

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval of the Task Order with the LPA Group to Complete Design of the Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase I

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board Approval of a Task Order with the LPA Group to complete the design of the Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase I (Attachment #1).

Background:

On February 8, 2002, the County entered into an Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails for a feasibility study to determine if sufficient right-of-way or combination of federal, public and private lands existed to construct an 11 mile walking trail/sidewalk facility along County Road 372. The study proving feasible, on January 21, 2003 the Board approved the LPA Group as the Engineer of record and executed an Agreement for the Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail project. This Agreement has been extended since that time with the new extension date being December 31, 2010.

Additionally, in July 2005 the Board approved and executed a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Transportation Enhancement funding for the design and construction of Phase I of the trail (Attachment #2). FDOT programmed Phase I in the Adopted Five Year Work Program for Design in 2006 and 2008, and Construction in 2010.

Analysis:

Since approval by the Board of Phase I, the alignment of the trail was shifted from the north side of the roadway to the south side of the roadway due to environmental concerns by both DEP and the Corps of Engineers. The realignment caused a delay in Phase I due to plan revisions and redesign.

The design is now ready to move forward and will require approval of a Task Order by the Board in the amount of \$77,589.00 allowing the LPA Group to complete the plans revisions. With completion of the design phase, County staff will be able to meet with FDOT District III staff to ensure construction is scheduled in FDOT's Work Program for 2011 in the amount of \$1,257,390.00. Staff is monitoring all phases of this large project to ensure continued support by FDOT staff both in

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District III and Central Office. Local citizen groups are also being kept aware of progress as phases move forward with funding. Without Board approval of the Phase I Task Order with the LPA Group, the design cannot be completed and construction cannot begin. Phases II, III and IV will not be considered for future funding by FDOT if all phases are not completed in accordance with the original agreement.

The funding to complete the design of Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase 1 was funded in the FDOT Five Year Work Program for FY09/10, and represents the cost of the requested Task Order. It should also be noted that the County Attorney has reviewed and supports the Task Order.

Options:

1. Approve the Task Order with LPA Group for completion of the design of the Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase I.
2. Do not approve the Task Order with LPA Group for completion of the design of the Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase I.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1 Approve the Task Order with LPA Group for completion of design of Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trail Phase I. Staff can not move forward with additional funding request if the Task Order is not approved.

Attachments:

1. Task Order with LPA Group for completion of Design of Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trial Phase I.
2. Local Area Program (LAP) Agreement with FDOT for Transportation Enhancement funding for Ochlocknee Bay Bike Trial Phase I.

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