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Written legislative analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

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4(C)
4(D) Substitute

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 4(C)

File Number: 102753

**Committee(s)
of Reference:** Recreation, Cultural & Tourism

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2010

Type of Item: Resolution to Execute Declaration of Trail Maintenance Responsibilities

Summary

This resolution authorizes the Declaration of Trail Maintenance Responsibilities of the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) within South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) right-of-way along Snake Creek Canal from N.E. Miami Gardens Drive to the Florida Turnpike for the Snake Creek Greenway Trail.

Background and Relevant Legislation

The Snake Creek Trail is one of the 24 proposed new trails or proposed improvements to existing trails in Miami-Dade County's North Dade Greenways Master Plan (NDGMP) adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Resolution No. 37-98). According to the NDGMP, the North Dade Greenways study area is located on the south by North Kendall Drive (Southwest 88th Street), on the west by Krome Avenue (Southwest 177th Avenue), on the north by County Line Road (Northwest 202nd Street), and on the east by Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

According to the NDGMP, the North Dade Greenways serves an estimated 1.5 million residents and includes the following trails: Atlantic, Beacon, Commadore, East-West, Flagler, Gold Coast, Krome, Lake Belt, Lehman, Ludlam, M-Path, Memorial, Merrick, Miami River, Miccosukee Link, Miller, Oleta, Perimeter, Snake Creek, Snapper Creek, Turnpike, Unity, Venetian and West Kendall. The area is criss-crossed with a network of SFWMD canals; Florida Power and Light transmission corridors; local roads; arterials; expressways; and railroad right-of-way.

According to the NDGMP, the Snake Creek Trail description contains the following five regions:

- Region 1: Occupies the right-of-way of the Snake Creek Canal, at the northern boundary of Miami-Dade County.
- Region 2: Offers a bicycle and pedestrian link to the proposed Turnpike Trail, which will provide a southbound connection to Miami Lakes and the opportunity to travel further south to the commercial zones west of Miami International Area.

- Region 3: Links to the existing bicycle and pedestrian loop around the Calder Race Track at Northwest 7th Avenue located in the residential neighborhoods of Carol City and Norland.
- Region 4: Provides opportunity to extend the present segment of the bicycle and pedestrian facility along the Snake Creek Canal at Northeast 2nd Avenue. It will also create a link to the proposed Gold Coast Trails. An existing pedestrian bridge at Miami Drive in North Miami Beach provides access to retail and civic facilities north and south of the Snake Creek Trail. This connection provides Snake Creek Trail users an alternate opportunity to link to the northwest areas of North Miami Beach and Golden Beach, and the southwest areas of Uleta, Biscayne Gardens, and Opa-Locka.
- Region 5: The terminus of the Snake Creek Trail at the junction of the proposed Flagler Trail and the existing facility on Sunny Isles Boulevard (Northeast 163rd Street) creates travel opportunities along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Rail Corridor right-of-way. This will provide northbound access to Aventura Mall, Greynolds Park and the Spanish Monastery. The southbound access will provide linkage opportunity to the North Campus of Florida International University and Oleta River State Recreation Area.

Budgetary Impact

According to the Office of Capital Improvements staff, the total project budget to design, permit and construct the Snake Creek Greenway Trail Improvements (Phase 1, 3.37 mile, County-wide facility within SFWMD right-of-way along south side of the Snake Creek Canal from N.E. Miami Gardens Drive to the Florida Turnpike) is \$5,334,000.

The funding source is comprised of the following:

- \$3,350,000 of Surface Transportation Program Grant funds; and
- \$1,984,000 of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (BBC-GOB) Project No. 51.

Additionally, the annual expenditure to maintain the facility (Phase 1 only) is \$31,004 funded through the General Fund.

- How many phases would complete the Snake Creek Trail?
- What is the estimated fiscal impact of the annual maintenance for the completed Snake Creek Trail?

Questions

What is the estimated fiscal impact of the annual maintenance costs for the remaining 23 trails included in the NDGMP?

Comments

The Black Creek Greenway Trail Project is another project that is partially funded by BBC-GOB Project No. 51 and is listed on the same December 13, 2010, Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Agenda (Item 4D Substitute).

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Agenda Item: 4(D) Substitute

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Date of Analysis: December 10, 2010

Type of Item: Resolution to Execute Declaration of Trail Maintenance Responsibilities

Summary

This resolution authorizes the Declaration of Trail Maintenance Responsibilities of the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) within South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) right-of-way along the Black Creek Trail.

Background and Relevant Legislation

The Black Creek Trail is one of ten (10) proposed new trails or proposed improvements to existing trails in Miami-Dade County's South Dade Greenway Network Master Plan (SDGNMP). The SDGNMP is an organized system of interconnecting linear corridors, crossing south Miami-Dade County from Kendall Drive at the north to Monroe County at the south, and from the Everglades to Biscayne Bay. The ten distinct corridors that make up SDGN include the following: Biscayne Trail, Black Creek Trail, Princeton Trail, Mowry Trail, Everglades Trail, Krome Trail, South Dade Trail, Southern Glades Trail, and Tallahassee Connector.

The SDGNMP calls for the development of 194 total trail miles; 147.4 miles of paved trails and 46.6 miles of unpaved trails. Within the 194 total trail miles, 36 miles comprise the use of wide shoulder or shared lanes on roadways, and the remaining 158.8 miles will be off-road, separated from automobile traffic.

The Black Creek Trail is a canal trail that crosses from the northwest to the southeast. The portion of the trail west of Krome Trail is to remain unpaved for hikers, mountain bikes and equestrians. Trail users on this portion of the trail will pass farms, cut through the eastern parts of farmland where crops are grown, and pass the Hammocks community, which has its own bike paths. The Black Creek Trail is the closest connection of the SDGN to the West Kendall residential area. The south part of the canal is located at the western edge of the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport and the remainder of the trail travels through residential developments, the Cutler Ridge area, past the South Dade Government Center, and then into Black Point Park and Marina. The Black Creek Trail has a total of 17 trail miles and will be located in or impact several Miami-Dade County Commission Districts (District 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11).

Budgetary Impact

According to the Office of Capital Improvements, the total project budget to design, permit and construct the Black Creek Greenway Trail (Phase 1, 7.56 mile, County-wide facility within SFWMD right-of-way along south side of the Black Creek Canal from S.W. 244th Street at Black Point Park and Marina to U.S. 1 and the north side of Black Creek Canal from U.S. 1 to S.W 137th Avenue) is \$3,973,000.

The funding source is comprised of the following:

- \$1,880,000 of Surface Transportation Program Grant funds; and
- \$2,093,000 of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (BBC-GOB) Project No. 51.

Additionally, the annual expenditure to maintain the Black Creek facility (Phase 1 only) is \$69,552 funded through the General Fund.

- How many phases would complete the Black Creek Greenway Trail?
- What is the estimated fiscal impact of the annual maintenance for the completed Black Creek Greenway Trail?

Questions

What is the estimated fiscal impact of the annual maintenance costs for the remaining 9 trails included in the SDGN?

Comments

The Snake Creek Greenway Trail is another project that is partially funded by BBC-GOB Project No. 51 and is also an item listed in the same December 13, 2010, Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Agenda (Item 4C).

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