

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
Greenways and Trails
COMMITTEE

March 11, 2026
5:30 PM

Room 1827W, County Center
and [Virtual via MS Teams](#)



I. Welcome (5:30-5:35)

Sally Thompson, Chair, Hillsborough Greenways Committee
Attendance

II. Public Comments (5:35-5:45) (3 minutes maximum each)

III. Action Items (5:45 - 5:6:30) (assuming a quorum)

Approval of minutes of December 10, 2025

IV. Information Items (6:30-7:15)

Analysis of 2025/2026 Paved Trail prioritization
E Bike regulations overview
Gulf Coast Trail update
Active County projects updates
Agency updates

V. Old Business (7:15-7:25)

VI. Open Discussion / Other Announcements (7:25-7:30)

Next meeting date reminder
Future meeting topics request

VII. Meeting Adjourned (7:30)

Backup Material

A. Draft Minutes from Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Committee Meeting, 12/10/2025

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

WINTER MEETING MINUTES

MEETING PRESENTATION MATERIALS, AUTOMATIC TRANSCRIPTS, AND RECORDINGS REVIEWABLE ON REQUEST

Meeting Date: December 10, 2025

Meeting Type: Quarterly Full Committee

Meeting Time: 5:32- 7:39

Attendance

Category	In-Person Attendance	Remote Attendance
Voting Members		
Chair	1	
Vice Chair	1	
Other Voting Members	3	4
Quorum (Chair+4)	Yes	
Non-Voting Members		
Other Staff	2	2
Consultants		1
Public	1	
Subtotals	9	7
Total Participants	16	

In Person:

Sally Thompson
Mary Margaret Hull
Larry Weatherby
Paul Maddox
Eric Hothem

Online:

Al Tillson
Angela Taylor

Public Comment

No public comments

Action Items

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- Sally wants the Greenways and Trails meeting to do something like ELAPP or BPAC to make sure to confirm attendance prior to the meeting.
- Approval of minutes of September 10, 2025
Motion by Mary Margaret Hull and seconded by Paul Maddox to approve meeting minutes with noted edit (Weighted). Motion carried.
- Officer Elections
 - Motion by Eric Hothem and seconded by Paul Maddox for officers to serve in their current roles. Motion Carried
- 2026 Meeting Schedule
 - Larry suggested adjusting the meeting months to avoid the need for a meeting in December due to conflicts with holiday activities. The suggested alternative months were February, May, August and November. In addition, he suggested that the August meeting could be an informational MS Teams meeting only.
 - Meeting dates confirmed: February 18, May 20, August 19 and November 18Motion by Mary Margaret Hull and seconded by Eric Hothem to accept our 2026 meeting schedule to be the third Wednesday of the revised meeting months: February, May, August and November. Furthermore, it was decided that the committee members would revisit the August meeting to be strictly online.
- Community Investment Tax Trail Funding Prioritization
 - Chris gave an overview of this. Back in July 2025, the committee approved the methodology of trail segmentation and prioritization for 32 subsegments of nine trails. Committee members asked for more attention to be paid to connectivity with existing linkages towards existing and proposed trails.
 - Questions included: What changed when taking connectivity into account, Chris went through and answered.
 - A motion that the committee approve the results and analysis of the 2025 CIT Trail Segmentation Evaluation was made by Mary Margaret Hull and seconded by Larry Weatherby. Motion carried.
- Annual Committee Prioritization
 - The committee discussed the trails funding rankings, and members may move to adjust the list as they see appropriate. Then memorialize the final rankings in a memo that will go to Public Works CIP programs. There is suggested methodology for this in the bylaws. Memos go out every June.

The preliminary apportionment is for 66 million dollars, based on the high level cost estimates for those trails indicated in the Master Plan. Some trails are also eligible for the SUN Trail funding and may win funding from that source, allowing for adjustments to the distribution.

This memo is for public works to take under advisement and so the committee discussed the options, and a motion was put forth.

Include CIT prioritization for paved trails, continue with Tier 1 from the Master Plan for unpaved and blueways.

Motion by Mary Margaret Hull was seconded by Larry Weatherby to include our annual prioritization the updated CIT Paved trail list that was just discussed as well as the Tier 1 of Unpaved trails and Tier 1 of Blueway trails from the updated Greenways and Trails master plan.

Information Items

- **South Coast Greenway PH 7 Palm River Alignment Study**
 - Theo Petritsch presented on this. The best alignment alternative involves 78th Street which is currently in a PD&E Study for potential widening
 - Question asked - how many parcels would be impacted? Two parcels would be impacted on the 78th street option.
- **Active County Projects Updates**
 - **UTTB the Gap: SUN Trail grant awarded for FY 2031**
 - Segment 4A & 4B, fully funded. Design in progress
 - **Linebaugh section**
 - Scheduled to be repaired in January 2026 with a two-week closure scheduled.
 - **Tampa Bypass Canal Segment 6**
 - Between Bruce B Downs and Morris Bridge Rd, will be applying for TA grant this year. Design money is in the pipeline and looking for construction funding.
 - **South County Water Pipeline Trail**
 - Discussed over this summer, neither trail made it into the CIT trail list and are in Tier 2 of the master plan- it is unlikely to move forward with a paved trail. Hillsborough CIP staff met with CELM staff, looking at possibility for unpaved trail in easement.
- **Gulf Coast Trail Update**
 - The Adamsville segment, which runs along Bullfrog Creek Rd and Big Bend Rd. is part of the South Coast Greenway that is presently in the PD&E study stage with public engagement expected in March of 2026.
 - Overpass over Big Bend Road: FDOT is designing and will be using SUN Trail funding for construction in 2029.
 - 19th Ave- Roadway widening in PD&E stage that includes a trail – Mid 2026
 - Will be using Howard Franklin Bridge to cross over to Pinellas County.
- **FDOT counters**
 - County staff presented on active and pending counters and their locations.

Agency Updates (7:13-7:15)

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- Parks and Rec: None
- FDOT reported on PD&E for Courtney Cambell Causeway Bridges

Old Business (7:15-7:16)

Open Discussion/Announcements (7:16-7:29)

- Next meetings: 2/18, 5/20, 8/19 and 11/18
- Question was asked about hiking spree and parking.

Staff to do:

- Set meeting dates on County alender and send invites
- Draft memos for motions approved tonight
- Chris to prepare an analysis of what fell off in regards to CIT memo
- Notification attendance

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.