

1/29/24 FOAIT Meeting with Nassau County

Present:

Mike Pikula and Bill Bokram, Friends of the Amelia Island Trail

Robert Companion, Deputy County Manager, County Engineer

Darren Marsh, Interim Road Director

Meeting place/time: Nassau County Conference Room at 1:30 pm

Agenda Items Discussed:



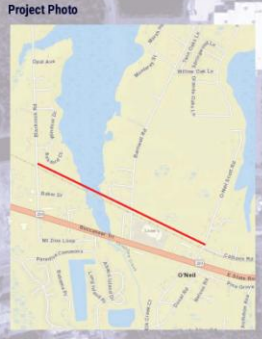

1. Mike gave Robert 11 new Amelia Island Parkway Trail (AIP) signs and discussed placement along segment one, with the extras for the county to hold for the remaining AIP segments. Nassau County will provide poles and installation.
2. We discussed other trail signage requirements (speed, prohibited vehicles, trail rules). Robert said that signs with up-to-date rules will be placed on the new trails. We discussed the 10 MPH trail speed limit, and Robert's interpretation is that the already published rules will apply to all County trails.
3. We discussed location and number of rest stops on AIP that our trail group will fund/construct. Mike proposed up to 4 rest stops, each with a bench and a bike rack. The locations depend on adequate setback room on the side of the trail farthest from the road. Robert said there is adequate room on county property anywhere along the trail and left it to us to choose the locations. Bill asked if we can place benches along proposed off-island trails if we receive donation offers that exceed our on-island need. Robert replied that we can do this. Mike said that the FOAIT will have to discuss if we want to extend our mission to include off-island trails. This of course is only possible if the donor is indifferent to where the bench is located.
4. We discussed the need for a ped/bike sidewalk and crossing of the AIP at the South 14th Street roundabout. The existing sidewalk along 14th Street starts a little bit north of the roundabout. We asked that this be done at the same time that segment 2 is installed because that segment ends at the roundabout with no place to go but north across the AI Parkway without any crossing or sidewalk. Robert and Darren agreed with our request, reminding us that







construction work other than the trail itself cannot use the trail funds, so he will find a way to pay for it from other funds. There is not much time before segment 2 is started, but he will do his best to get this done.

5. We discussed presentation of a 3-trail sign display to the County Commission (AIT, ARTS and AIPT). The 3 signs will form a triangle with the open triangular space in the middle with a plaque saying “Nassau County Commission and Staff, thank you for building and maintaining our wonderful trails!” Mike suggested that, after presenting, it be placed on the wall of the Commission meeting room for all to see. Robert agreed, and thinks it is a great idea. Mike asked Robert if the County had an emblem or crest that we could add to the plaque in the two open spots on either side of the placards. Robert said he thought they did. Bill asked if Mike can present it to the Commission at a regular meeting once it is completed. There is no urgency. Mike will have the sign made and then coordinate timing with our Board and the County.
6. Robert provided an update on completion of the AIPT segment 1 construction. Segment one will be done in about two months from today (est. completion of around April 5th), including signs and roadway/trail painting. Robert said that they will use the smaller stop signs as on the AIT and ARTS.
7. Robert gave us an update on completion of designs and solicitation release for AIPT segments 2, 3, and 4. Segment 2 is out for bid now. Award and possibly construction will start in roughly 60-90 days (beginning of April), about the same time that segment 1 is finished. Segment 3 is funded and design is almost done. Segment 4 is also funded, but design has not started yet. Robert said that he expects that in three years the entire Parkway Trail will be completed. Bill asked if costs are still increasing. Robert said that costs are increasing much more slowly than they were, and that it is now easier to more accurately project what each project will cost, when several years ago it was not possible. He said that segment 2 will cost about \$2 million, compared to about \$1 million for segment 1. This is mostly because the airport side along the curve of the AI Parkway is low with ditches and has a lot of underground utilities. Recall that in the design phase, we knew that it would cost more to keep the trail on that side of the highway, but all of us considered it critically important that we avoid having to add two road crossings. The county was expecting to pay for the extra cost, but the state found money to increase the grant, so this will not cost the county anything. The grant pays for the design as well as construction.

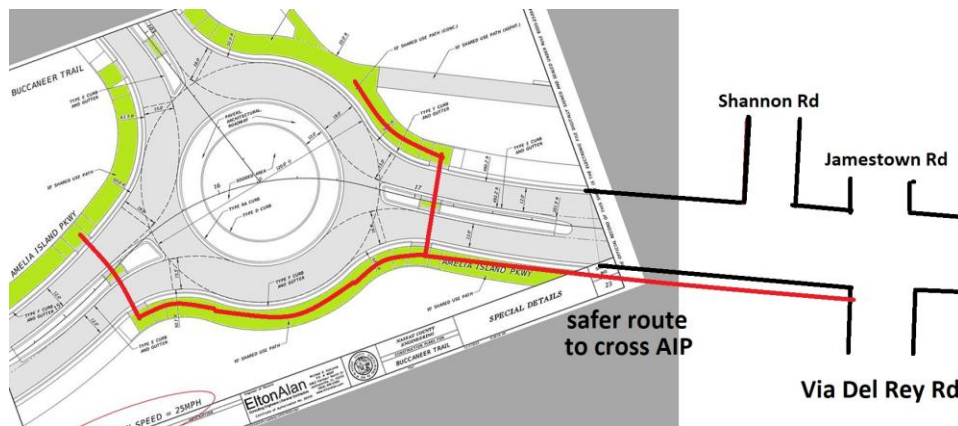
8. Robert gave us an update on other trail plans for Nassau County. The William Burgess road/trail contact is out for bid. Robert expects construction to start in March or April. The trail part of this project will eventually extend west along the length of William Burgess Blvd, crossing SR200/A1A into Wildlight. Wildlight is building 50 miles of trails (Wow!), all eventually being turned over to the county. Robert explained that new developments must either provide trails and parks, or pay the county via mobility fees to the same end. He said that the fees go into a trail fund that can only be used for trail construction. Robert reminded us that the county-wide trail plan is included in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (dated 9/25/23. See maps below from plan that were not part of this meeting).

 Pages Dairy Road Extension Phase 2 BOCC District 1		 William Burgess Boulevard Trail BOCC District 3	
 <p>Project Photo</p>		 <p>Project Photo</p>	
<p>CIP000007</p> <p>Project Limits: Blackrock Road to O'Neil-Scott Road.</p> <p>Project Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a northern alternative to SR 200 from Blackrock Road to O'Neil-Scott Road. <p>Construction Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a new roadway with bicycle and pedestrian facilities from Chester Blackrock Road to O'Neil-Scott Road. Feasibility Study will be required due to impacts to creek system. <p>Project Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design TBD Construction TBD <p>Project Budget: \$ 12,142,965 (Design & Construction) Estimate will need revision pending outcome of Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Estimated Annual Maintenance Cost: \$10,943 (resurface every 22 years)</p> <p>Current Status: • Pending Selection</p> <p>Project Team Members: Engineering Firm: TBD Contractor: TBD Construction Engineering Inspection: TBD Project Manager: Robert T. Companion, PE</p>		<p>CIP000063</p> <p>Project Limits: SR 200 to US 17</p> <p>Project Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a pedestrian and bicyclist facilities along William Burgess Boulevard to serve FSCJ, Robert M. Foster Judicial Center, Wildlight, YHS, YMS, residents, and surrounding commercial businesses in the area as well as provide recreational facilities. <p>Construction Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete construction of shared use path from SR 200 to US 17. <p>Project Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design TBD Construction TBD <p>Project Budget: \$ 2,817,175 (Design & Construction)*</p> <p>Estimated Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,474 (resurface every 22 years)</p> <p>— Developer Funded (1.91 miles) — County Funded (1.01 miles)</p> <p>Current Status: • Pending Selection</p> <p>Project Team Members: Engineering Firm: TBD Contractor: TBD Construction Engineering Inspection: TBD Project Manager: Robert T. Companion, PE</p>	

 Internal Shared Use Path System BOCC District 3 - ENCPA		 CR108 Extension BOCC District 3 - ENCPA	
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<p>CIP000144</p> <p>Project Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail system throughout the ENCPA (trails not shown on map and are subject to the ENCPA development plan) <p>Project Goals: Provide alternative transportation network for pedestrians and cyclists</p> <p>Construction Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct 50 miles of shared use paths <p>Project Schedule: Subject to ENCPA development plan</p> <p>Project Budget: \$ 14,574,240</p> <p>Estimated Annual Maintenance Cost: \$213,050 (resurface every 20 years)</p> <p>Current Status: Some Phases Under Design</p> <p>Project Team Members: Engineering Firm: TBD Contractor: TBD Construction Engineering Inspection: TBD Project Manager: Wildlight - ENCPA</p>		<p>CIP000014</p> <p>Project Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From US 17 to Chester Road <p>Project Goals: Provide a northern alternative to SR 200 by extending CR 108 from US 17 to Chester Road</p> <p>Construction Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a new two lane roadway from US 17 to Chester Road with multi-use path and sidewalk. <p>Project Schedule: Subject to ENCPA development plan</p> <p>Project Budget: \$ 26,636,604</p> <p>Estimated Annual Maintenance Cost: \$79,773 (resurface every 20 years)</p> <p>Current Status: Pending Selection</p> <p>Project Team Members: Engineering Firm: TBD Contractor: TBD Construction Engineering Inspection: TBD Project Manager: Wildlight - ENCPA</p>	

Robert also said that new development along SR200 must include a 10 foot wide path where the current sidewalk is. We'll start seeing a patchwork of the wider paths as each new development is built.

9. We discussed the need for a short new sidewalk along the northeast side of Al Parkway from the proposed new Buccaneer Roundabout north to Via Del Rey to allow folks access from the new AIP trail.



Sidewalks are already included in the roundabout design. What we are asking for is a sidewalk (not a path) extension to Via Del Rey Road. Robert agreed that this is needed, and said that it will likely be something right next to the shoulder of the road, as there is not much space there. Mike asked, and we discussed if this can be included in the cost of the new roundabout and built at the same time. Robert will check on this. Bill said that we do not want folks crossing Parkway at Jamestown road due to fast traffic and reduced visibility on that curve, especially when there could be safer crossings nearby. We all agreed that this should eventually be done.

10. Regarding Repair/restoration of the Julia St trail segment in front of the new Parkview homes, County staff had already worked out repair of the trail:

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Subject: RE: Meeting - Trail Coordination

Good morning,

The contractor previously repaired two areas of the trail that were damaged during construction. I walked the site on 1/18 with the contractor and informed them that the areas

would need to be paved again due to additional damage/poor quality. This will be done prior to the site being approved by the County.

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We did not need to discuss this agenda item.

11. We ended the meeting with two maintenance items submitted by Bill.

- a. Entrances to Circle K station have excess soil next to them again, causing flooding (but not as bad as before).



- b. Stewart St has excess soil next to it, causing flooding.



After a brief discussion, Darren said that he agreed and that he has already put in a work order to take care of these drainage problems. Bill said that the Stewart St location is where Martex employees park, and that vehicles track mud across the trail.

12.Regarding the new Nassau FL 2050 Vision project, Mike asked what this is about. Robert said that this project is to determine longer term priorities for the county. Focus group meetings and Discovery Discussions have started. Robert said that he included us in the distribution announcing this project because he thought that our group will be interested in ensuring that the priorities that result include trails. He strongly recommended that we be involved in the project to keep multiuse trails as an important priority. We discussed how trails fulfill multiple criteria – transportation, linear parks, etc. We need a volunteer from our Board to represent our interests.

The meeting ended at about 2:45 pm.

Mike Pikula and Bill Bokram
2/1/2024