

Memorandum



Date: May 15, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Report on Implementation Plan for a Snapper Creek Linear Park from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay – Directive 142482

At the January 21, 2015 Board of County Commissioners (Board) meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. R-51-15 (Attachment 1) sponsored by Commissioner Javier D. Souto directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report containing an implementation plan for a Snapper Creek Linear Park from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay to include estimated costs, potential funding sources and a timeline for construction if applicable.

Introduction and Background

The Linear Park is partially developed, currently commencing at Tamiami Park, running south along Snapper Creek Canal, and terminating at Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) and SW 107 Avenue. The attached map (Attachment 2) depicts the Snapper Creek Linear Park as contemplated by Resolution R-51-15. This legislation proposes a segment beginning at the termination point of the existing trail and proceeding to Biscayne Bay. The implementation plan to continue the linear park is described in the attached chart (Attachment 3). Conceptual cost estimates totaling \$2.48 million are provided in Attachment 3 for the segments that have been studied. As studies are completed, cost estimates will be developed for these segments.

Potential Funding

No current funding is available for any portion of the Snapper Creek Linear Park. Miami-Dade County may make a 2016 application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding upon completion of the Metropolitan Planning Office's (MPO) Master Plan Study expected to be completed in early 2016. Having a planning study completed increases the likelihood of receiving TAP funding. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 TAP awards are limited to \$1 million funding requests, for up to \$3 million in total funding per project. The Snapper Creek Linear Park projects could be divided into multiple phases that may become separately eligible for up to \$3 million each. Matching funds are recommended at a minimum 20 percent of project costs to apply for TAP grants. Matching funds for these projects have not been identified, therefore additional County appropriations are required to support successful grant applications.

Timeline for Construction

The earliest completion date for any portion of a Snapper Creek Linear Park is 2019 if funding were to be made available by early 2016. If the project is required to be divided into multiple phases, full build-out may be achievable by 2025. Assuming continuous TAP funding, the development cycle is approximately four years.

Conclusion and Recommended Next Steps

A Snapper Creek Linear Park, as described within Resolution R-51-15, has the potential to enhance mobility and to serve as a significant recreational asset for the citizens of Miami-Dade County. Upon

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completion of the Planning Study mentioned above, the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department will review the phasing plan and probable costs, and working with the MPO, will develop a program to advance the Snapper Creek Trail/Snapper Creek Linear Park.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If additional information is needed, please contact Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at (305)755-7903.



Michael Spring, Senior Advisor
Office of the Mayor

Attachment 1: Resolution R-51-15

Attachment 2: Snapper Creek Trail Map, Implementation Plan Segments

Attachment 3: Snapper Creek Trail Implementation Plan, Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay

c: Michael Spring, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor
Jack Kardys, Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

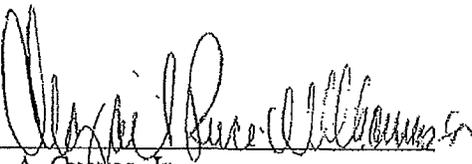
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to prepare a report
containing an implementation
plan for a Snapper Creek Linear
Park from Sunset Drive to
Biscayne Bay
Resolution No. R-51-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)
1-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-51-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT
CONTAINING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A
SNAPPER CREEK LINEAR PARK FROM SUNSET DRIVE TO
BISCAYNE BAY

WHEREAS, this Board has previously directed that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee prepare a report regarding implementation of an initiative to transform various lands underneath the MetroRail right-of-way into a contiguous ten-mile walkway, bike path, linear park, and transit mobility corridor from the Miami River north of the Brickell MetroRail Station to the Dadeland South MetroRail Station known as "The Underline" project; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an additional linear park along Snapper Creek Canal from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay, the "Snapper Creek Linear Park," connecting with The Underline, will increase usage for both projects as well as be the first step in the creation of a linked network of linear parks which promote recreation activities as well as enhanced urban mobility; and

WHEREAS, the creation of linear parks is consistent with the 2008 Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces System Master Plan by enhancing the County's system of parks, public spaces, natural and cultural areas connected by greenways, waterways, trails and linear parks in order to create a healthier, greener and a more economically vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Snapper Creek Linear Park project will result in improvements to social, environmental, and economic conditions in the area under consideration by adding much-needed green space and a transit-connected biking and walking corridor to a heavily-populated area; and

WHEREAS, as with The Underline, a Snapper Creek Linear Park will provide an urban restoration of natural habitats for plant and animal life in a park setting; and

WHEREAS, as the area under consideration is adjacent to Snapper Creek and potentially involves use of County-owned right-of-way, the County should take a leadership role in planning and promoting this project; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to review an implementation plan prepared by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee which details how a Snapper Creek Linear Park can be realized, along with the cost, potential funding sources, and a timeline for construction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to prepare a report containing an implementation plan for a Snapper Creek linear park from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay which includes, at a minimum, the cost, potential funding sources and a timeline for construction. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	aye	
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	absent
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

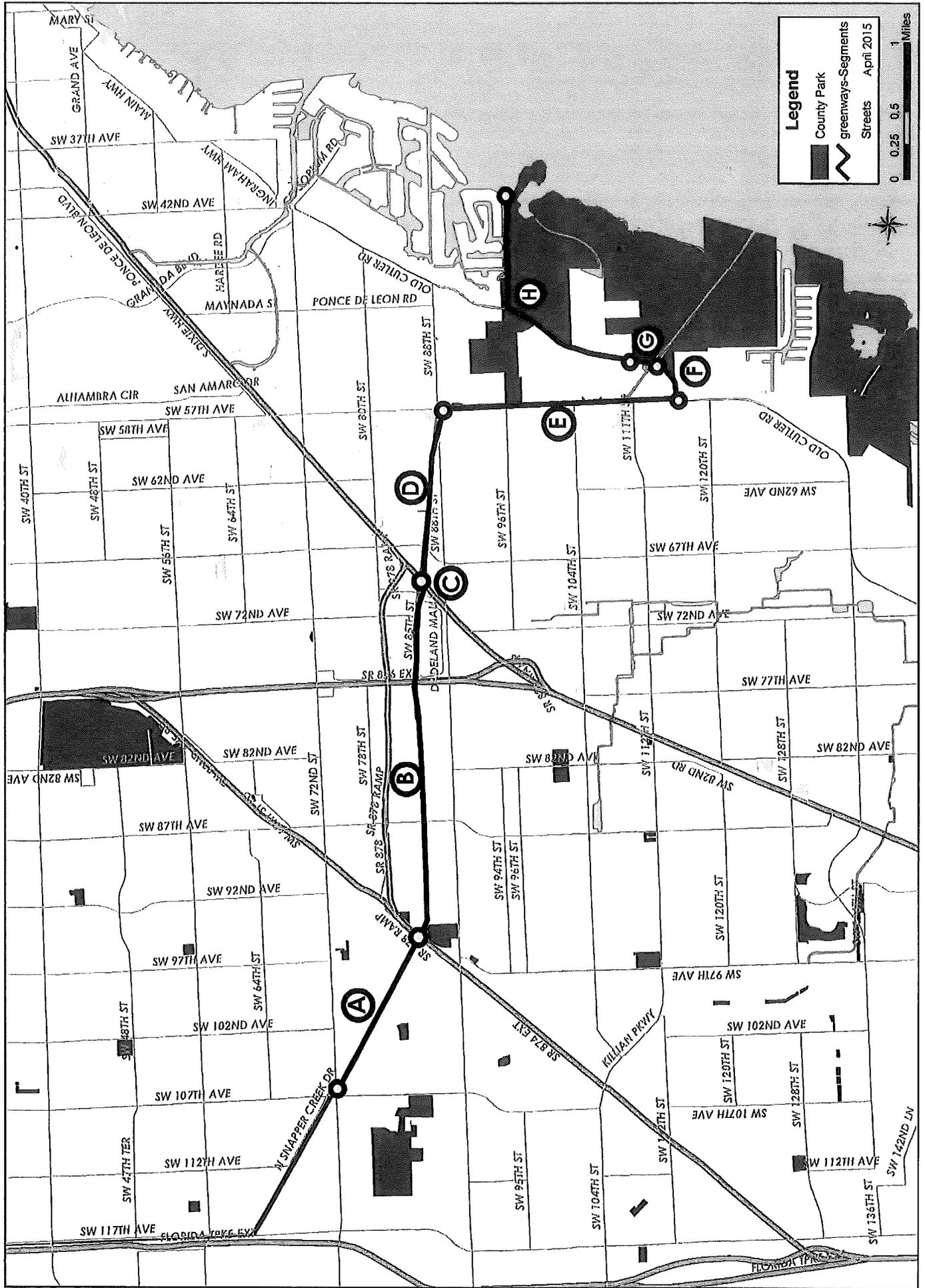
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PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES SNAPPER CREEK TRAIL - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SEGMENTS

Attachment 2



Attachment 3 Implementation Plan for a Snapper Creek Linear Park from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay

Segment	Start / End Points	Approx. Length ¹ (miles)	Approx. Cost ²	Potential Funding Source	Work Complete/ On-going	Implementation Schedule	Scope
A	Sunset Drive (SW 72 nd Street) and SW 107 Av. to K-Land Park (near Kendall Drive and SW 94 th Av. immediately east of SR 874) along C-2 Canal (planned phase of Snapper Creek Trail, Segment A)	1.5	\$1.58M	TAP-eligible; source of required 20% match TBD	Snapper Creek Trail Segment A Planning Study (completed, October 2008)	TBD	Multi-use path, single bridge providing connectivity over the canal, pedestrian crossings and signals, shelter
B	K-Land Park at SW 94 Av. to SW 70 Av. and SW 85 St. 7S-1 along C-2 Canal (planned phase of Snapper Creek Trail, Segment B)	2.7	TBD	TAP-eligible; source of required 20% match TBD	Snapper Creek Trail – Segment “B” Master Plan (in progress, completion expected in late-2015 or early-2016)	TBD	TBD
C	Dadeland North Metrorail Station Garage at SW 70 Av and SW 85 St. to U.S. 1	1.0	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A
D	SW 57 th Avenue to SW 88 th Street along SW 85 St. to SW 59 Av, to SW 87 St.	1.5		TAP-eligible; source of required 20% match TBD	South Miami Intermodal Transportation Plan (completed, January 2015)	TBD	Shared-use path
E	SW 88 th Street to Old Cutler Road along Red Road Trail (existing)	1.8	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A
G	Red Road / SW 57 th Avenue to Snapper Creek Rd. along Old Cutler Road (trail gap)	0.9	\$0.90M	TAP-eligible; source of required 20% match TBD	PWWM Gap Analysis	TBD	Multi-use path, bridge, traffic signal SW 105 th Street
H	Old Cutler Trail to entrance of Matheson Hammock Park and access to Biscayne Bay along the Matheson Hammocks Park bike path (existing)	1.8	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A

¹ Lengths are approximate; final length of the Linear Park segments will depend upon final alignment.
² Estimates do not include any cost associated with land/right-of-way acquisition, or any other exceptional development requirements.
TAP – Transportation Alternatives Program (FDOT); 20% match required

**FOLLOWUP INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REQUESTER: ALL, ASSIGNED TO: MICHAEL SPRING, STATUS: PENDING, BODY: ALL

AGENDA INFO	BODY	REQUESTER	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	STATUS
11A18 142482 SNAPPER CREEK LINEAR PARK	BCC 1/21/2015	Souto	Michael Spring	4/21/2015	Pending On Feb 23 a request was submitted for an extension to April 21, 2015. The item appeared at BCC on January 21 and requests the report 90 days from the effective date (90 days from January 21 is April 21). NP.

INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT CONTAINING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A SNAPPER CREEK LINEAR PARK FROM SUNSET DRIVE TO BISCAYNE BAY(This directive was automatically generated on 01/22/2015 from Legistar)