

“Project Status” for Ochlockonee Bay Bike Trail – Phase IV

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The LPA Group met with Mariano Berrios of FDOT and Parks and Recreation staff on October 10, 2008 to discuss the plans progress and the environmental document that LPA and Pope Environmental prepared. Mr. Berrios is to review both documents and provide feedback to LPA. The location of the trail relative to the offset from E-O-P and wetland avoidance was discussed. Mr. Berrios wants to minimize any wetland impacts and balance avoidance with trail offset requirements. Any offsets not meeting minimum criteria will not require a variation. The Buckhorn Creek crossing was also discussed at the meeting with FDOT. It was determined that due to cost associated with a new pedestrian bridge the trail will terminate on each side of the bridge, appropriate signing will be added to alert trail users of the trails termination. Mr. Berrios provided preliminary permit comments on November 7, 2008. LPA is to meet with Mr. Berrios on November 26, 2008 to discuss the plans submitted on October 29, 2008.

At the request of the permitting agencies, the trail location had to be shifted from the north side to the south side of CR 372. This shift was needed in order to reduce impacts to sensitive wetland areas.

Due to recent permit jurisdictional changes, LPA was required to contract with an alternate environmental subconsultant, Pope Environmental, for permitting and wetland determinations.

Due to the change in trail realignment, LPA was required to remobilize the survey subconsultant of BDI to locate the flagged wetland delineation markers.