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AGENDA ITEM 7 D

CRTPA URBAN ATTRIBUTABLE (SU) FUNDING

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This item seeks Board approval to move CRTPA Urban Attributable (SU) funds (currently placed on the design phase of the Monticello Trail Extension) to the next phase of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail project. *Note: If approved, such placement is contingent on CRTPA Board approval of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study, currently scheduled to be presented at the March 2022 CRTPA meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Approve moving \$750,000 in Urban Attributable (SU) funds, currently programmed on the design phase of the Monticello Trail Extension, to the next phase of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study, contingent upon Board approval of the project's feasibility study.

BACKGROUND

[The US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study](#) is currently being developed to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a multi-use trail to connect Tallahassee to Monticello along US 90, a corridor identified on the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Regional Trail Network. The limits of the project are from Pedrick Road (Leon County) continuing eastwards to the Monticello Bike Trail on the east side of Monticello (Jefferson County), a distance of approximately 21 miles.

An update on this project is scheduled to occur at today's CRTPA meeting with the completed project scheduled to return for Board approval in March 2022. Pending Board approval of the project, the next phase of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study is the project's environmental phase (Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study).

Relatedly, in September 2019, the CRTPA approved a feasibility study for the extension of the Monticello Trail in Jefferson County. [The Monticello Bike Trail Feasibility Study](#) examined the feasibility of extending the existing Monticello Bike Trail south to the Jefferson County Middle/High School (a distance of approximately 2 miles). The Monticello Trail, including the proposed extension, are also identified on the Florida SUN Trail Regional Trail Network.

Subsequent to Board approval of the Monticello Trail study in 2019, SU funding was placed on the next two phases of the project, PD&E Study and Design. [The PD&E Study](#) for the Monticello Bike Trail extension (project #4039313) is currently underway and anticipated to be complete in the Spring of 2022. The project's next phase (design) is scheduled for fiscal year 2023 with \$750,000 programmed in SU funds.

Florida SUN Trails

As noted above, both projects (US 90 Multi-Use Trail and Monticello Bike Trail) are located on the Florida SUN Trail Network. The SUN Trail network is the statewide system of high-priority (strategic) paved trail corridors for bicyclists and pedestrians that includes a combination of existing, planned, and conceptual multiple-use trails. One of the requirements for funding eligibility of the SUN Trail program is that the project be within the SUN Trail network.

Because both trail projects are located on the SUN Trail Network, they are both eligible for such funding.

SU Funding Proposal

Given the regional nature of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail project, CRTPA staff is proposing that the SU funds (\$750,000) currently placed on the Monticello Trail extension project for the next phase (design) be placed on the next phase (PD&E Study) of the US 90 project (contingent upon CRTPA approval of the project's feasibility study).

It is thought that placement of CRTPA SU funds on the US 90 project will better position the project towards receiving future SUN Trail funding as it reflects a strong CRTPA commitment to this project. Such commitment is important to future CRTPA solicitation of SUN Trail funding from the FDOT as such funding will be required to construct a project of such magnitude.

Furthermore, given the upcoming completion of the PD&E Study for the Monticello Trail Extension project, staff believes that this project is well positioned to compete for future SUN Trails funding.

As a background, the CRTPA, as a Transportation Management Area, receives an annual allocation of approximately \$3 - \$4 million of SU funds. Unlike other funding available to the CRTPA, SU funds provide more flexibility in their use and may be used on different types of transportation projects with the requirement that they be used on projects on the Federal-aid urban system. As noted above, the funding staff is seeking to move to the next phase of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility study is such funding.

OPTIONS

- Option 1: Approve moving \$750,000 in Urban Attributable (SU) funds, currently programmed on the design phase of the Monticello Trail Extension, to the next phase of the US 90 Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study, contingent upon Board approval of the project's feasibility study.
(Recommended)

- Option 2: Provide other direction.