



RANK: INFRASTRUCTURE – 24, OVERALL – 46

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will provide the design and construction work for a paved, multi-use path on the north side and collector sidewalks on the south side along Perdido Key Drive from the Alabama state line to the Theo Baars Bridge, approximately 6.2 miles. The needs and goals addressed by the project include: 1) Accessibility – The path will provide a safe alternative transportation route that will allow users to frequent local businesses and move about the Key without an automobile. The path will also accommodate wheel chairs, giving disabled persons the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the Key, from the shops to the water's edge. 2) Safety - There are currently paved shoulders on both sides of Perdido Key Drive that allow limited pedestrian traffic. The multi-use path will be separate from the roadway, allowing safer travel for pedestrians, cyclists and automobiles. 3) Connectivity – the path will connect with other paths at both ends of the Key, creating a transportation network for pedestrians and cyclists. 4) Community Health - The project would encourage residents and visitors to stay healthy and fit by walking, running or cycling along the path. 5) Public Support – The path is a need identified by the Perdido Key property owners. In a 2015 survey of the 3,800 property owners, 77 percent of those responding favored a separate, off-road pedestrian/bike trail.

PROJECT DETAILS

Phase 1 (Funded)- \$1,800,000

Planning & Design

- Design for a Multi-Use Path on the north side of Perdido Key Dr. from the Alabama state line to the Theo Baars Bridge for 6.2 miles
- Designs collector sidewalks on the south side of Perdido Key Dr.

Phase 2A (Funded)- \$2,246,000

Construction West

- Construction of 2.44 miles of paved multi-use path of the west segment of the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Phase 2B (MYIP Activities)- \$800,000

Construction East

- Construction of 4.13 miles of paved multi-use path and elevated boardwalks of the east segment of the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Total Project Cost: \$8,580,000

Leverage: \$1,800,000 (Planning & Design); \$2,246,000 (Construction for West Segment)

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.





Project Benefits:

- Habitat Restoration & Conservation (Dune Habitat)
- Habitat Creation (Snorkel Reef)
- Enhance Natural System Resiliency
- Connecting Trail/ Greenway
- Provides ADA Access to Gulf of Mexico
- Tourism Destination/ Activity
- Fishing Opportunities through Enhanced Access
- Enhances Tourism Industry & Ecotourism Opportunities

Key Facts:

- Limited public access
- The Perdido Key Beach Mouse is listed as an Endangered Species and has limited habitat

