

## **Wekiva Trail Extension- 2021 BUILD Grant request**

Lake County as the grant sponsor, in cooperation with the Cities of Tavares and Mount Dora are seeking federal grant funding from DOT through the 2021 BUILD transportation grant - “National Infrastructure Investment” program for the proposed improvements of the Wekiva Trail extension – Segment 1 and Segment 5.

The project would convert the existing 11.5 mile inactive CSX rail corridor into a multi-use trail. The project limits are from CR 437 in Sorrento to Wooton Park in Tavares. Segments 2, 3 and 4 of the Wekiva Trail are under construction or funded for construction. Adding Segments 1 and 5 will complete the 26 miles of the Wekiva Trail in Lake County. The Wekiva Trail, once completed, will connect to the regional trail network to the east via the Seminole Wekiva Trail/Orange County West Orange Trail and to the west via the Tav-Lee trail. (see attached area trail map).

A grant request of \$25 M was submitted in 2020 for the project under the same grant program, but was not on the final approved grant recipients list. An updated grant application for this project will be submitted this year with updated information consistent with the grant requirements once the final grant announcement schedule is published.

The three (3) local governments are seeking support for the project and grant application from the Lake Sumter MPO and other parties including elected officials, businesses, schools, trail advocacy groups and other benefitted developments within the project corridor.

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