



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council **MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2024
FROM: Michael Daniels, AICP, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: Request to include SR 16 Trail Projects into the North Florida TPO's List of Priority Projects

BACKGROUND

North Florida TPO Priority Projects

Each spring the North Florida TPO updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list of road, transit, airport, seaport, bicycle and pedestrian projects for the next five years. The TIP begins with the list of priority projects (LOPP) which is used in developing the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Tentative Five-Year Work Program FY 2024/25– 2028/29. The LOPP identifies potential projects to be funded in the new fifth year (FY 2026/2027) of the FDOT Work Program. TPO Staff works with local governments to develop a preliminary List of Priority Projects to submit to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board for review and approval at the March TPO Board Meeting.

The City is requesting that two additional trail projects be included in the LOPP for the next fiscal year. These projects include:

Project ID	Location	Improvement	Cost
105	SR 16 West	Trail Project connection to Clay-Duval Trail	\$642,975
107	SR 16/US 17	Trail Project from Reynolds Park to Spring Park	\$981,951

A map showing the location of these two projects is enclosed.

Both of these projects have been identified in the Comprehensive Plan update as well as included in the mobility plan that was approved at the 12/13/22 City Council meeting.

These projects further the following Transportation Objectives and Policies that have been adopted with

the City's Comprehensive Plan:

OBJECTIVE 2.1. Multi-Modal System. The City shall implement a multi-modal transportation system that supports the Future Land Use Map and ensures the safe, convenient, and efficient movement of all transportation modes within and through the City.

Policy 2.1.3. New and improved streets within the City shall be designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, freight, motorists and transit, according to the purpose of each street.

Policy 2.1.7. Streets shall accommodate people of all ages and abilities, including children, teenagers, adults, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities

OBJECTIVE 2.3. System Performance. The City shall use various tools to improve the operational efficiency of all transportation facilities.

Policy 2.3.8. The City shall prioritize mobility projects that encourage people to walk, bicycle, use new mobility technology and ride public transit in lieu of adding capacity to roadways.

OBJECTIVE 2.4. Pedestrian and Bicycle System. The City shall encourage and promote the safe integration and utilization of pedestrian and bicycle movement on the major roadway network.

Policy 2.4.4. The City shall coordinate with Clay County and the FDOT to incorporate pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths , or multi-use trails, in conjunction with road improvements, where such need is demonstrated.

Policy 2.4.7. The City shall seek funds and grant opportunities and private/public partnerships to further the implementation of the Trails Master Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

The planning estimates for the costs of these two projects are \$1,624,926

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve the staff request to request the following projects:

- The SR 16 West trail project from west City limits to the Spring Park (Project ID 105)
- SR 16 East trail project from east City limits east of Reynolds Park to Spring Park (Project ID 107)

be included in the North Florida TPO annually updated List of Priority Projects.