

Multi-use Trails and On-road Bicycle Lanes

Quality of Life

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Area: **County-Wide** Location: **TBD**

Need:

Charlotte County's parks have many trails that do not connect to major roads. The addition of connecting trails from existing parks to bike lanes and other trails provides unhindered access to the parks.

Purpose:

The County will construct multi-use trails for walkways and bikeways that complete phased projects, close gaps, or provide linkages in the existing trail, sidewalk and bikeway network.

Objectives:

Construct 10 miles of multi-trails and/or bikeways -collector and arterial streets serving schools, commercial areas, and parks as a funding priority over other sidewalks/bikeways.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$3,800,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$3,800,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$1,900

Will the project impact public health and safety?

The project will promote healthy lifestyles and activity by providing adequate bicycle and sidewalks as an alternative mode of transportation for active lifestyles.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs?

A good pedestrian and bicycle system is desired by many companies seeking to provide their employees with active lifestyle amenities as well as alternatives to traditional commuting models.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Minimal impact to O&M.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Grant funds area available through transportation enhancement funds as well as the Recreation Trails Program.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension?

Yes, where the trails connect to existing sidewalks.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

None have been identified at this time. But, the increased level of service available will allow for further opportunities to partner in the future.

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

None have been identified at this time.

Project to be funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Extension if passed by the voters of Charlotte County

Is the project included Master Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan?

These multi-use trails and bikeways will help accomplish parts of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

There will be minimal impact on environmental quality, if any.

Percentage of population served

It would be the intent of the project to serve all areas of the county, but locations are undetermined.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

These multi-use trails and bikeways will significantly improve quality of life by providing alternative transportation opportunities, potentially improving traffic congestion.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No.