

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director  
James W. Ennis, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director  
Kirstin Leiendecker, P.E., Roadway Production Manager

**FROM:** Jim Mann, MPA, Infrastructure Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Easement Number 32851 -  
Trans-Florida Central Railroad Trail (IRC-2115)

**DATE:** October 5, 2022

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

The Public Works Department, along with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida are requesting an amendment to Easement Number 32851, which would allow for a 1.4-mile section of paved trail to be built within the St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park and be a direct benefit to the Park. This is the next section of the Trans-Florida Railroad Trail due west of the recently completed pedestrian overpass, that spans Interstate 95.

The trail will consist of a 12-foot-wide asphalt shared-use path that seconds as a natural fire line suitable for heavy safety equipment, three culvert installations that will provide hydrologic connections between surrounding wetlands severed by the construction of the original railroad berm, and installation of collapsible bollards at each end of the easement.

The original easement was executed in 2015 and allows for a 50-year term use unless terminated pursuant to the provisions therein. It allowed for the construction trail west of the North County Park to the city limits of Fellsmere east of Interstate 95. This amendment will include the next trail portion to be constructed west of Interstate 95 in the next section of the St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park.

**FUNDING**

The trail will be built within abandoned Trans-Florida Central Railroad Right-of-Way as part of the Rails to Trails Program awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation to Indian River County. Indian River County will enter into a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement for construction funding of this project. Estimated funding of \$174,979 is programmed into the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan in account #31521441-066510-21035, Optional Sales Tax/Trans-Florida Rail Trail Greenway Phase II and FDOT funding of \$920,210.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve Amendment One to Easement Number 32851 with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and authorize the Chairman to execute the same.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FDEP Approval Letter for Amendment of Easement Number 32851 and Original Easement Documentation
2. Delegation of Authority Action
3. First Amendment to the Agreement One to Easement 32851 with Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: OCTOBER 18, 2022**