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## AGENDA ITEM 10 E

# FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS OPPORTUNITY TRAIL MAP AND PRIORITY TRAIL MAP UPDATE

TYPE OF ITEM: Information

### STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Every five years the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) updates the Florida Greenways and Trails Opportunity Trail Map and Priority Trail Map and the associated plans. The information below describes the changes that are being recommended by CRTPA staff in coordination with the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, The Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (BPIA).

### BACKGROUND

The Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan and maps were updated in 2017. The Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) is reaching out to citizens and others involved in trail planning to receive input on both the Opportunity and Priority land and paddling trail maps for approval in December of 2022. The FGTS Plan ties together the local, regional, and state plans and collaborative efforts for greenways and trails, bicycle and pedestrian, master plans and other plans of communities, agencies and non-profits throughout Florida to create three levels of FGTS maps:

- **Level 1** - The Vision: Land Trail and Paddling Trail Opportunity Maps.
- **Level 2** - Priority Trails Map: The spine of a statewide system identified from the Opportunity Maps and the Florida Ecological Greenways Network Map.
- **Level 3** - Priority Trails Status: Each corridor's status is identified as existing, gap, or programmed/funded. The needs of each segment are identified such as acquisition and maintenance, including repaving.

### **Regional Trails**

The CRTPA, and other partners, have taken on trail projects in both urban and rural settings. The results and experiences learned from these projects have influenced recommended changes to the FDEP Opportunity Trail Map and the Priority Trails Map. These experiences, in conjunction with the expansion of the transportation in Northeast Tallahassee/Leon County, have provided a chance to reassess the regional trail system utilizing the efforts of the CRTPA and our transportation partners.

## US 90

The most notable change is the US 90 corridor from Miles Johnson Road to the Quincy Bypass. As the corridor exists today in the FDEP Priority Trails Map and Plan, this corridor would enter the urbanized area with major safety concerns for users of the system and limited right of way for most of the corridor. Therefore, an [alternative corridor](#) was developed that utilizes greenways, paved trails, sharrows and wide shoulders that are in various [stages of development](#) or completed.

## Market District/Maclay Road

The second location of change is in the [Market District](#) in response to the BPIA Market District Park and the CRTPA's Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path. These projects together include the deletion of the Powerline Trail and the addition of the Timberlane Road/Martin Hurst Road/Maclay Commerce/Maclay Boulevard route and enhancements by the BPAI and City of Tallahassee. The last change is the addition of Maclay Road West from Meridian Road to Bobbin Brook East, which is a project developed and managed by Leon County.

## Other changes

[Smaller changes](#) on Pedrick Road and Hermitage Park Boulevard provide additional routes linking larger trail systems from the St. Marks Trail to US 90. Another change is the addition of Tram Road from South Monroe Street to Capital Circle, Southeast and the removal of the Capital Circle, Southeast Trail from Tram Road to Blair Stone Road.

## [Opportunity Trails Map \(Inset Map\)](#)

The [recommended changes to the Opportunity Trails Map](#) include the following nine (9) conceptual trails for consideration:

- **Edenfield Road** from US 90 to the Miccosukee Greenway.
- **Heritage Park Boulevard** from Connor Boulevard to the Lafayette Heritage Trail.
- **Maclay Road** from Meridian Road to Bobbin Brook East.
- **Market District** (Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path) from Timberlane Road to Maclay Road.
- **Miles Johnson Road** from US 90 to Miccosukee Greenway.
- **Pedrick Road** from Lafayette Heritage Park to Buck Lake Road.
- **Quincy Bypass** from US 90 to State Road 12.
- **Tram Road** from South Monroe Street to Capital Circle, Southeast.
- **US 90** from Quincy Bypass to Edenfield Road.

There are also the following recommended deletions from the Opportunity Trails Map:

- **Market District Powerline** – Timberlane Road to Maclay Road.
- **Quincy Trail** – East Jefferson Street to Quincy Bypass.
- **Thornton Road** – US 90 to Miccosukee Road.

### **Priority Trails Map (Inset Map)**

The recommended changes to the Priority Trails Map ([Capital Circle, Southeast](#) and [US 90](#)) include the following eleven (11) conceptual trails for consideration:

- **9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Havana)** from US 27 to Iron Bridge Road.
- **Bannerman Road** from Meridian Road to Thomasville Road.
- **Bradfordville Road** from Thomasville Road to Centerville Road.
- **Edenfield Road** from US 90 to the Miccosukee Greenway.
- **Iron Bridge Road (Gadsden County)** from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Orchard Pond Greenway.
- **Miles Johnson Road** from US 90 to Miccosukee Greenway.
- **Orchard Pond Greenway** from Old Bainbridge Road to Meridian Road.
- **Quincy Bypass (Gadsden County)** from State Road 12 to US 90.
- **State Road 12** from Quincy Bypass to US 27.
- **Welaunee Trail** from Bradfordville Road to Miccosukee Greenway.
- **Miccosukee Greenway** from Welaunee Trail to Edenfield Road.

There are also the following recommended deletions from the Priority Trails Map:

- **Blair Stone Road** from US 90 to Governor’s Park Access Road.
- **Capital Circle, Southeast** from Tram Road to Blair Stone Road.
- **Quincy Trail** – East Jefferson Street to Quincy Bypass.
- **US 90** from Quincy Bypass to Mile Johnson Road.

### **FDEP Schedule for Recommended Changes to Maps**

The schedule for making these recommended changes is as follows:

#### **2021**

- July 1 - Begin updates to the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and Opportunity/Priority Trail Maps.
- October 1 - Mapping tool will go live for partners and stakeholders to discuss proposed edits to the Priority and Opportunity Maps.
- October 21-22 Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting - Discuss Goals and objectives and Mapping tool.

#### **2022**

- May 31 - Comment period closed for partners and stakeholders.
- June 1 - August 30 - OGT Staff will prepare DRAFT of proposed edits to the Priority and Opportunity Maps.

- September - Public meetings (potentially virtual) throughout state to gather comments on written 5-Year plan and DRAFT of proposed Priority and Opportunity maps.
- November 1 - Close public comments on the written 5-Year plan and DRAFT of proposed Priority and Opportunity maps.
- December - Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting – exact date and location TBD - Final DRAFT 2023-2027 Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan presented for approval.

## **2023**

- January - Produce and distribute hardcopies of the 2023-2027 Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan.

## **POST CRTPA MEETING**

After the CRTPA Board meeting, staff will be submitting the recommendations to OGT staff for consideration for the Opportunity Trails Map and Priority Trails Map.