



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**SUNTrail Grant Application for the Waldo Greenway Extension**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Consideration of a SUNTrail grant application for final design of Phase 1 of the Waldo Greenway Extension and are requesting Board approval to transmit to FDOT.

**Recommended Action:**

Rank the Waldo Greenway Extension Phase 1 Design Project as the County's #1 Unfunded SUNTrail Priority and authorize staff to transmit the SUNTrail grant application to FDOT.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

There are no fiscal requirements in submitting the application, and no local match is required. Staff anticipates that the grant would fund all of the design costs for Phase 1 of the Waldo Greenway. Should FDOT award the grant and require an agreement with the County, any Fiscal Impacts will be identified at that time.

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity, Environment, Public Safety, and Infrastructure

**Background:**

The Waldo Greenway Extension is a 12' wide, 9 mile path on the east side of SR 24/Waldo Road, connecting the existing Waldo Greenway to the City of Waldo. The project will provide an 'All Ages and Abilities' trail, and will leverage previous investments, scenic vistas, and conservation resources. The site includes significant stormwater/drainage challenges, as well as sloping topography. Staff previously submitted an unsuccessful Transportation Alternatives construction grant, but the project has remained a priority for the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, local municipalities, and community members.

On February 14, 2023, Staff provided an update on the project, including opportunities, constraints, and next steps. Staff identified the phasing of the project and the development of final design plans as the best path towards implementation. Phase 1 of the project is 5.5 miles and will extend from the existing trail at NE 47th Avenue to Austin Cary Memorial Forest. Final Design is estimated to cost \$956,118. This application seeks SUNTrail grant application to fund the design of the Waldo Greenway Extension, Phase 1.