

The Legacy Trail Sarasota County Rails-to-Trails Project

Overview

The Legacy Trail is a design and construction contract. Gibbs & Register (G&R) were awarded the contract in December 2006. Design was completed in May 2007. The permit to construct five of the eight trestles and 10.6 miles of asphalt trail was approved on July 3, 2007. Hatchett Creek trestle is being permitted separately and will be completed as part of the project. Dona and Roberts Bay are being designed and permitted separately. Funding for Dona and Roberts Bay trestle replacement has not been established. Seven trailhead connections are included in the construction of the 10.6 miles of trail. Access at the intersecting streets and crossing signals and/or flashing beacons are also included. Conduit for communication lines, force main and reuse water main are included for portions of the trail.

Utilities

Telecommunication conduits are planned for the entire length of the trail. A force main is planned from Bay Street to the Central County Water Reclamation Facility off McIntosh Road. A reuse water main is planned from Central Sarasota Parkway to the water reclamation facility.

Construction

G&R has completed the telecommunication conduit for the entire length of the project. The force main and reuse lines are nearing completion, with final testing scheduled for December. The fence replacement at Oscar Scherer State Park continues. The base material has been placed in most areas north of U.S. 41 Bypass and south of Hatchett Creek with the exception of the areas near the bridge approaches. Drainage work continues. Four of the six bridges are under construction and the prefabricated structures have been installed at three locations. Some of the 13 rest station foundations have been started throughout the project. The removal of tracks at the intersecting streets has begun with Central Sarasota Parkway. Laurel Road and Palmer Ranch are scheduled for January. Asphalt paving will begin in January as well.



History meeting future with the placement of the first prefabricated bridge.

Access

No Trespassing signs are located at the access points for the trail. The contractor has asked Law Enforcement to strictly enforce the No Trespassing signs in areas where active construction is ongoing and/or equipment and/or materials are located. It is for the safety of the public that these areas will be strictly enforced. The contractor will be moving equipment and materials long distances and the equipment will require the entire width of the trail. There are minimum areas for the contractor to turn equipment around and the equipment will be backing up to the work areas.

Schedule

The project is scheduled for completion the Spring of 2008. The following work is anticipated through the month of January 2008.

Laurel Road north to South Creek Trestle (mile marker 900 to 897.6):

Crossing at Laurel Road including signalization, rest station foundations and paving

East Bay Street south to South Creek Trestle (mile marker 895.9 to 897.6):

Bridge deck construction, rest station foundations and paving

East Bay Street north to Trestle (mile marker 895.6 to 895.7):

Drainage, shell base, asphalt paving

Section between two trestles north of Bay Street (mile marker 895.7 to 895.2):

Shell base, bridge construction and asphalt paving

Central Sarasota Parkway south to Trestle (mile marker 893.9 to 895.2):

Shell base, drainage, bridge deck and asphalt paving

Central Sarasota Parkway north to Trestle (mile marker 893.9 to 893.3):

Crossing at Central Sarasota Parking, asphalt paving

Palmer Ranch south to Trestle (mile marker 892.5 to 893.3):

Force main and Drainage, bridge deck construction, rest station foundations and asphalt paving

Palmer Ranch north to terminus (mile marker 892.5 to 892):

Conduit and Shell base, drainage and asphalt paving

Laurel Road south to Dona Bay (mile marker 900 to 900.8):

Drainage and asphalt paving

Colonia Lane north to Dona Bay (mile marker 901.4 to 900.0):

Drainage, asphalt paving and signalization

Colonia Lane south to Roberts Bay (mile marker 901.4 to 900.6):

Drainage, rest station foundation and asphalt paving

U.S. 41 Bypass north to Roberts Bay (mile marker 902.1 to 900.8):

Drainage, shell base and asphalt paving

U.S. 41 Bypass south to Hatchett Creek Trestle (mile marker 902.1 to 901.5):

Drainage, shell base, asphalt paving and rest station foundation

Hatchett Creek Trestle to Venice Avenue (mile marker 901.5 to 902.7):

Drainage and asphalt paving

Note: Schedule is subject to change depending on material acquisition.

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calendars for
The Legacy Trail
Grand Opening
Festival
March 28-30, 2008

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