

November 21, 2023



AGENDA ITEM 4 D

CRTPA SUN TRAILS APPLICATIONS RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This item seeks Board approval of resolutions (provided as **Attachments 1 & 2**) related to the CRTPA's Shared-Use Non-Motorized Trail Program (SUN Trails) applications for the following two (2) trail projects in the CRTPA region: US 90 West Trail (Gadsden County) and the Tallahassee to Havana Trail (Gadsden & Leon counties).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Option 1: Approve resolutions of support related to the CRTPA's submittals of SUN Trails applications for the US 90 West Trail (Gadsden County) and the Tallahassee to Havana Trail (Gadsden & Leon counties).

BACKGROUND

The Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program provides funding for the development of a statewide system of interconnected paved multi-use trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians, physically separated from the road. The SUN Trail network is a refined version of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan's Land Trail Priority network.

In order to be eligible for funding, projects must be included on [the FGTS Land Priority network](#). Within the CRTPA region, a number of trails are included on the FGTS Land Priority network (see **Attachment 3**), including the US 90 West Trail (Gadsden County) and the Tallahassee to Havana Trail (Gadsden & Leon counties).

Recently, the Shared-Use Non-Motorized Trail Program, managed by FDOT, initiated a call for application for SUN Trails funding consideration. The applications, due on December 20, include a requirement that letters or resolutions of support be provided from various entities such as a county(s), municipality(s), or agency(s).

To that end, the CRTPA is developing applications for funding consideration associated with this funding cycle for several trails in the region and staff is seeking resolutions of support from the CRTPA Board.

Specifically, SUN Trails applications are being developed for the following trail projects in the CRTPA region:

- US 90 West Trail – The US 90 West Trail is approximately 21 miles in length and largely follows the US 90 corridor in Gadsden County. The trail’s eastern terminus is SR 12 at the Quincy Bypass (Julia Monroe Woodward Highway) with the western terminus located in Chattahoochee (at the Gadsden/Jackson County line).
- Tallahassee to Havana Trail* – This approximately 10-mile trail provides a connection between Tallahassee and Havana. The feasibility study, approved by the CRTPA at the [November 15, 2022 meeting](#), evaluated the potentiality to construct a multi-use trail between the Orchard Pond Parkway in Leon County and Salem Road in Gadsden County. *Note: Two (2) separate SUN Trails applications are being developed for this project (one for the Gadsden County portion of the trail and one for Leon County portion), as follows:

Gadsden County Segment – The CRTPA is applying for SUN Trails funding for the design and construction phases of this segment.

Leon County Segment – The CRTPA is applying for SUN Trails funding for the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study and design phases of this segment.

NOTE: The CRTPA is also applying for SUN Trails construction funding for the [SR 267 Trail](#), with a resolution of support adopted by the CRTPA at the September 19 meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval, CRTPA staff will incorporate the resolutions of support into the application packages.

OPTIONS

- Option 1: Approve resolutions of support related to the CRTPA’s submittals of SUN Trails applications for the US 90 West Trail (Gadsden County) and the Tallahassee to Havana Trail (Gadsden & Leon counties).
(Recommended)
- Option 2: CRTPA Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - US 90 West Resolution
- Attachment 2 - Tallahassee to Havana Resolution
- Attachment 3 - FDEP Land Priorities Map (CRTPA region)

CRTPA RESOLUTION 2023-11-4D1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (CRTPA)
SUPPORTING A SUN TRAILS APPLICATION
FOR FUNDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE US 90 WEST TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency is to "Create an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that provides the most options for moving people and goods economically, effectively and safely while protecting the environment, promoting economic development and maintaining a high quality of life with sustainable development patterns"; and

WHEREAS, the US 90 West Trail (Quincy to Chattahoochee) is an integral link in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Greenways & Trails System Plan and is a Priority Corridor on the SUN Trails Network; and

WHEREAS, the development of the US 90 West Trail will continue the expansion of the regional trail system and provide safety economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the US 90 West Trail is a priority on the CRTPA’s Regional Trail Priority Project List; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the development of the US 90 West Trail is development of a feasibility study in Fiscal Year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY THAT:

The CRTPA supports the submission of an application to the SUN Trails Program seeking funding for the development of a feasibility study for the US 90 West Trail connecting Quincy to the Chattahoochee in Gadsden County.

Passed and duly adopted by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency on this 21st day of November 2023.

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

By: _____

Rick Minor, Chair

Attest

By: _____

Greg Slay, Executive Director

CRTPA RESOLUTION 2023-11-4D2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (CRTPA)
SUPPORTING A SUN TRAILS APPLICATION
FOR FUNDING THE TALLAHASSEE TO HAVANA TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency is to "Create an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that provides the most options for moving people and goods economically, effectively and safely while protecting the environment, promoting economic development and maintaining a high quality of life with sustainable development patterns"; and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee to Havana Trail is an integral link in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Greenways & Trails System Plan and is a Priority Corridor on the SUN Trails Network; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Tallahassee to Havana Trail will continue the expansion of the regional trail system and provide safety and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee to Havana Trail is a priority on the CRTPA’s Regional Trail Priority Project List; and

WHEREAS, the CRTPA has completed the Tallahassee to Havana Feasibility Study indicating the available right-of-way in which to construct a trail and strong regional public support of the trail.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY THAT:

The CRTPA supports the submission of an application to the SUN Trails Program seeking various funding phases for the Tallahassee to Havana Trail connecting Tallahassee to the Havana in Gadsden and Leon counties.

Passed and duly adopted by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency on this 21st day of November 2023.

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

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Rick Minor, Chair

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CRTPA Region - Land Trails Priorities Network

SUN Trails Application Trails in RED

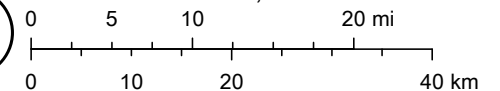


Florida Greenways and Trails System - Land Trail Priorities - Land Trail Priorities

- Florida National Scenic Trail Corridor
- Land Trail Priority Corridor



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