

- **What are the project limits?**

The limits of the study extend from the Good Neighbor Trail in Hernando County on the west to the Van Fleet Trail on the east, a distance of approximately 22 miles. Please see the Project Location Map in the files section for a graphic depiction of the project limits.

- **What is a PD&E Study?**

A Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is a process to assess a transportation project's impacts on the natural, social, physical and human environments and to develop a balanced approach to meeting the needs of the project while minimizing impacts.

- **What is the purpose of this study?**

The objective of this study is to evaluate a multi-use trail that will close the approximately 22 mile gap that exists between the Good Neighbor Trail and the Van Fleet Trail. The South Sumter Connector Trail is part of the larger Coast to Coast Trail, which extends approximately 275 miles across the peninsula of Florida from the Gulf of Mexico in St. Petersburg to the Atlantic Ocean in the vicinity of the Canaveral National Seashore.

- **How can I get involved?**

Check the website regularly for meeting dates and times and project updates. You may submit your comments or questions to the FDOT Project Manager, Lorena Cucek, by email at [Lorena.Cucek@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Lorena.Cucek@dot.state.fl.us), or by telephone at 386-943-5392.

- **How can I obtain the latest study materials?**

Reports, presentation, display boards, handouts, and other materials for this study will be made available in the Project Files section of this website. Please check regularly for updates.

- **When will this project be built?**

After this study is complete the resulting recommendations will be advanced into the design phase, which is not currently funded. Following the design phase, if needed, will be the right-of-way acquisition phase, followed by construction. The entire process can take several years, depending on several factors including the availability of funding.

- **When will the study be finished?**

This PD&E Study began in mid-2017 and is anticipated to be complete in late 2018. A schedule of events is provided in the Project Files section of this website.