SHARED-USE NONMOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL PROGRAM
ST. JOHNS RIVER-TO-SEA LOOP PLANNING STUDY

Planning Study Recap
Project Location and Background

- Part of the 260-mile St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop
- Regionally significant trail
- Connects through five counties
- Eligible for SUN Trail funding
Project Location and Background

- St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop northern most segment
- Will connect rural and urban areas
- Includes diverse mix of potential user groups
- Coordinates with SJC, CoSA, and CoSAB mobility vision
Project Study Area

- Study includes four segments:
  - St. Johns County West (SJC-W)
  - City of St. Augustine (CoSA)
  - City of St. Augustine Beach (CoSAB)
  - St. Johns County South (SJC-S)
Project Development Phases

Feasibility / Planning Study

- Define purpose and need
- Identify alternative route options
- Evaluate existing conditions
- Evaluate route alternatives
- Identify logical termini
- Determine preferred alternative including capital & maintenance costs
- Conduct public involvement / agency coordination
### Planning / Feasibility Study Process

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PD&E Study / Preliminary Engineering / Design & Permitting / Construction
Public Involvement

- Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
- Jurisdictional Agency / Local Government Coordination Meetings
- Public Meetings
  - Project Information Meeting – July 11, 2019
  - Final Public Meeting – October 24, 2019
- Planning Study Complete – Spring 2020
Stakeholder Coordination

- Jurisdictional Agencies
  - FDOT
  - St. Johns County
  - City of St. Augustine
  - Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
  - FDEP – Office of Greenways and Trails
  - FDEP – Anastasia State Park
  - Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway
  - North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
  - Others

- Local Interests
  - Elected Leaders (local, state, and federal)
  - FDEP – Office of Greenways and Trails
  - FDEP – Anastasia State Park
  - Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway
  - North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
  - Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
  - Trail / Bicycle Groups
  - Others
Evaluation Criteria

- Consistent with SUN Trail-SJR2C Loop Vision, which Promotes:
  - Local and Regional Connectivity
  - Quality of Life
  - Positive Economic Opportunity
- Available Right-of-Way
- Review of Conflict Points / Utilities
- Roadway Speed Conditions

- Roadway Traffic Volumes
- Crash Data:
  - Pedestrian
  - Bicycle
  - Vehicle
- Wetlands / Floodplains
- Natural / Cultural Resources
- Public Meeting / Survey Input
Corridor Alternatives

- Consistent with previous SUN Trail Network vision and ongoing jurisdictional agency coordination
- Study includes four segments:
  - St. Johns County West (SJC-W)
  - City of St. Augustine (CoSA)
  - City of St. Augustine Beach (CoSAB)
  - St. Johns County South (SJC-S)
Segment 1 | St. Johns County West

- Takes advantage of existing Right-of-Way.
- Provides access to existing BMX facility.
- New pedestrian/ bicycle bridge over I-95.
- Provides trail access to West Augustine.
- Aligns with current West King Street Planning Study.
- Aligned with lower volume traffic, more scenic route.
Segment 1 | St. Johns County West

Looking northeast along CR 214
Segment 2 | City of St. Augustine

- Aligns with existing planning studies within St. Augustine.
- Provides a direct link between St. Augustine and amenities along Anastasia Boulevard.
- Provides for a scenic trail within Anastasia State Park.
- Aligned with lower volume traffic, more scenic route.
- Allows for secondary route that creates a loop trail system between the City of St. Augustine and St. Augustine Beach.
Segment 2 | City of St. Augustine

Representation of the trail through Anastasia Park

Photograph: John Moran
Segment 3 | City of St. Augustine Beach

- Maximizes trail access to commercial area.
- Allows connection to beach access and public parking.
- Allows for secondary route along existing Mickler Boulevard.
Segment 3 | City of St. Augustine Beach

Looking south along A1A Beach Boulevard
Segment 4 | St. Johns County South

- Utilizes existing right-of-way.
- Aligns with existing trail in Flagler County.
- Utilizes existing bridge structures for trail route.
Segment 4 | St. Johns County South

Looking north along SR A1A
Final Recommended Route

- Completes SUN Trail-SJR2C Loop Northern Gap;
- Provides Connectivity to Desired Destinations;
- Focused Upon Using Existing Right-of-Way to the Extent Possible;
- Aligns with Jurisdictional Agency Planning Studies;
- Incorporates Scenic Segment within Anastasia State Park;
- Considers Future Secondary Route Options;
- Provides Ability to Pursue Funding Opportunities.
Local Government Approval

- City of St. Augustine Commission Meeting – *October 28, 2019* and *November 12, 2019* – *Adopted route, endorsed maintenance obligation*

- City of St. Augustine Beach Commission Meeting – *November 4, 2019* – *Adopted route, endorsed maintenance obligation*

- Board of County Commissioners Meeting – *November 19, 2019* – *Adopted route, endorsed maintenance obligation*

- SUN Trail Funding Application – *Submitted December 2019*
Next Steps

SunTrail Funded for Preliminary Design:
- Marineland to Fort Matanzas

FDOT FDEP Internal Design Process:
- Anastasia State Park Showcase Trail

Next Likely Segment:
- Alan Neese Road to CR 214