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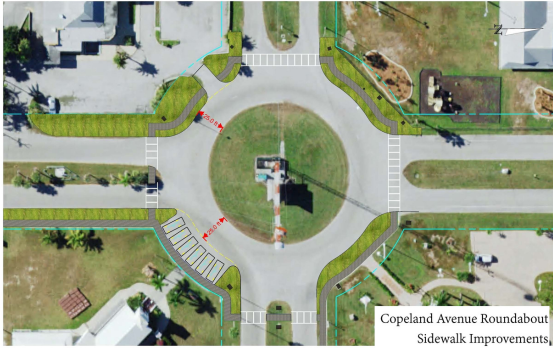
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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO
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PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: EVERGLADES CITY SIDEWALKS!

New sidewalks and crosswalk markings will be installed at the roundabout as part of the Copeland Avenue Sidewalk project in Everglades City. Improvements will enhance pedestrian safety by adding sidewalks, crosswalk markings, and enhancing setbacks. Existing lighting and utilities will not be impacted by the improvements. FDOT is the project sponsor and will be performing the improvements on behalf of Everglades City. The project is scheduled to start in 2022.



Copeland Avenue Roundabout
Sidewalk Improvements

MPO BOARD APPROVES TIP AMENDMENT

ADVANCING PROJECT AND FUNDING FOR I-75 AT SR 951 ULTIMATE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The MPO Board voted unanimously to approve the TIP amendment at their October 8th MPO board meeting. On October 7th the Citizens and Technical Advisory Committees voted to endorse the TIP amendment. The TIP amendment authorizes the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Federal Stimulus funds to advance the I-75 at SR 951 project from FY 2025 to FY 2022. The total amount of funding is \$81,961,590.

FDOT District 1 Secretary, LK Nandam noted that it was constant collaboration and focus on this project that allowed the District to put it forward as the number one priority and receive the stimulus money. MPO Board members were pleased to approve this amendment. Chair Middelstaedt noted how exciting it is to move forward a project by 3 years. Commissioner Solis thanked Anne McLaughlin, Collier MPO Executive Director, along with the County and FDOT for working together to move the project forward and for all their hard work.




UPCOMING EVENT!

- Ciclovía Immokalee
 - Saturday, October 30th, from 10 am-12 pm
 - Immokalee Community Park, 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee FL 34142
 - Part of FDOT's Mobility Week
 - Ciclovía is a celebration of physical activity, healthy habits, nutritious snacks and families playing together.
 - Collier MPO will be there with FDOT!



OCTOBER IS GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MONTH



From the Office of Greenways and Trails: "Florida Greenways and Trails Month originated 20 years ago to highlight Florida's many different recreational trails and natural spaces. Establishing a connected system of greenways and trails in Florida is a way to link the natural and human environments. To support the creation of a statewide connected system of greenways and trails, the Office of Greenways and Trails continuously works with our public and private partners and stakeholders throughout Florida. Recreational trails and waterways provide places for paddlers, bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders and nature lovers to recreate and experience the natural and cultural attractions offered by our great state. Trails provide enormous benefits for Florida's residents, visitors, economy and tourism. In addition, outdoor recreation provides many different health benefits including lower blood pressure, improved physical fitness, enhanced mood and much more.

If you are looking for a new recreational trail to explore, check out the [Online Trail Guide](#) for information about 15,160 total miles of recreational trails for hiking, bicycling, equestrian, multi-use, paddling and other recreational uses.

We have created a daily calendar of fun outdoor activities to enjoy in October. Register [here](#) to keep us up to date on how you are participating in the Greenways and Trails Month Challenge and tag any photos with #OutdoorFlorida.

Don't forget to [register](#) for our Outdoor Florida Webinar Series"

Safety Spotlight

Check out this educational safety video from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center titled: Driver Turning Right into a Bicyclist. This video focuses on when a driver and bicyclist are traveling in the same direction and the driver turns right, crashing into the bicyclist.



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