

Section 4(f) Resources

Florida Department of Transportation

SR 865 (SAN CARLOS) FROM N CRESCENT ST TO N OF HURRICANE PASS BRIDGE

District: FDOT District 1

County: Lee County

ETDM Number: 14124

Financial Management Number: 433726-2-32-01

Federal-Aid Project Number: D119-051-B

Project Manager: Jeffrey James

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. Submitted pursuant 49 U.S.C. § 303.

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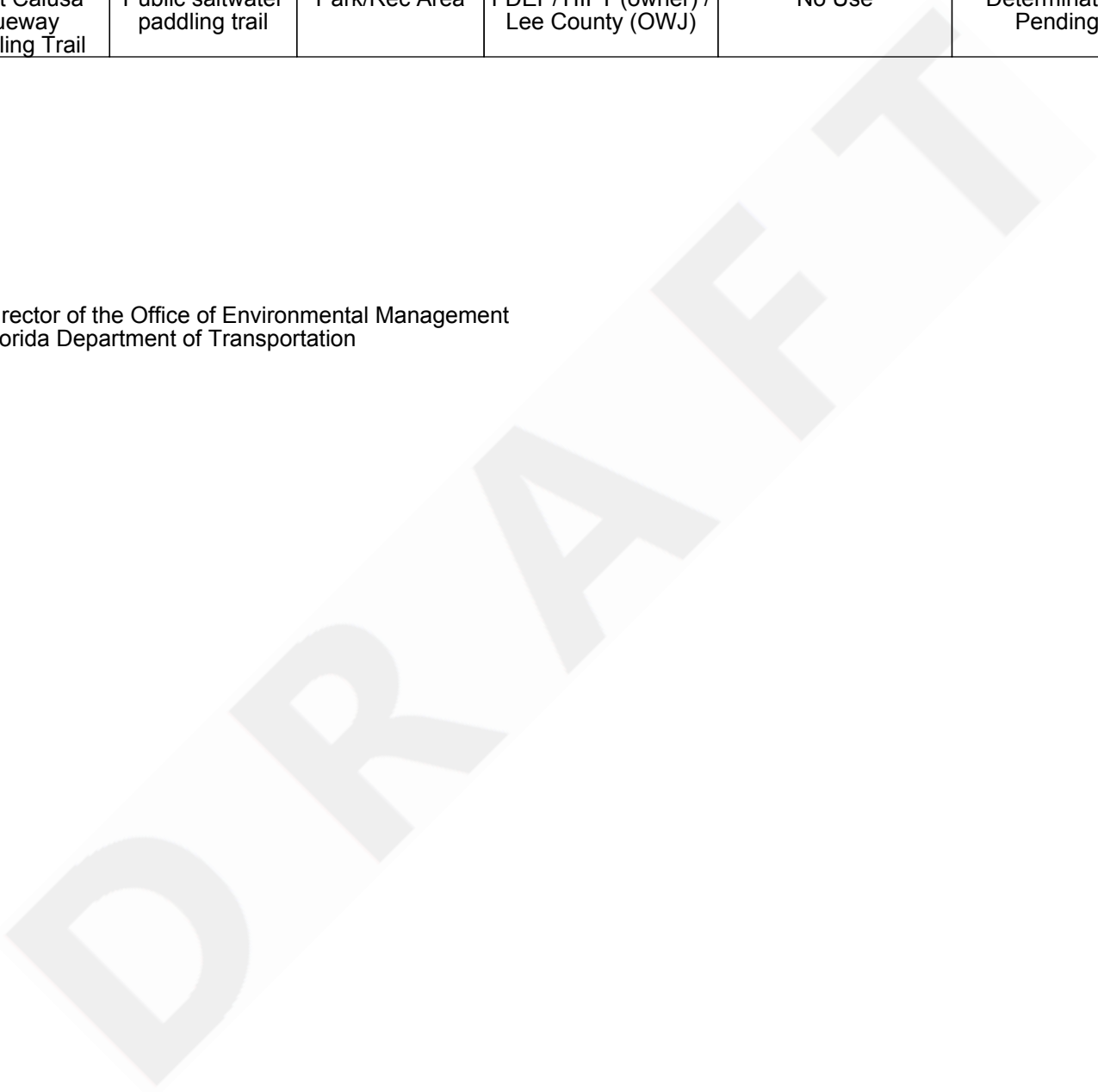
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## Summary and Approval

<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Property Classification</b>	<b>Owner/Official with Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Recommended Outcome</b>	<b>OEM SME Action</b>
Crescent Beach Family Park	Public park	Park/Rec Area	Lee County	<i>de minimis</i>	Concurrence Pending
Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail	Public saltwater paddling trail	Park/Rec Area	FDEP/TIIFT (owner) / Lee County (OWJ)	No Use	Determination Pending

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 Florida Department of Transportation



## Crescent Beach Family Park

**Facility Type:** Public park

**Property Classification:** Park/Rec Area

**Address and Coordinates:**

Address: 1100 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, FL, 33931, USA

Latitude: 26.45229 Longitude: -81.95487

**Description of Property:**

The Crescent Beach Family Park (1100 Estero Boulevard) is a 2.2-acre public recreational park within the Town of Fort Myers Beach (see **Attachment 1, Figures 1-1 & 1-2**). The park property was purchased by Lee County in 2010 and is managed by Lee County Parks and Recreation. The park is located between Crescent Street and Fifth Street on the south side of Estero Boulevard along a 400-foot stretch of beach. The property is used by the public for outdoor recreation and beach access.

The northern half of the park property contains three covered picnic areas with two picnic tables/benches each, a pervious walking path and decorative landscaping consisting of shell/rock, numerous palm trees, shrubs, ferns and bunch grasses served by a sprinkler irrigation system. The eastern portion of the park contains a parking area with two designated handicap parking spaces, one parking space dedicated for County/police vehicles and two portable restrooms. The southern half of the park is predominantly open space with beach sand, including two sand volleyball courts. There are four beach access points at the park's southern border (including one Americans With Disabilities Act-accessible ramp), one bicycle rack and various trash and recycling receptacles throughout the park. The park's existing facilities are shown in **Attachment 1, Figure 1-3**. Site photos are also provided.

The park is adjacent to the south side of Estero Boulevard, a public roadway that connects Estero Island (Including the Town of Fort Myers Beach) to Fort Myers and other mainland areas in Lee County, as well as barrier island beachfront areas in southwestern Lee County and northwestern Collier County. This park serves the local land uses which are primarily commercial and services, single- and multi-family residential and vacation/rental properties. Due to the limited parking facilities available, access to the park is provided via pedestrian, bicycle and transit access from the SR 865 right-of-way and Fort Myers Beach. The park is open from dawn to dusk. Signed restrictions include no pets, no alcohol, no overnight parking and no lifeguard and or live shelling within the beach.

There are several public parks on Estero Island within a one-mile radius of Crescent Beach Family Park. These are discussed by resource name, acreage and owning/managing entity and include: Bowditch Point Regional Park (50 Estero Blvd., 17.92 acres, Lee County); Lynn Hall Memorial Park and Pier (950 Estero Blvd., 5 acres, Lee County); Bay Oaks Community Park (2731 Oak Street, 15.56 acres, Town of Fort Myers Beach); and Matanzas Pass Preserve (199 Bay Road, 64.81 acres, Lee County). There are approximately 18 additional "sliver" parks along the south side of Estero Blvd. owned by the Town of Fort Myers Beach which serve to provide the public beach access between private properties.

The availability of public restrooms enhances the value of Crescent Beach Family Park. However, the park is immediately adjacent to the SR 865. Additionally, parking facilities at the park are extremely limited. Users wishing to use Crescent Beach Family Park must park at the nearby Lynn Hall Memorial Park (paid parking fee with limited availability of spaces during community events and peak tourist season) or use additional public-access pay-per-hour parking areas north and west of the park.

Lee County has confirmed the significance of this resource in meeting the recreational objectives of Lee County and the Fort Myers Beach area.

**Owner/Official with Jurisdiction:** Lee County

**Recommended Outcome:** *de minimis*

**Yes No**

- Was there coordination with the Official(s) with Jurisdiction to identify an opportunity for a *de minimis* finding?
- Was the OWJ informed by the District of FDOT s intent to pursue a *de minimis* approval option?
- Was the OWJ informed in writing that their concurrence with a no adverse effect finding to the activities, features or attributes which qualify the property for protection may result in FDOT making a *de minimis* approval under Section 4(f)?
- Did the OWJ concur that the proposed project, including any enhancement, mitigation and minimization of harm measures, will result in no adverse effects to the activities features or attributes of the property?

**Basis on Which the Determination was Made**

Associated with the reconfiguration of the Estero Boulevard/Fifth Street intersection, the new bus bay and sidewalk relocation improvements require approximately 0.14 acres within the northern fringe of Crescent Beach Family Park (see **Attachment 1, Figure 1-4**). The impact footprint for the proposed improvements within the park comprises approximately 6.4% of the park's total acreage. The proposed improvements will require the removal and relocation of existing landscaping (approximately 23 palm trees and several miscellaneous shrubs, ferns and bunch grasses) and sprinkler irrigation systems along the northern edge of the park. However, the FDOT understands that the features proposed for impact are not significant to the overall public recreational use/enjoyment of the park property. Access to the park will not be affected by the proposed project improvements. Given the urban setting of the corridor in which the park is located, there are no significant impacts to the aesthetics or viewshed associated with the park property.

The minimization of impacts to this Section 4(f)-eligible resource has been achieved by adjusting the geometry of the SR 865/Fifth Street intersection improvements (i.e., the Seafarer's Alternative) to utilize approximately 0.07 acres of Town of Fort Myers Beach-acquired ROW and 0.73 acres of existing County-owned ROW along the north side SR 865. The major roadway/transportation functions remain within the SR 865 and Estero Boulevard ROW. Without the use of the County's Seafarers parcel and adjacent parcel on the north side of Estero Blvd., impacts to Crescent Beach Family Park may be closer to 50% of the park. These additional impacts would have resulted in adverse impacts to public recreation usage through the additional removal of one or both sand volleyball courts, all three picnic pavilions, as well as restroom and parking facilities. Additionally, impacts would result to several adjacent private parcels (not proposed for impact).

The new bus bay and relocated sidewalk will provide enhanced opportunity for public access to/use of the park. The impacted landscape and irrigation elements will be replaced nearby within the park, so the aesthetic attributes, amenities and function should not be affected by the proposed improvements. Based upon the above information and the measures to minimize harm, there will be no significant effects to the activities, features and attributes that qualify the Crescent Beach Family Park for protection under Section 4(f).

**Public Involvement Activities:**

Lee County provided their concurrence with FDOT's intent to pursue a *de minimis* finding on **DATE**. Project impacts were presented at Public Hearing **DATE** and no public comments were provided regarding the impacts shown.

**OEM SME Concurrence Date:** Pending

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## Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail

**Facility Type:** Public saltwater paddling trail

**Property Classification:** Park/Rec Area

**Address and Coordinates:**

Address: 18950 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, FL, 33931, USA

Latitude: 26.46686 Longitude: -81.95216

**Description of Property:**

The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail occurs within Hurricane Pass, just south of the project's northern limit (see **Attachment 1, Figure 1-2**). The portion of the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is within Phase 1 of the overall Great Calusa Blueway network within Lee County, which includes 97 miles of marked paddling trails in Phase 1 & 2 and 90 miles of unmarked paddling trails along rivers and tributaries in Phase 3 (see **Attachment 1, Figure 1-9**). This paddling trail is also considered as Segment 12 (Pine Island/Estero Bay segment) of the Florida Circumnavigational Paddling Trail. Site photos are also provided.

Lee County manages this public use trail for saltwater paddling, fishing, wildlife viewing, sightseeing and other passive recreation activities. There are no other designated paddling trails within or immediately adjacent to the project limits. The lands underlying the Hurricane Bay waterway are owned as Sovereign Submerged Lands by the State of Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIIFT) under Florida Statute 253.03 and Chapter 18-21 Florida Administrative Code. This trail is loosely defined and does not have a definite width or location within the Hurricane Bay waterway. There are no amenities specific to this paddling trail within or immediately adjacent to the project limits. The only in-channel features are navigational aids for motorized boats and watercraft.

All four quadrants of Hurricane Bay within the project limits are private property, so access within the project limits is limited slightly. However, given the numerous boat docks and marinas within the Estero Bay area, there are extensive opportunities for public access to this paddling trail. The nearest public park access points are at Lee County's Bunche Beach and Bowditch Regional Park facilities which are 1.3 miles northwest and 0.97 miles west of the Hurricane Bay Bridge, respectively.

There are no posted/known restrictions on the public's use of this paddling trail. Based on a review of available bridge plans, the vertical clearance of the Hurricane Bay Bridge typically ranges from 6.02 to 6.62 feet above the mean high-water elevation (1.43 feet NAVD 1988). Usage of the paddling trail under the bridge could be limited during storm or high-water events and/or strong currents.

Lee County (the OWJ) has confirmed in writing on January 20, 2021 the significance of this resource in meeting the recreational objectives of Lee County and the San Carlos Island community. Lee County also concurred that the proposed improvements will not result in a "use" of this resource.

**Owner/Official with Jurisdiction:** FDEP/TIIFT (owner) / Lee County (OWJ)

**Relationship Between the Property and the Project**

The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail crosses under the SR 865 Hurricane Pass Bridge. All proposed improvements on SR 865 at this location will occur on the bridge deck. There will be no in-water work resulting in an alteration of the

horizontal geometry. There will be no changes to the vertical clearance. With the project's lack of involvement with potential "air rights" associated with the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, there will be no "use" of the trail. Public access to this resource will not be interrupted.

**Yes** **No**

Will the property be "used" within the meaning of Section 4(f)?

**Recommended Outcome:** No Use

**OEM SME Determination Date:** Pending

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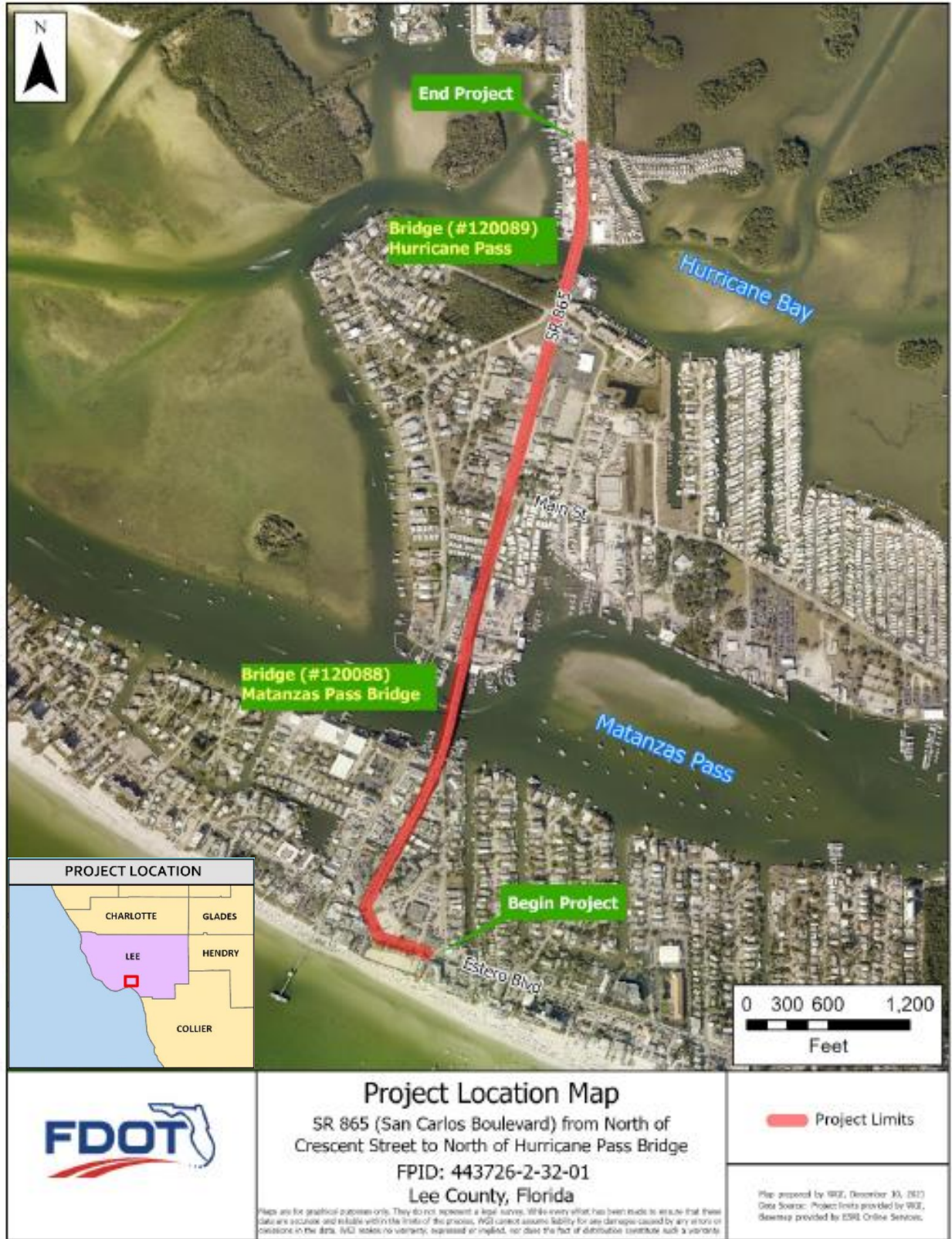


## Project-Level Attachments

Project Location Map

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**Figure 1-1. SR 865 (San Carlos Boulevard) from North of Crescent Street to North of Hurricane Pass Bridge, Lee County, Florida  
Project Location Map**



## Resource Attachments

### **Crescent Beach Family Park**

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### **Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail**

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## **Crescent Beach Family Park**

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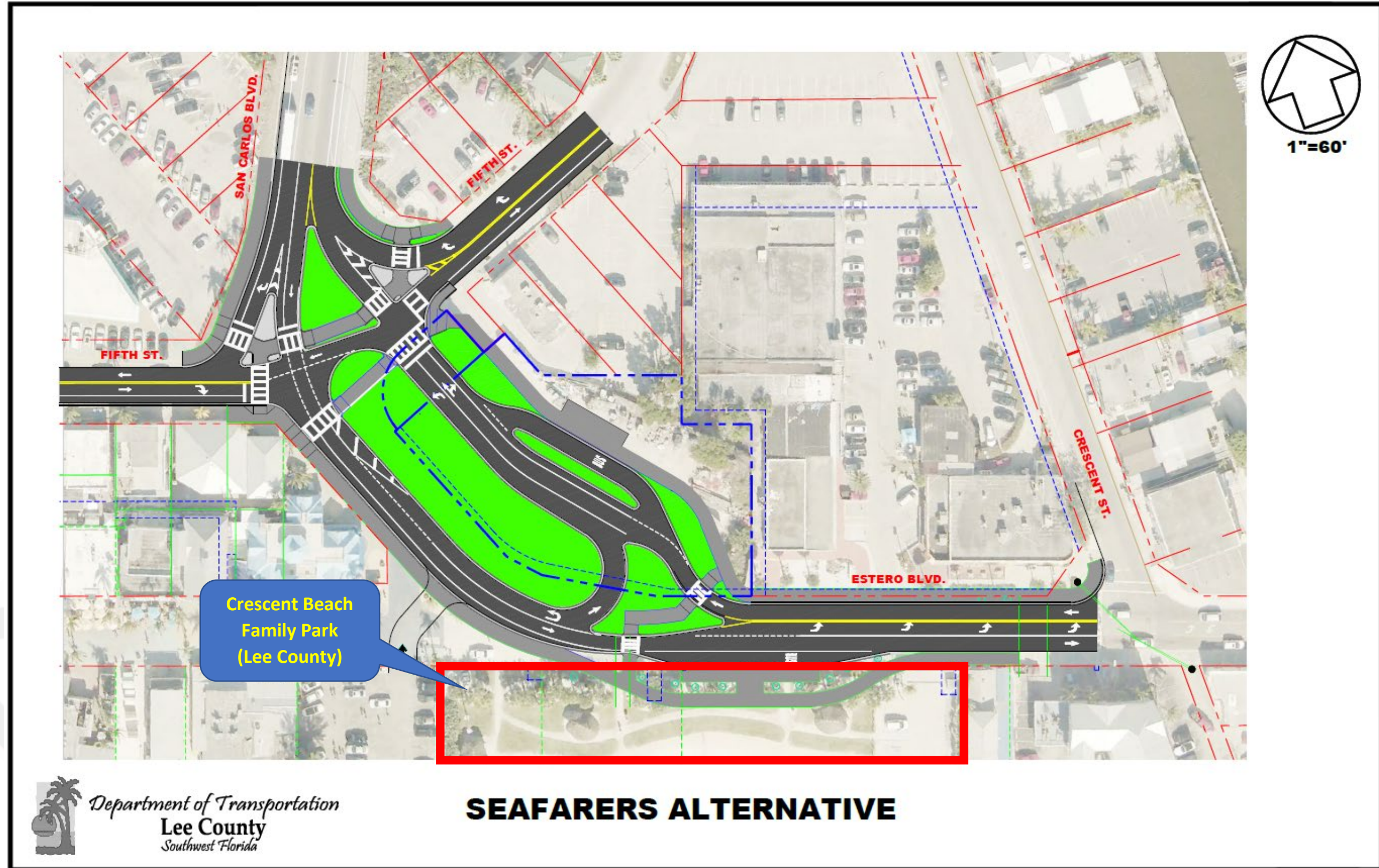
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Figure 1-3. Crescent Beach Family Park/Facilities Overview Graphic



Figure 1-4. Proposed Section 4(f) Impacts to Crescent Beach Family Park  
Note: Impacts are gray-shaded sidewalk facilities





**Photo 1. Looking west along north side of Crescent Beach Family Park northern landscape buffer proposed for impact**



**Photo 2. Looking east along south side of Crescent Beach Family Park northern landscape buffer proposed for impact**





**Photo 3. Looking west down ADA beach access ramp at southern portion of Crescent Beach Family Park**



**Photo 4. Looking west across volleyball courts in central portion of Crescent Beach Family Park**



**Photo 5. Looking north at Crescent Beach Family Park northern landscape buffer proposed for impact (between picnic pavilion structure and SR 865)**

## **Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail**

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Figure 1-2. Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail within the Vicinity of the SR 865 (San Carlos) Project Study Area, Lee County, Florida  
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Figure 1-9. Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail Map





**Photo 1. Looking southeast from Hurricane Bay Bridge along Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail alignment.**



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**Subject:** RE: FPID 433726-2 / SR 865 San Carlos Blvd / Section 4(f) Statement of Significance Letters - Determination Requests  
**Attachments:** 20210120152513037.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Mullen,

I've mailed the original signed letters to your attention at RK&K. The scanned copies are attached.

Best,  
Katie

*Katie (Meckley) Welton*

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**Subject:** FW: FPID 433726-2 / SR 865 San Carlos Blvd / Section 4(f) Statement of Significance Letters - Determination Requests

Dave,

Per your request, see attached and below. Thanks,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: FPID 433726-2 / SR 865 San Carlos Blvd / Section 4(f) Statement of Significance Letters - Determination Requests

*This is information is transmitted on behalf of Gwen Pipkin*

Mr. Harner,

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Thank you in advance for your time. We look forward to receiving your concurrence.

**Gwen G. Pipkin, CPM**

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**From:** Lavender, Jesse

**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:31 AM

**To:** Gordon Mullen

**Cc:** Marshall, Jennifer ; Kimberly Warren

**Subject:** RE: FPID 433726-2 / SR 865 San Carlos Blvd / Section 4(f) sample Statement of Significance Letter

Gordon,

Please send the letters to Dave Harner Deputy County Manager, address P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, Florida 33902. His email is [Dharner@leegov.com](mailto:Dharner@leegov.com) . He will also be the one signing them.

Thanks,

Jesse Lavender

Director

Lee County Parks & Recreation



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December 18, 2020

David Harner  
Deputy County Manager  
Lee County  
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Fort Myers, Florida 33902

**RE: Statement of Significance Determination Request – Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail  
State Road 865 (San Carlos Boulevard) from Crescent Street to N. of Hurricane Bay Bridge  
Lee County, Florida  
Financial Project ID 433726-1-22-01**

Dear Mr. Harner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate proposed improvements to SR 865 (San Carlos Boulevard), including Estero Boulevard, from Crescent Street to north of Hurricane Bay Bridge, in Lee County, Florida (see **Attachment 1**). The purpose of the project is to increase accessibility and enhancement of mobility and safety for vehicular and non-vehicular transportation. In partnership with Lee County, LeeTran, and Town of Fort Myers Beach, this project will incorporate Lee County's Seafarers Alternative from Crescent Street to the intersection of Estero Boulevard and Fifth Street.

FDOT has identified the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail (under the Hurricane Bay Bridge) as publicly owned, officially designated, and managed by your agency, Lee County Parks and Recreation. Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a potential Section 4(f) resource. This recreational resource provides various public outdoor recreation functions including kayak/canoeing, fishing, wildlife viewing and sight-seeing. **Attachment 1** provides maps and photos showing the paddling trail and its relationship to the proposed improvements.

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 requires USDOT agencies (and their legally authorized designees) to make specific findings when a USDOT-funded or approved transportation project requires the use of land from a Section 4(f) protected property. These properties typically include publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, state, or local significance, or land of an historic or archeological site of national, State, or local significance. As part of the use of federal funds for this project, the

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FDOT's Office of Environmental Management (OEM) requires a statement of significance from an official with jurisdiction over publicly held recreation facilities. Significance means that in comparing the availability and function of the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail with the recreational, park and trail objectives of Lee County, this facility plays an important role in meeting those objectives. We believe that the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a significant public recreation resource.

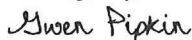
During an October 8, 2020 call with Jesse Lavender (Lee County), FDOT's environmental consultant discussed the SR 865 project's proposed modifications to the Hurricane Bay Bridge, which can be accommodated within the existing SR 865 right-of-way (ROW) and within the existing bridge footprint. The project's design requires no right-of-way from the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail. Access to the paddling trail will not be affected by the proposed project improvements. No changes in the vertical or horizontal navigation clearances underneath the bridge are proposed. All project work activities on the Hurricane Bay bridge will occur on the existing bridge deck, with no in-water work required. Therefore, the aesthetic attributes, amenities and function should not be affected by the proposed improvements. Based upon the above information, we believe that there will be no significant impacts to the activities, features and attributes that qualify the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail for protection under Section 4(f).

Prior to making a determination of whether Section 4(f) applies, the FDOT OEM requires a statement of significance from the official who has jurisdiction over the subject resource. We are requesting Lee County's concurrence with the determination that the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail meets the Section 4(f) definition of a significant resource. We are also requesting your concurrence with the FDOT's findings that the proposed improvements will not result in a "use" (impact) of the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail. If the County concurs with these findings, then the FDOT may seek a No Use determination per 23 CFR Part 774 from OEM. If you concur, please sign and date the concurrence block (see next page) and return it to me at the address shown in the letterhead or preferably by e-mail to [gwen.pipkin@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:gwen.pipkin@dot.state.fl.us) as soon as possible, or by January 6, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the findings of this letter, please contact me at (863) 519-2375 or at the email address listed above. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:



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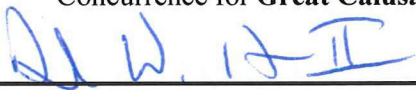
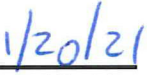
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<b>Concurrence for Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail</b>	
	
(Signature)	(Date)
Lee County Manager (or designee)	

Enclosures: Project Location Map, Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail guide/map and photo excerpts

**ATTACHMENT 1.**

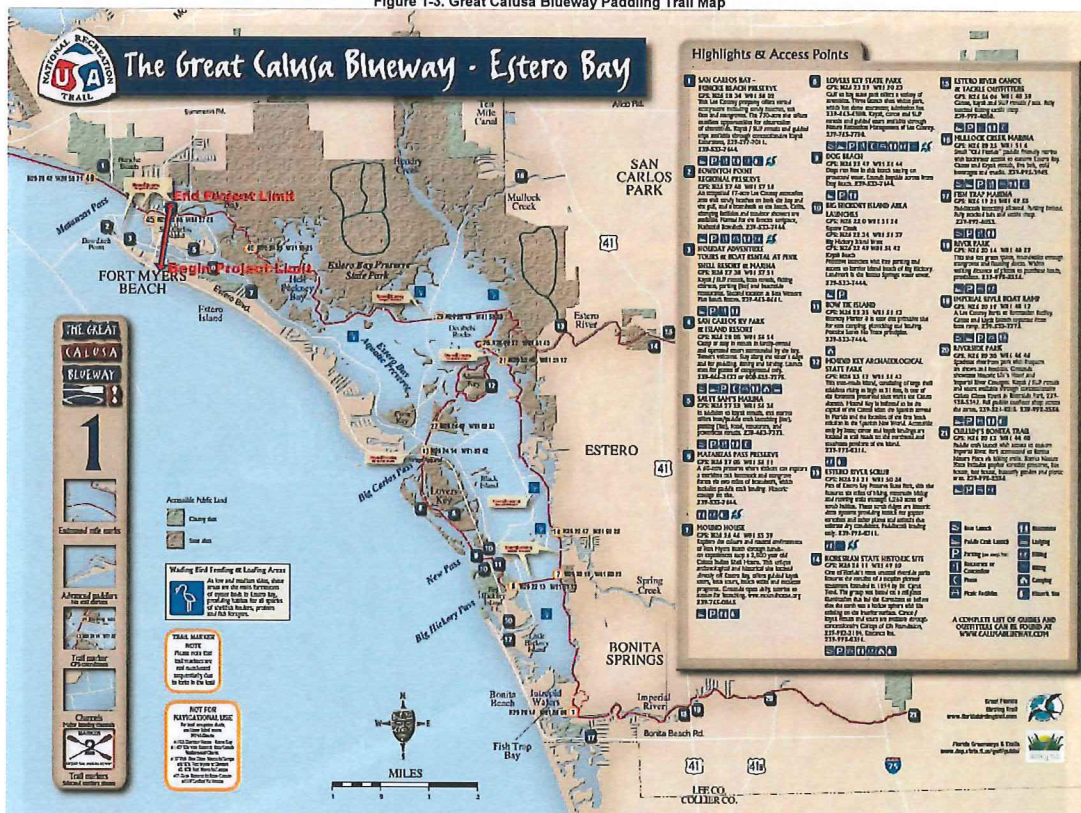
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Gordon,

Please send the letters to Dave Harner Deputy County Manager, address P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, Florida 33902. His email is [Dharner@leegov.com](mailto:Dharner@leegov.com) . He will also be the one signing them.

Thanks,

Jesse Lavender

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Jesse,

Good morning. I wanted to follow up on your prior e-mail below to see if you had an update on the applicable County signature authority for the recreational resource letters we discussed last week? Please let us know at your earliest opportunity, thanks again.

**GORDON MULLEN**

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Gordon,

Thank you for sending. The letters will need authorization from either the County Manager or the Board. I'll follow-up with you on that.

Also the southern pier we spoke about is under the management of the Town of Ft. Myers Beach.

Have a good weekend,

Jesse Lavender

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Jesse,

Thanks again for being available to discuss this project's involvement with existing recreational resources with Kim and myself this afternoon. We appreciate it.

As mentioned during our discussion, I have attached an example "Statement of Significance" letter that FDOT District One sends to the official with jurisdiction over a specific resource. The letters we will be sending you for the various resources we discussed this afternoon will generally be similar in format and content to the attached letter. However, there will be differences in the project description and resource-specific discussion/preliminary determinations.

I will be preparing a set of minutes/notes summarizing this afternoon's discussion, which will likely be sent out early next week. In the meantime, please let us know when you hear back as to whether the southern pier under the Matanzas Pass Bridge is considered within the County's park resource. Also, please let us know if there is someone else that we should show as Lee County's signatory representative for the aforementioned letters .

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