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Broad and Persistent Community Support

October 2009

Wakulla County BOCC passed Resolution 09-46 supporting trail concept

November 2009

CRTPA Board Presentation

May 2013

Formal Master Plan Kickoff Meeting at CRTPA Board Meeting

2013

Franklin County CC2ST Letter of Support

April 2014

CC2ST Master Plan Adopted

June 2014

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study began for Coastal Trail Segment

June 2015

PD&E approved by CRTPA Board

Outreach Efforts

Project Website, Social Media, Project YouTube Videos, and project survey

Identified in Local Plans

- Wakulla County Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Blueways Master Plan
- Blueprint 2000 2020 Projects
- Connections 2040 Regional Mobility Plan
- Tallahassee-Leon County Greenways Master Plan

Consistent with over 20 Plans!



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Serves as a Destination and to Destinations

- Leon County
- Wakulla County
- Franklin County
- City of Tallahassee
- City of St. Marks
- City of Sopchoppy
- Crawfordville
- Panacea
- Woodville

- Florida State University
- Florida A&M University
- Tallahassee Community College (TCC)
- TCC Wakulla Environmental Institute
- Medart Elementary School
- Wakulla High School
- Wakulla Middle School
- Woodville Elementary School
- Nims Middle School

- Cascades Park
- State Capitol Building
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
- Apalachicola National Forest
- Wakulla State Forest
- Wakulla Springs State Park
- Fort San Marcos de Apalache
- Otter Lake Park

Located along the Big Bend Scenic Byway



Our Region is one of the 5th Richest Biodiverse Hotspots in North America!

-Bioscience Magazine 2008

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Supports Economic Development and Tourism

In Wakulla County, the percentage of people that fall below the poverty level ranges between 10% and 30% along the trail corridor

Trails also link to the transit system and can serve as a multi-tiered approach to assist in getting citizens around the area who don't own cars but still need to travel to work

The usage of the Historic St. Marks Trail in 2010 was 266,000 on 20.5 miles of trail. If the trail was expanded to over 120 miles those numbers would climb to well over 1,000,000 annual users!



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Florida Greenways & Trails Council Members,

The Wakulla County Tourist Development Council (TDC) enthusiastically supports the funding of the Capital City to Sea Trails project. The TDC believes that this trail system is deserving of

funding consideration from primarily through the region. The shared-use path will include facilities, including the Historic St. Marks Trail, and create a network for both transportation and recreational use.

The Capital City to the Sea Trails project provides an opportunity for the surrounding community within Leon County, and the Apalachicola National Forest in a truly unique way. This trail system will provide an opportunity for individuals to explore North Florida's natural features from the Gulf Coast to Florida's Capital City and will support economic development through an increase of ecotourism, local business growth and government partnerships to serve the trail users.

The Capital City to Sea Trails project is the backbone of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency's bike and pedestrian element of the long range transportation plan, and has undergone a thorough master planning process in which community input and support was gathered throughout the region.

Thank you for your time and consideration for selecting the Capital City to Sea Trails as the second Regional Trail Project under the SUN Trails system.

Sincerely,

Diane Bardhi
Outreach Coordinator
Wakulla County Tourist I
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Florida Greenways & Trails Council Members,

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically show my support for the funding of the Capital City to Sea Trails project. As a business owner I believe the trail will have an economic impact on the Panacea Area. I already see a lot of bike traffic coming along Coastal Highway. The element that is missing is the safety of these cyclists as they travel. I believe that this trail system is deserving of funding consideration from the Florida Department of Transportation for many reasons, but primarily through the regional connectivity it will provide in and around the Capital City area. The shared-use path will intersect with existing and heavily used bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including the Historic St. Marks Trail, and create a network for both transportation and recreational use.

The Capital City to the Sea Trails is an opportunity to increase the health and wellness of the surrounding community while connecting urban and natural areas in Leon County, Wakulla County, and the Apalachicola National Forest in a truly unique way. This trail system will provide an opportunity for individuals to explore North Florida's natural features from the Gulf Coast to Florida's Capital City and will support economic development through an increase of ecotourism, local business growth and government partnerships to serve the trail users.

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Sherrie Miller

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Enhancing Safety for Non-Motorized Uses

No Segments of the Trail System are located on a highway

- Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic State Railroad Trail
Resurfaced and widened between 2009 and 2011
- Ochlockonee Bay Trail
Began construction in 2012
- Trout Pond Trail
Located in the Apalachicola National Forest
- All Segments are Scenic, Separated Paths
Coastal Trail will meander through mature forest and is currently in the design phase



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Previous Project Investment

- **Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)** **\$9,000,000**
 - Master Plan
 - Coastal Trail (Lighthouse Road to Surf Road) - PD&E
 - Coastal Trail - Design and Construction
- **Florida Department of Transportation District 3** **\$6,500,000**
 - Ochlockonee Bay Trail – Design and Construction
 - Oaks Property (Surf Road at US 98) Trailhead
- **Blueprint2000** **\$7,500,000**
 - Cascades Trail Pedestrian Bridge - Construction
 - Lafayette Street Trail – Design and Construction
 - Lafayette Street Pedestrian Bridge
- **TCC Wakulla Environmental Institute** **\$1,000,000**
 - US 319 Connector Trail – Design and Construction

So far over \$24,000,000 have been Invested in the Capital City to the Sea Trails

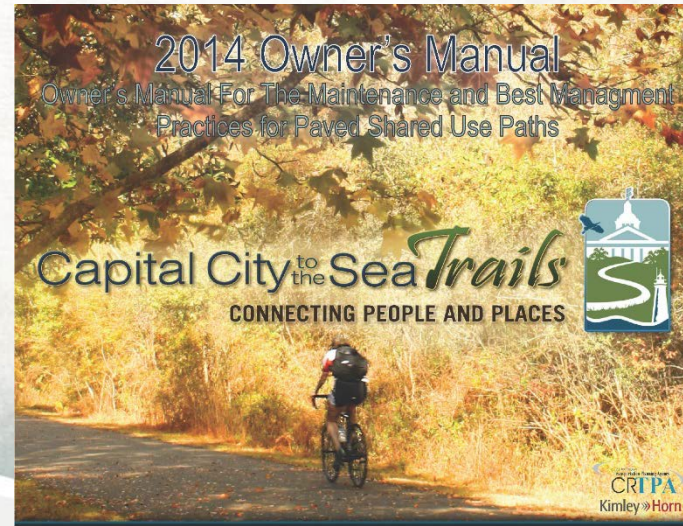
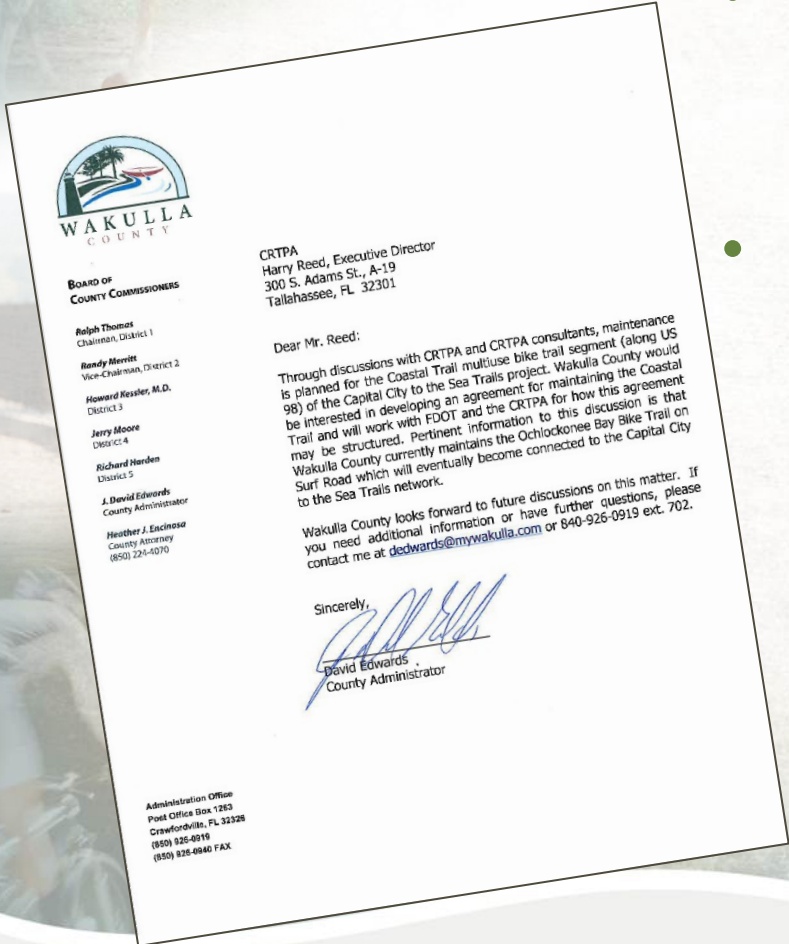
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Committed Operations and Maintenance Entities

- *Owner's Manual: Developed during the Master Plan to detail the Preventive and Routine Maintenance for trails thereby extending the life of the trails*
- *This is now being used by FDOT SunTrails and entities around the region as an example to follow for trail maintenance!*



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Connects to and Facilitates Use of Multimodal Transportation Opportunities

- StarMetro is the transit provider for the City of Tallahassee and Leon County with designated fleets for Florida State University (Seminole Express) and Florida A&M University (Venom Express) and service to Tallahassee Community College.
- StarMetro busses are equipped with bike racks to transport riders throughout the City of Tallahassee.
- Provides non-motorized transportation connectivity throughout multiple counties

The Capital City to the Sea Trails is envisioned to be a multi-modal transportation facility connecting Wakulla County and Leon County

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Readiness of Trail System

Entire Trail System has a completed and adopted Master Plan Study with widespread and regional community support

Project Development and Environmental has been submitted to FDOT for the Coastal Trail Segment (U.S 98 Corridor)

11 miles of the Coastal Trail Segment is in Design Phase and fully funded through construction with FDOT State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan

Right-of-Way is 99% available and many segments are in the current stages of the FDOT Work Program

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Trail System is able to be Substantially Complete or Fully Programmed within 5 Years

Approximately 55% of the Trail System is either constructed or funded through construction!

What can be completed in 5 years:

- **Completion of Coastal Trail**
- **Completion of NEPA Documentation for Forest Trail Segment**



Ochlockonee Bay Trail Phase 5B is currently being constructed

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What Makes CC2ST Stand Apart from the rest

- Exceeds SUNTrail Project Selection Criteria
- Highest possible level of public support and current trail use
- Uniqueness of our region to Florida
- Ready to go!

I support...

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