment is capable of zooming in/out, panning, and provides high resolution images that can be used for evidentiary purposes. Those interested traveled to Bradenton on July 7, 2014 to review their camera system, along with a couple elected officials and MPO staff members who joined the field trip.

Ms. Cheryl Stacks, St. Petersburg Transportation Manager, has agreed to provide an update on the city's camera program.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**ACTION:** No Action Required, informational item only

## **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 10, 2018**



### **6. Report on Monthly Trail User Count Data**

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#### **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:

- March 2018
- April 2018
- May 2018

**ACTION:** No Action Required, informational item only



# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary



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

## Total Usage

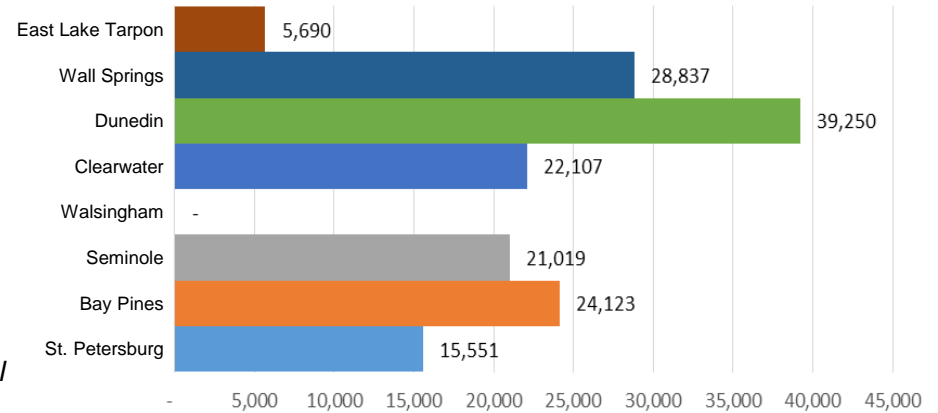
31-Day Count Total: NA  
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, March 17th (Dunedin - 2,441)
- #2 – Sunday, March 18th (Wall Springs - 1,430)
- #3 – Saturday, March 24th (Bay Pines – 1,268)

*Note: Walsingham counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.*

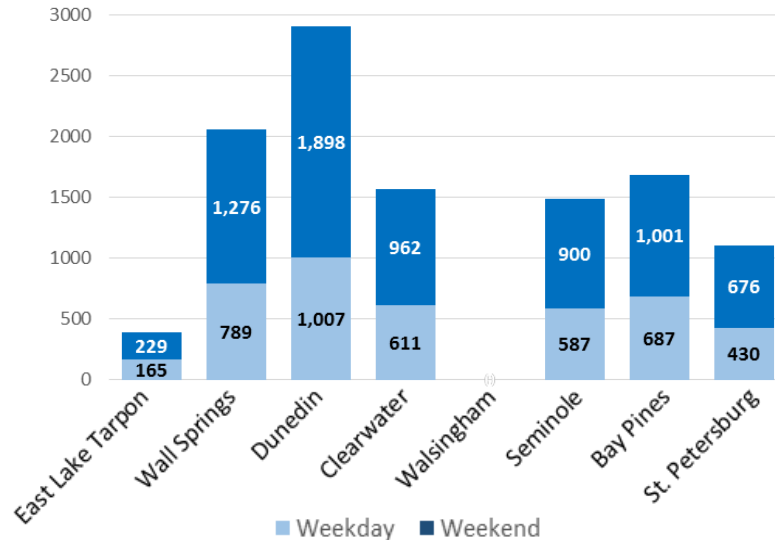
## Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile



## Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Wall Springs:	23%	77%
Dunedin:	28%	72%
Clearwater:	31%	69%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	35%	65%
Bay Pines:	56%	44%
St. Petersburg:	31%	69%

Source: Forward Pinellas March 2018

# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

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

## Total Usage

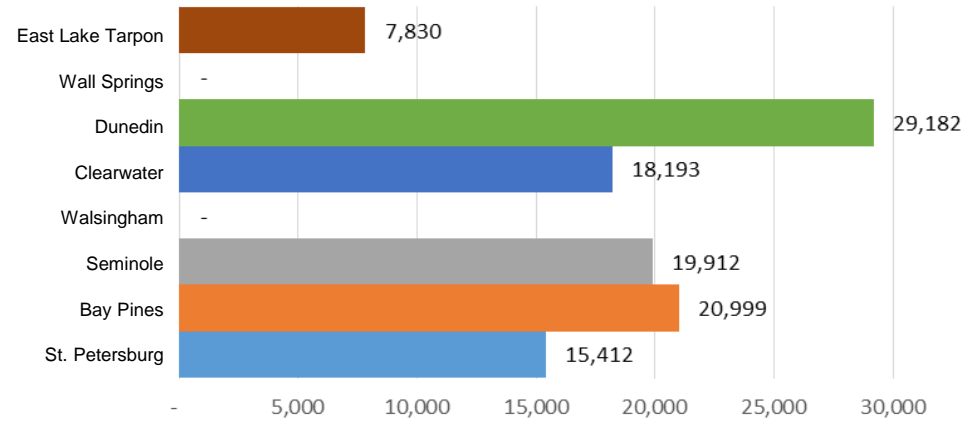
30-Day Count Total: NA  
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Sunday, April 1st (Dunedin - 1,616)
- #2 – Friday, April 6th (Clearwater - 997)
- #3 – Sunday, April 1st (Bay Pines - 979)

*Note: Walsingham & Wall Springs counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.*

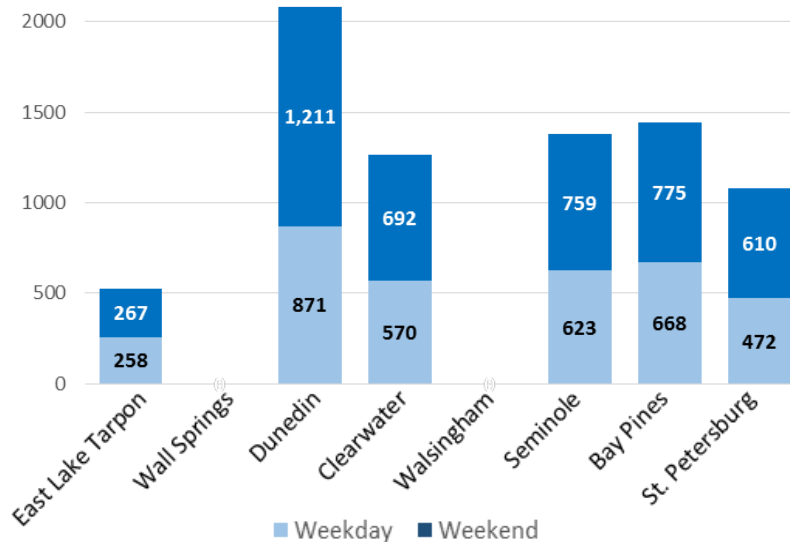
## Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile



## Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
East Lake Tarpon:	1%	99%
Wall Springs:	NA	NA
Dunedin:	21%	79%
Clearwater:	30%	70%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	33%	67%
Bay Pines:	32%	68%
St. Petersburg:	33%	67%

Source: Forward Pinellas April 2018

# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

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

## Total Usage

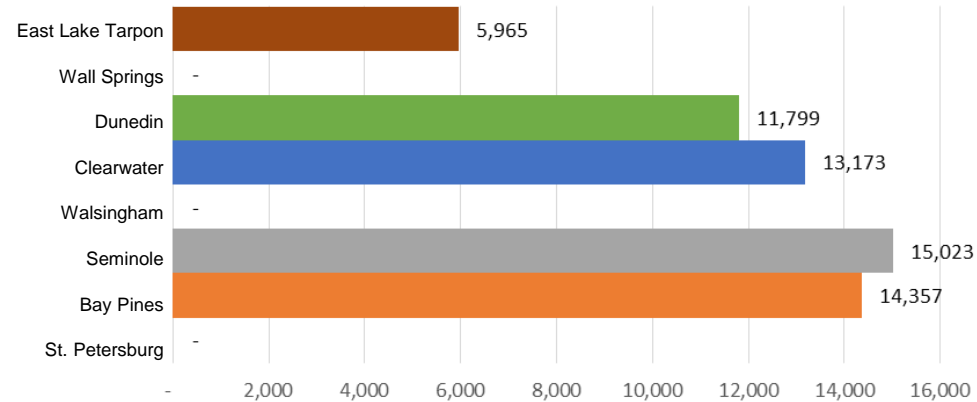
31-Day Count Total: NA  
Daily Average Users: NA

Highest Daily Totals:

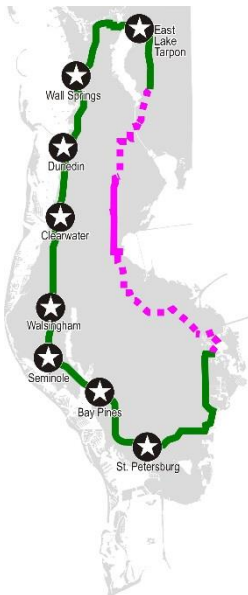
- #1 – Saturday, May 5th (Dunedin - 1,169)
- #2 – Saturday, May 5th (Seminole - 763)
- #3 – Wednesday, May 23rd (Bay Pines - 716)

*Note: Walsingham, Wall Springs & St. Petersburg counts are temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties. Converting to RoadSys counters.*

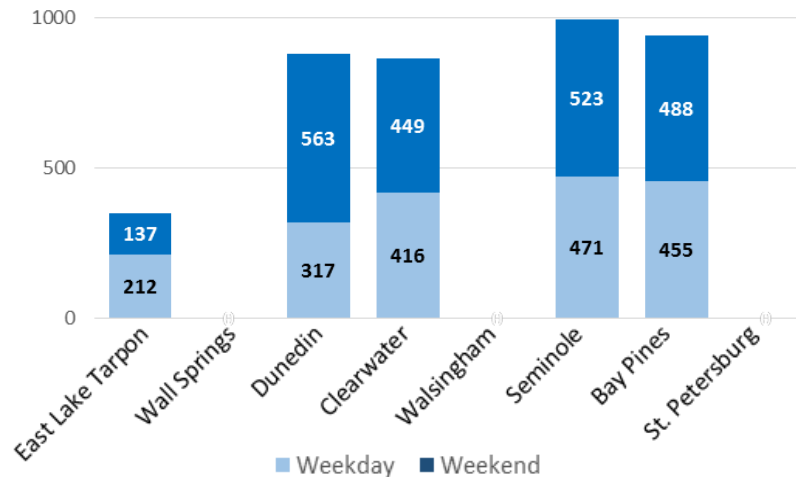
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Wall Springs:	NA	NA
Dunedin:	21%	79%
Clearwater:	28%	72%
Walsingham:	NA	NA
Seminole:	37%	63%
Bay Pines:	26%	74%
St. Petersburg:	NA	NA

Source: Forward Pinellas May 2018

National Weather Service: [May 2018](#)

**7. Trail Construction Activity Report**

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**TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS  
July 2018**

Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap Countryside	Enterprise Rd to Chesnut Sr. Park; SUN Trail; Design-Build Underway, Est. Complete 2020 ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Pinellas Trail South Loop Gap	Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Rd to N Bay Trail; Applied for SUN Trail Funding
Pinellas Trail Loop - Ream Wilson Connection (Old Coachman Bridge)	NE Coachman RRX to Duke Energy Corridor; Construction 2018; Est. Complete 2019
San Martin Bridge & Trail connection	PD&E in Late 2018 ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass	Trail Overpass at S.R. 60/Bayshore Blvd; SUN Trail; Design Underway; Construction TBD
Howard Frankland Bridge Trail	FDOT include trail with new bridge construction; Design-Build Project; Est. Construction 2020
Orange Street Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass Spans being fabricated; Construction 2018; Est. Complete 2019 ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Harn Boulevard Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass; Design Underway; Construction 2021 ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Bayway Trail South	SR 679 & Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement Construction late 2018 – 2021 ( <a href="#">link</a> )
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, FDEP Project; Design-Build; Construction July 2018
Oldsmar Trail Phase 6	Design underway; Construction 2019

# PINELLAS TRAILWAYS PLAN













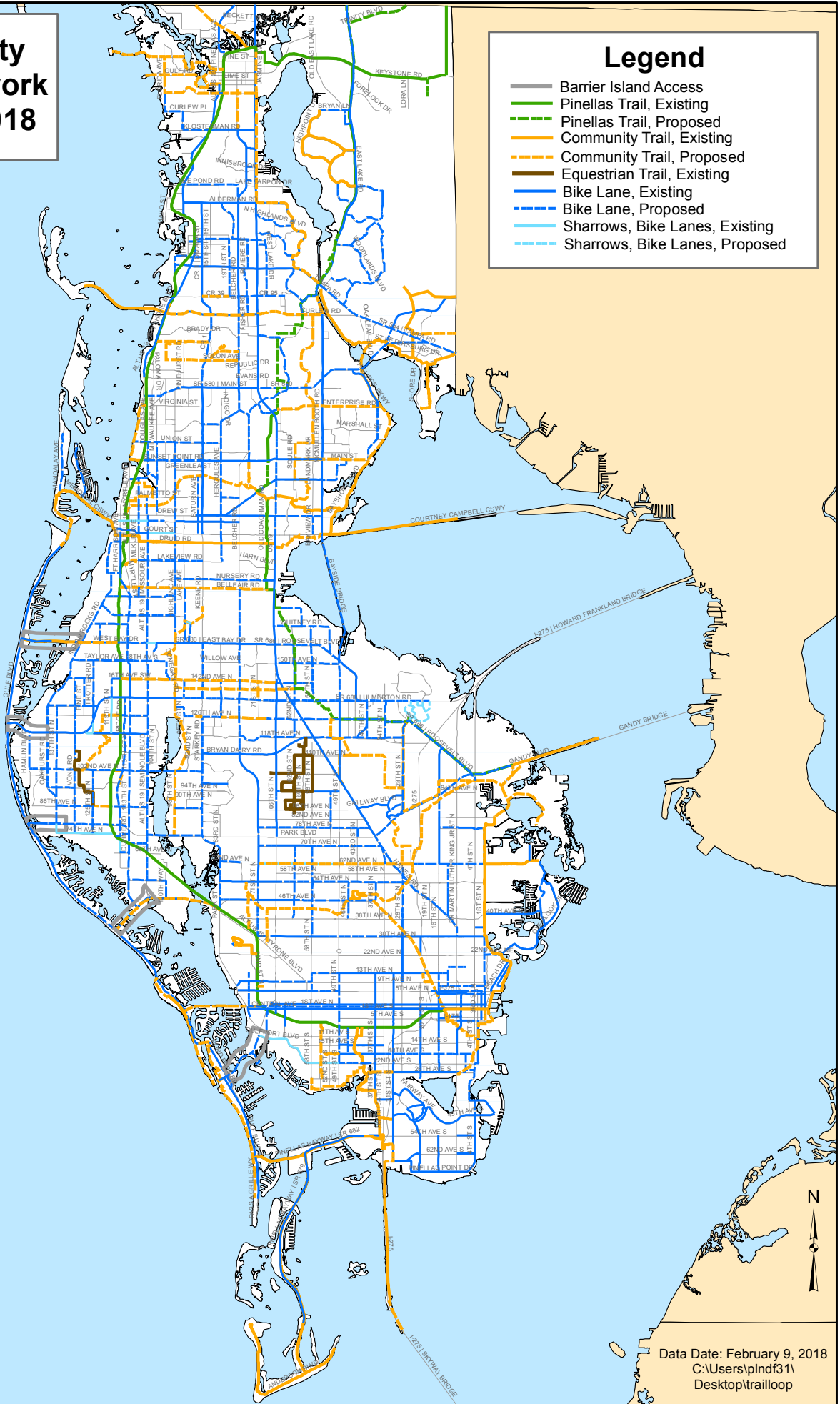
## LEGEND

- PINELLAS TRAIL
- DUKE ENERGY TRAIL
- COMMUNITY TRAIL
- EXISTING
- - - - PROPOSED

# Pinellas County Trailways Network January 11, 2018

## Legend

-  Barrier Island Access
-  Pinellas Trail, Existing
-  Pinellas Trail, Proposed
-  Community Trail, Existing
-  Community Trail, Proposed
-  Equestrian Trail, Existing
-  Bike Lane, Existing
-  Bike Lane, Proposed
-  Sharrows, Bike Lanes, Existing
-  Sharrows, Bike Lanes, Proposed





# OLDSMAR TRAIL AND WATER ACCESS POINTS



0.3 0.15 0 0.3 0.6 Miles

CITY OF OLDSMAR, FEBRUARY 2015

### LEGEND

- OLDSMAR TRAILS
- SIDEWALK CONNECTOR
- FOOT BRIDGE
- TRAIL HEADS
- RESTROOM ACCESS

### TRAIL HEAD LOCATIONS

1. CURLEW ROAD @ TARPON OUTFALL CANAL
2. SHEFFIELD PARK, 1923 CUTTY BAY CT
3. CYPRESS FOREST REC CTR, 650 PINE AV N
4. FOREST LAKES BL @ RACETRACK RD
5. BICENTENNIAL PARK, 423 LAFAYETTE BL
6. MOBBLY BEACH PARK, 807 SHORE DR E
7. OAKWOOD BL AND SHORE DR W

### WATER ACCESS POINTS

- BOAT LAUNCH, NATIONAL ORANGE AVE @ PATTY DR
- FLOATING DOCKS, SHEFFIELD PARK, 1923 CUTTY BAY CT. MOBBLY BAYOU NORTH SUPPORT AREA, 423 LAFAYETTE BL
- KAYAK/CANOE LAUNCH, RE OLDS PARK, 107 SHORE DR W, MOBBLY BAYOU NORTH SUPPORT AREA, 423 LAFAYETTE BL, VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK, 250 SHORE DR E, MOBBLY BEACH PARK 807 SHORE DR E



## GETTING THERE: NEW BRIDGE FOR PINELLAS TRAIL IN DUNEDIN

by Chuck Henson  
June 20, 2018

**DUNEDIN, Fla.**-- A new bridge is being manufactured for the Pinellas Trail in Dunedin that will give users a safer route than crossing U.S. Highway 19.

- New bridge this Fall on Pinellas trail in Dunedin
- Old bridge closed in 2017, unsafe
- U.S. 19 will close overnight for installation

The old bridge north of Curlew Road was closed last year for safety concerns but was not replaced.

"Behind the scenes, what's happening is, the bridge, the steel truss bridge is actually starting to fail. It's rusting, so now that it's losing some section loss, it's time to replace it," said David Deranzio, Pinellas County Section Manager, Roadway and Bridge.



When the county asked for bids for the new bridge in 2017, they were all out of budget. The process was stalled until agreements could be worked out.

Last year, the only way to safely get across the street was to walk down to Curlew Road or way north up to Tampa Road. Now, the county has put in a cross walk with flashing amber beacons. This will make it safer to get across the street until the new bridge goes in this fall.

"They're currently manufacturing the bridge, and then once that bridge arrives, the contractor will take this one down and then install the new manufactured bridge," said Deranzio.

The bridge installation will close U.S. 19 for only one night. Deranzio says the process is just that quick.

"What they'll do is they'll close these roads down, take a crane, pick off the bridge, place it, and then install the new one right on top."

The new bridge is going to make it safer for children and all who use the trail.