



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Archer Braid Trail Kanapaha Segment FDOT Grant Construction Funding Agreements**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has issued two construction funding agreements for Archer Braid Trail Kanapaha Segment

**Recommended Action:**

Execute the resolution to accept this grant funding from FDOT which includes budget amendment revising FY23-24 amended budget. Execute the two funding agreements. Authorize the County Manager or Public Works Director to execute any subsequent agreements with FDOT for the planning, design, construction, or maintenance of the Archer Braid Trail Kanapaha Segment.

**Prior Board Motions:**

NA

**Fiscal Note:**

Resolution for unanticipated revenues includes a budget amendment increasing funds in the FDOT Grant Fund by \$2,500,000 for State Funded Grant Agreement FPN# 432240-5-54-01 and \$10,677,045 for SUN Trail Agreement FPN# 439934-4-54-01 in account 329.79.7910.541.63.01 with the account description of Infrastructure Sidewalks/trails/signals. The \$3,286,016 in local match in the SUN Trail Agreement is expected to be covered through an existing Developers Agreement.

**Strategic Guide:**

Infrastructure

**Background:**

The Archer Braid Trail Kanapaha Segment will be a 1.67 mile multi-use trail linking Tower Road and Celebration Pointe. It will fill a gap in the Archer Braid Corridor, enhancing local and regional trail connectivity. The project has been categorized as a "Priority Trail" by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council. It is a linchpin piece in the North Central Florida regional trail network as it will fill a gap in the Archer Braid Corridor. It will connect directly to the Archer Road Corridor, the UF Campus Greenway, and will enhance connectivity in the trail networks between Gainesville, Newberry, Hawthorne, and Palatka. This project will support sustainable transportation, highlight natural resources, spur economic development and educational opportunity, and enhance equity, quality of

life, and safety. The project is part of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and Addendum, the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Office of Greenways and Trail's Regional Trail System. The route will travel northeastward, connecting an existing trail on SW 41<sup>st</sup> Place and SW 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace to the existing multi-modal network at Celebration Pointe. The trail will consist of sections constructed on-grade and sections constructed as an elevated boardwalk. The Kanapaha Segment of the Archer Braid Trail is fundamentally a safety-oriented project, providing a traffic-separated multi-use trail, crosswalk markings, signage and accessibility treatments. All treatments described are consistent with best practices and are likely to positively influence both mode and route choice. The project has received funding from two sources. The first is a SUN Trail grant, through FDOT. Staff applied for this grant in December 2022 and were notified of the award for FY 24 in the spring of 2023. The second is a legislative appropriation applied for through the approved legislative process during the 2023 legislative session and was included in the budget that was signed by the governor. The project was then included in FDOT's adopted five-year work program. Both were designated for expenditures related to construction.