

Application No.
PA-16-02-01-LS
(Large Scale Text Amendment)

Applicant
Board of County Commissioners /
Amend Future Transportation Map
Series #7

Legislative

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2016

To: Honorable Board of County Commissioners
The Planning and Zoning Board

From: Matthew T. Trepal, Principal Planner

RE: PA-16-02-01-LS, a large-scale text amendment, amending Future Transportation Series Map #7: South County Sidewalks and Bikeways.

Staff Recommendation:

"Approve transmittal of petition No. PA-16-02-01-LS to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and comments, based on the findings and analysis in the Planning Division staff report dated March 8, 2016 and the evidence presented at the public hearing on the application."

The Planning and Zoning Board proposed recommendation:

"Motion to forward application No. PA-16-02-01-LS to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation of Approval/Denial of transmittal of PA-16-02-01-LS to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and comments, based on the findings and analysis in the staff report dated March 8, 2016 and the evidence presented at the public hearing."

Purpose of This Amendment:

PA-16-02-01-LS involves a large-scale text amendment to amend the **Future Transportation Series Map #7: South County Sidewalks and Bikeways** to add the Babcock Trail Alignment. This is a trail through the Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area (WMA) connecting Tuckers Grade to SR 31 and then to the proposed trail system within the Babcock Ranch Community. The trail would follow an existing 12.6-mile unpaved road through the WMA. A conceptual plan for this alignment is shown in Exhibit A, prepared by Kitson and Partners, developers of the Babcock Ranch Community.

The addition of the Babcock Trail Alignment to FTMS Map #7 (shown in Exhibit B) would allow it to also be added to the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Once included within the LRTP, the trail would become eligible for State and Federal funding through the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

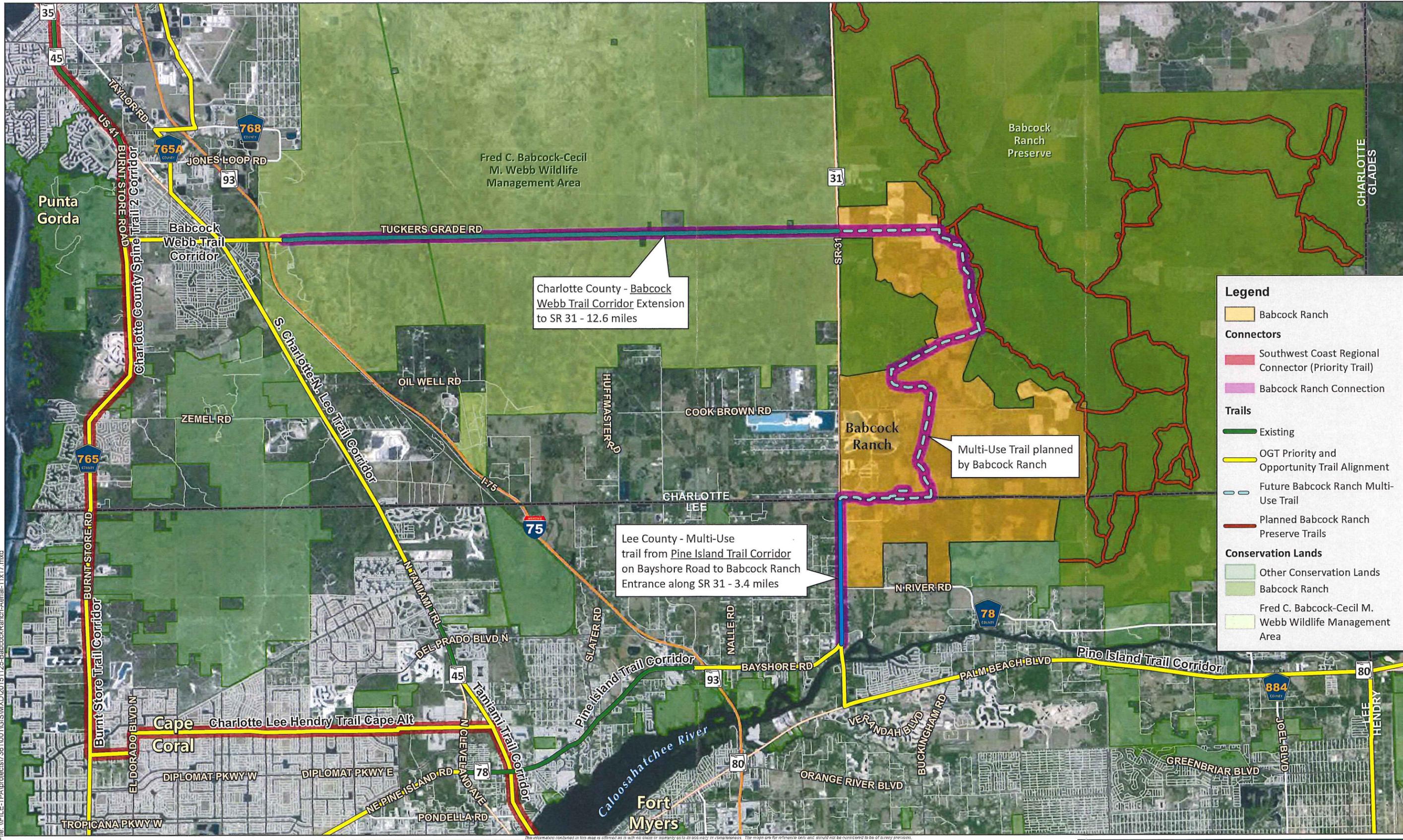
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Consistency with Charlotte 2050:

Existing **TRA Objective 1.2: Sidewalks, Bicycle Facilities, Multi-use Trails** states that the County “*shall develop a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian system by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails...*” and existing **TRA Policy 1.2.4: Gaps and Linkages** states that the County shall “*assign a high priority to construction of sidewalks and bikeways*” that would close gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway network. Existing **FLU Policy 6.4.24: Master Internal Circulation Plan** states that the Babcock Ranch Community will have a traffic circulation system that include “*pedestrian, bicycle, and non-automotive transportation networks*”. While 12.6 miles might be considered more than a “gap”, this bicycle trail through the Babcock-Webb WMA presents an excellent opportunity to connect the proposed Babcock Ranch Community with the Punta Gorda area via bicycle, and from there to the greater County bicycle and pedestrian facility network.



Legend

- Babcock Ranch
- Connectors**
 - Southwest Coast Regional Connector (Priority Trail)
 - Babcock Ranch Connection
- Trails**
 - Existing
 - OGT Priority and Opportunity Trail Alignment
 - Future Babcock Ranch Multi-Use Trail
 - Planned Babcock Ranch Preserve Trails
- Conservation Lands**
 - Other Conservation Lands
 - Babcock Ranch
 - Fred C. Babcock-Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area

Charlotte County - Babcock Webb Trail Corridor Extension to SR 31 - 12.6 miles

Lee County - Multi-Use trail from Pine Island Trail Corridor on Bayshore Road to Babcock Ranch Entrance along SR 31 - 3.4 miles

Multi-Use Trail planned by Babcock Ranch

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 Engineering - Landscape Architecture - Planning - GIS

Data Sources: FDOT, FDEP OGT, ESRI



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Babcock Ranch
Potential Trail Connections
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Exhibit A

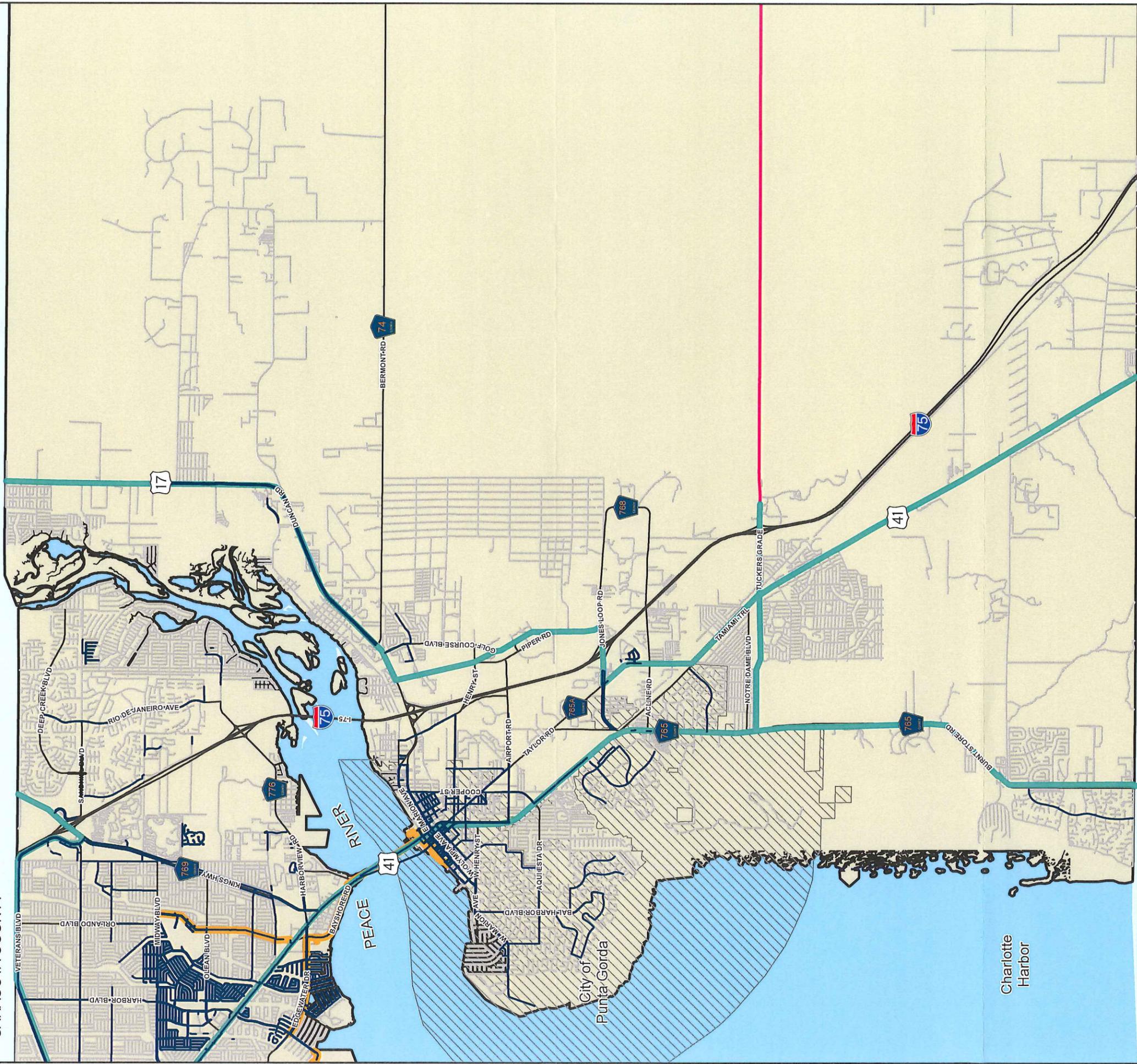


CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Future Transportation Map Series
Map #7: South County Sidewalks and Bikeways

Community Development

SARASOTA COUNTY

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LEGEND

Stateplane Projection
 Datum: NAD83
 Units: Meters
 Source: CCGIS, GROM
 MPO, Public Works

- FGTS Land Trail
- Sidewalk
- Babcock Trail Alignment
- Bikeway



Metadata available upon request

NOT TO SCALE

Exhibit B

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION for
 LARGE SCALE PLAN AMENDMENT (TEXT)

Date Received: FEB. 12, 2016	Time Received:
Date of Log-in: FEB. 16, 2016	Petition #: PA-16-02-01-LS
Receipt #: N/A	Accela #:
	Amount Paid: N/A

1. PARTIES TO THE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

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2. APPLICANT'S ATTACHMENTS

- a. Submit a strikethrough/underline version of the proposed changes.
- b. Describe the purpose of/reason for the proposed change. To revise the Future Transportation Map Series Map#7: South County Sidewalks and Bikeways in order to include the Babcock Trail Alignment.

3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. *Traffic Impact Study*: If the proposed change could influence traffic patterns, supply a study that identifies the impacts that could occur through adoption of the proposed change.
- b. *Environmental Impact Assessment*: If the proposed change could have an impact on environmental resources, supply a narrative discussing what those impacts could be and how they will be mitigated.
- c. *Public Infrastructure and Service Impact Assessment*: If the proposed change could have an impact on infrastructure or services, supply a narrative discussing what those impacts could be and how they will be mitigated or addressed.

AFFIDAVIT

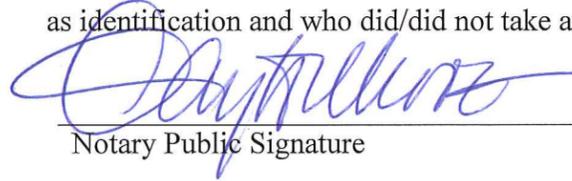
I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that all data and other supplementary matter attached to and made a part of the application and staff report are honest and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of MARCH, 2016, by

who is JIE SHAO
personally known to me or has/have produced

as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

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