



JOINT COLLIER MPO BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LEE MPO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

**The Collaboratory
2031 Jackson Street
Ft. Myers, FL 33901**

**October 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call/Introductions**
- 3. Election of a Chairperson**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda**
- 6. Reports & Presentations (May Require Committee Action)**
 - A. District 1 Bike Ped Coordinator Report
 - B. New Collier and Lee County Bike Ped Projects in the 2023 Draft Tentative Work Program
 - C. Paradise Coast Trail Feasibility Study Update
 - D. Estero Bonita Rail Trail Feasibility Study Update
 - E. Bike Ped Facility Updates on Regional Road Projects
 - F. SUN Trail Program Update
 - G. USBR 15 Expansion Efforts Update in Lee & Collier County
 - H. 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Bike Ped Program Highlights
- 7. Public & Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**
- 8. Information & Distribution Items**
- 9. Next Meeting Date**
- 10. Adjournment**

DISTRICT 1 BIKE PED COORDINATOR REPORT

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

At the October 26th joint meeting, the D1 Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator will provide an update on the District Active Transportation Plan and discuss a pilot project in Lee County utilizing FDOT methodology for investments on state highways. The report will also cover:

- Next round of Non-Motorized Ped Bike Count stations
- Speed Management Trainings, &
- Safety Campaign focused on Human Behavior Factors

**NEW COLLIER AND LEE COUNTY BIKE PED PROJECTS IN THE
2023 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

At the October 26th joint meeting, FDOT will report on the new bike ped projects (and project phases) in Lee and Collier County included in FDOT's Draft Tentative Work Program covering FY 2023 through FY 2027.

PARADISE COAST TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM:

The proposed 70-mile Paradise Coast Trail is expected to connect Naples to Bonita Springs, Collier Seminole State Park, Ave Maria and other areas within and beyond Collier County. Portions of the Trail are along the SUN Trail alignment in Collier County.

The Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) contracted with Kimley Horn to conduct a Feasibility Study of the proposed trail. NPC and the consultant will provide a project update at the joint meeting on October 26th.

The trail is expected to tie in with the proposed Estero Bonita Rail Trail, which is along an alignment of Lee County's SUN Trail Network, with the anticipated connection included in the scope of services of both feasibility studies.

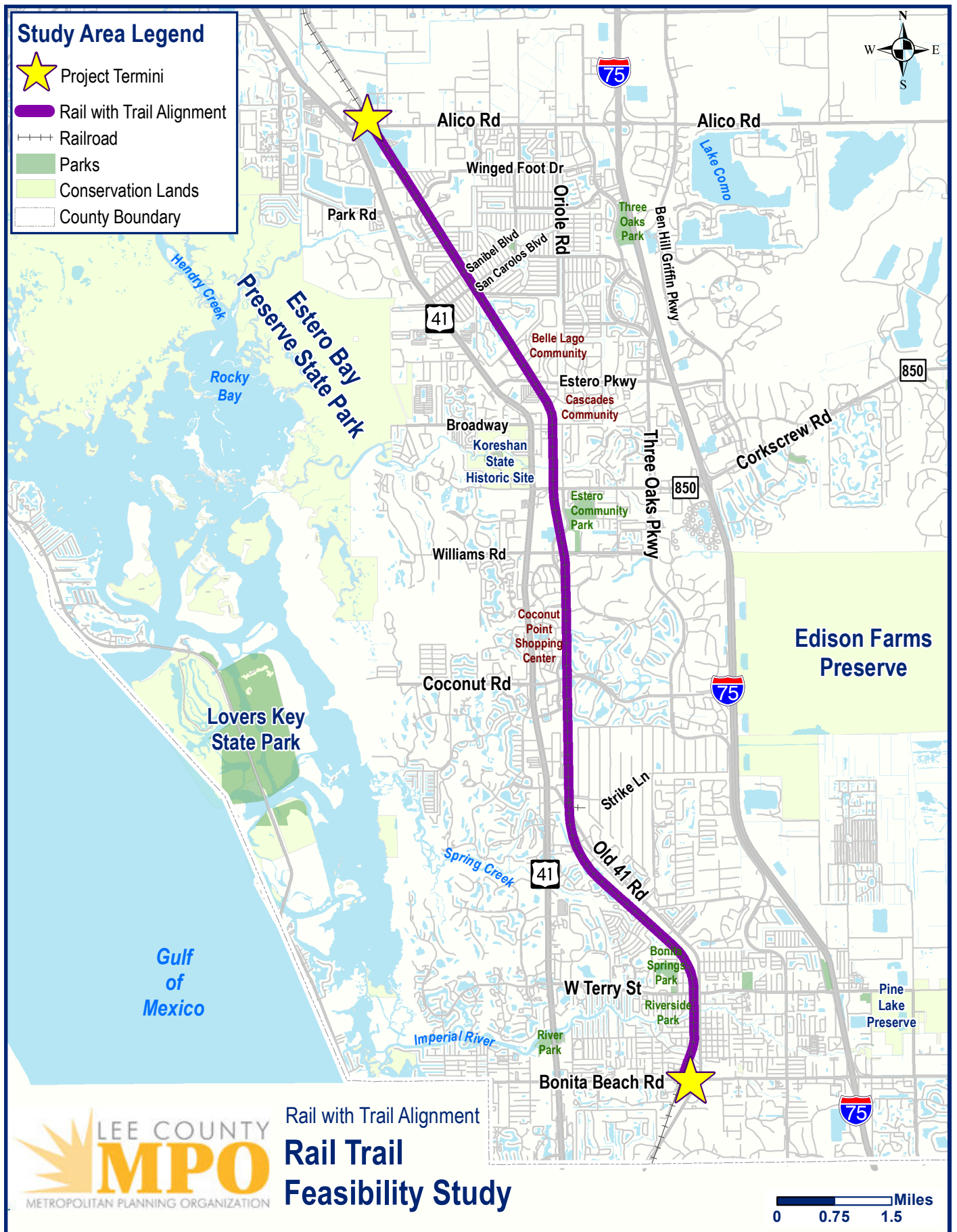
ESTERO BONITA RAIL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEM:

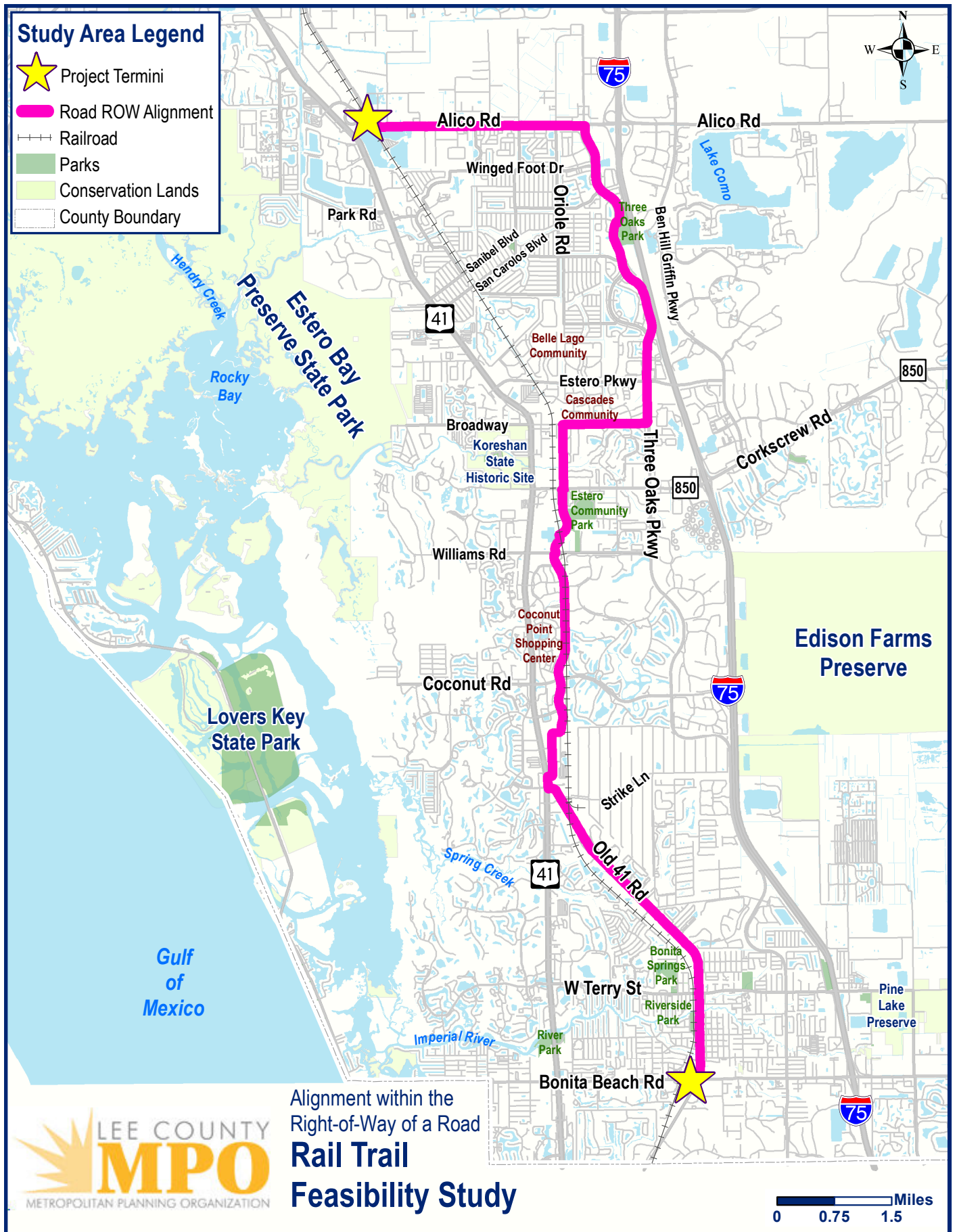
The Lee MPO's Estero-Bonita Rail Trail Feasibility Study, funded with a SUN Trail Program grant and local funds from the Village of Estero and the City of Bonita Springs, has been under way since March of this year. A project update will be provided by MPO staff at the joint meeting. Graphics showing the three main alternative alignments of this study are **attached**.



This proposed alignment would replace the existing tracks, within Seminole Gulf Railway corridor, from Alico Road to Bonita Beach Road.



This proposed alignment runs adjacent to the existing tracks within the Seminole Gulf Rail corridor, from Alico Road to Bonita Beach Road.



A majority of this proposed alignment runs adjacent to the roadway, using Alico Road, Three Oaks Parkway, Broadway East, Sandy Lane, Via Coconut Point, Production Circle, and Old 41 Road.

BIKE PED FACILITY UPDATES ON REGIONAL ROAD PROJECTS

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Information on bicycle pedestrian amenities on regional road projects is included below and staff will provide additional information at the meeting:

SR 82 - The construction of the widening from 2 to 6 lanes from Lee Boulevard to Shawnee Road was completed in December 2019. The segment of SR 82 from Shawnee Road to Alabama Road, widening from 2 to 6 lanes, was completed in October 2020. The segments of SR 82 from Alabama Road to Homestead Road and from Homestead Road to the Lee/Hendry County Line was completed in June 2021 (widening from 2 to 4 lanes). The segment in Hendry County from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line was completed in Fall of 2016 (2 lanes to 4 lanes). All three segments include 7' wide buffered bicycle lanes, 8' to 10' ft wide shared use path on the south side, and 6' wide sidewalk on the north side. The segment of SR 82 from the Hendry/Collier County line to Gator Slough Lane is programmed for construction in July 2023. The final segment of SR 82 from Gator Slough Lane to SR 29 is currently under construction with an estimated completion date of Summer 2022. It is expected that construction of a 10' wide shared use path on the south side within this segment will be continued west to fill the gap in the Hendry County section.

Logan Boulevard Extension – The two-lane connection of Logan Boulevard from the Collier County line up to Bonita Beach Road was completed in 2020 by the City of Bonita Springs. The project includes a 12' wide shared use path on the west side. The Collier County portion up to Seven Lakes Boulevard is 10 to 12' wide.

Old US 41 (County Road 887)– As part of the Joint Regional Pathway Priorities for 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Lee and Collier MPOs had submitted a joint request to FDOT for a shared use path on the west side of Old 41 from Bonita Beach Road to US 41 in Collier County. FDOT did not fund the project but agreed to consider the proposed facility in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the 4-lane widening of Old US 41. That PD&E study is currently under way with project limits from US 41/Tamiami Trail in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County. These improvements, which may include safety, complete streets, and capacity improvements, are intended to enhance connectivity and circulation between US 41 and Bonita Beach Road, as well as improve safety for all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

The PD&E study is being done to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of any proposed improvements needed to relieve existing congestion and accommodate future travel demand from projected population and employment growth in the area. Improvements may include the potential widening of the roadway up to four lanes, as well as safety considerations for bicyclists and pedestrians, such as marked bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and/or a shared-use path.

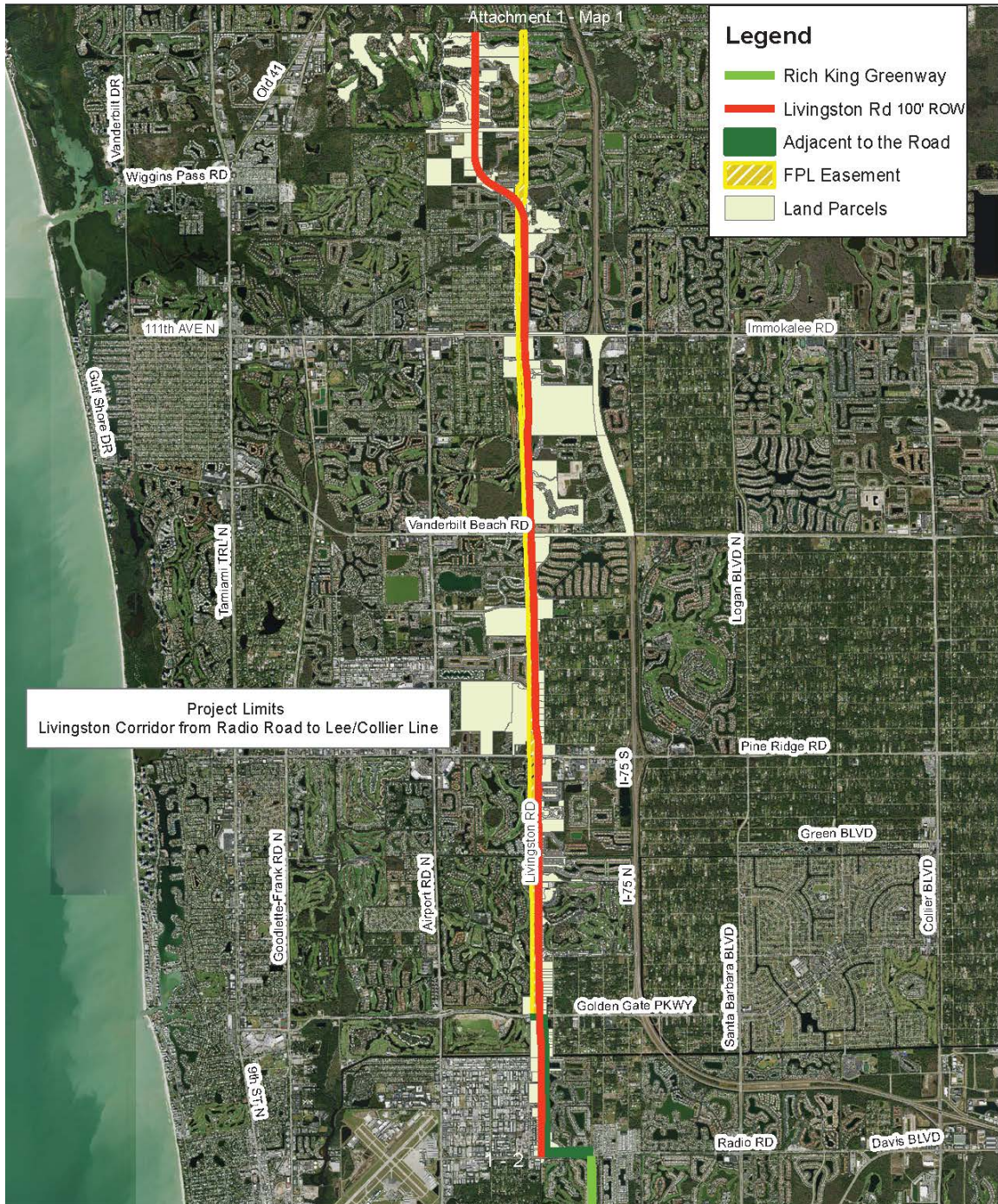
This project (although under one study) has two segments due to part of the project being located in Collier County and part of the project being located in Lee County. The first segment, in Collier County, is from US 41/Tamiami Trail to the Lee County Line. The second segment, in Lee County, is from the Collier County Line to Bonita Beach Road. The PD&E study is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

SUN TRAIL PROGRAM UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEM:

At the October 26th Joint meeting, FDOT will provide an update on the SUN Trail Program. This will be followed by a quick update on the SUN Trail projects in Lee County including the Van Buren/EI Dorado Pkwy/Kismet Pkwy Multi Use Trail and the JYLP Trail Extension.

Collier County is the lead agency on FPN 4475141 Livingston FPL Trail Extension from Radio Rd to Collier County Line; funded for PD&E at \$1.1 million in FY26. The project scope calls for constructing a 12-ft paved Shared Use Path within an 11-mile Florida Power and Light (FPL) easement that runs parallel to Livingston Rd, connecting with the existing Rich King Memorial Greenway (on the SUN Trail Priority Network) to the south and Lee County's SUN Trail Priority Network to the north as shown in **Attachment A**.



USBR 15 EXPANSION EFFORTS UPDATE IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTY

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

U.S. Bicycle Route (USBR) 15 is a 14-mile long segment from Georgia to Madison, Florida. A proposal to extend the Route from Madison to Miami is being spearheaded by Adventure Cycling Association, a national advocacy organization that collaborates with AASHTO for expansion of the US Bicycle Route System.

The proposed extension will cover 496 miles through 23 local government jurisdictions in Florida. The process requires an adopted resolution of support and an application from each local government jurisdiction along the corridor to trigger a FDOT request to AASHTO for Route Addition.

Requests are typically reviewed and acted upon by AASHTO twice a year, in spring and in fall. For Fall 2021 Submission Cycle, the deadline to submit resolutions of support and applications to FDOT expired on September 27th, 2021. FDOT will continue to accept applications as they come in and will decide when to process a request to AASHTO. Below is the status of the resolutions from the pertinent local governments in Lee and Collier County:

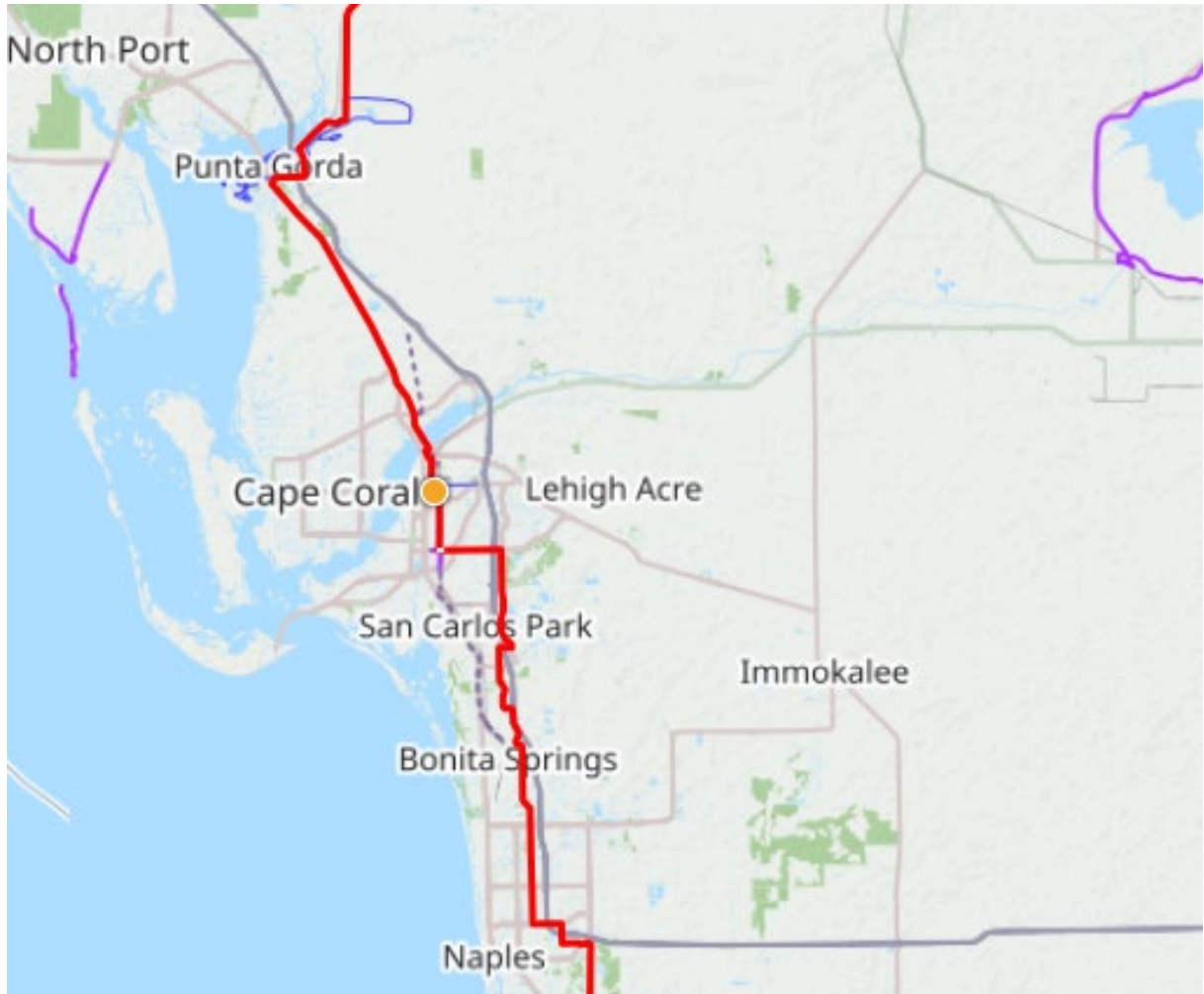
Lee County

In Lee County, the proposed route extension will pass through the Cities of Fort Myers and Bonita Springs, and unincorporated Lee County. The proposed route is included in **Attachment A**. The resolution of support has been adopted by the Bonita Springs City Council. The resolution and the FDOT application to FDOT to initiate an AASHTO request has been transmitted to FDOT. The Fort Myers City Council is expected to adopt a resolution of support at its October 18th meeting.

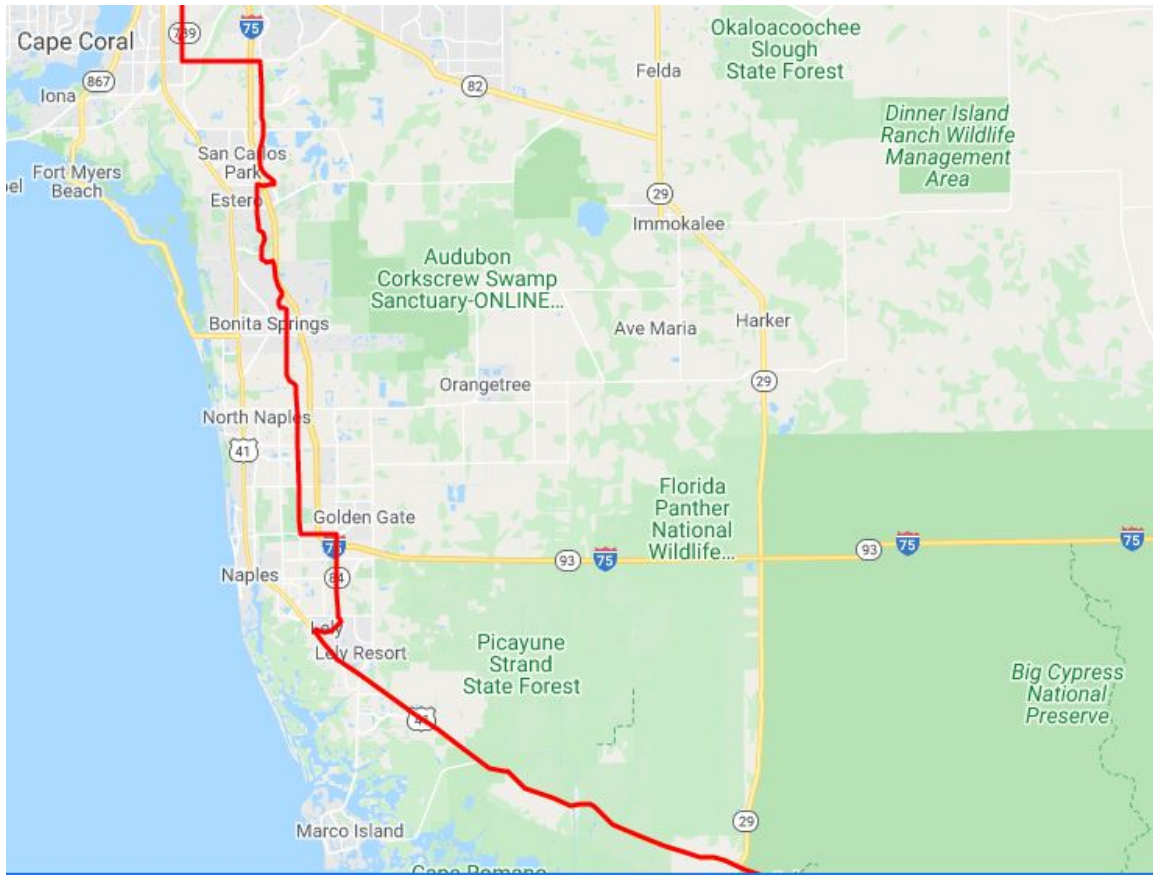
Collier County

The proposed route passes through unincorporated Collier County on Livingston Rd, Golden Gate Pkwy, Santa Barbara Blvd, Radio Rd, SR84 (Davis Blvd) and Collier Blvd as shown in **Attachment B**. The route has been endorsed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the MPO. The Collier County Growth Management Department plans to bring the proposal to the Board of County Commissioners for approval at an upcoming meeting – the date has not yet been established.

Attachment A



Attachment B



2021 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT BIKE PED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

The Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) on August 10, 2021. The House is expected to vote on the bill on October 31st. Among other things the bill includes \$550 billion in new spending over the baseline that is included in the existing federal transportation bill (FAST Act). The bill also includes reauthorizing the existing federal transportation bill, that expired on September 30th, but which has now been extended through October 31st through a Continuing Resolution that was passed by both chambers of Congress.

At the October 26th joint meeting, if time permits, staff will report on the new programs and funding available in this bill (through a combination of statutory formula and discretionary grant programs) for Bike Ped related programs and projects.