

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Appropriations

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bicycle and pedestrian ways;
3 amending s. 335.065, F.S.; authorizing the Department
4 of Transportation to use appropriated funds for the
5 establishment of a statewide system of interconnected
6 multiuse trails; prioritizing projects for funding;
7 requiring funded projects to be included in the
8 department's work program; providing that the
9 department is not responsible for or obligated to
10 provide funds for the operation and maintenance of any
11 such project; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section
16 335.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 335.065 Bicycle and pedestrian ways along state roads and
18 transportation facilities.—

19 (4) The department may use appropriated funds to support
20 the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected
21 multiuse trails and to pay the cost of planning, land
22 acquisition, design, and construction of such trails and related
23 facilities. The department shall give funding priority to
24 projects that:

25 (a) Are identified by the Florida Greenways and Trails
26 Council as a priority within the Florida Greenways and Trails
27 System under Chapter 260.

28 (b) Support the transportation needs of bicyclists and
29 pedestrians.

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30 (c) Have national, statewide, or regional importance.

31 (d) Facilitate an interconnected system of trails by
32 completing gaps between existing trails.

33 (5) A project funded under subsection (4) shall:

34 (a) Be included in the department's work program developed
35 in accordance with s. 339.135.

36 (b) Be operated and maintained by an entity other than the
37 department upon completion of construction. The department is
38 not obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance
39 of the project.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.