



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

**January 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Don Scott)

2. Presentations/Public Input

- A. District 1 Ped Bike Master Plan (Deborah Chesna, District 1 Bike Ped Coordinator)
- B. Proposed US Bicycle Route 15 Alignments in Charlotte, Lee and Collier County (Kerry Irons, Adventure Cycling Association)
- C. FDOT Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring Program Update (Eric Katz, FDOT)
- D. Project Updates along the Gulf Coast Connector SUN Trail Alignment in Charlotte, Lee, and Collier County (Gary Harrel/Persides Zambrano/Ron Gogoi/Adrienne Wisdom on behalf of City of Fort Myers/Anne McLaughlin/Michele Avola Brown)
- E. Charlotte, Lee, and Collier County Safety Performance Trends (Gary Harrell/Don Scott/Anne McLaughlin)

3. Adjournment

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PRESENTATIONS

PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

FDOT District 1 is embarking on an endeavor to create a Districtwide Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan. District Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Coordinator Deborah Chesna will introduce FDOT's efforts on this project.

PROPOSED US BICYCLE ROUTE 15 ALIGNMENTS IN CHARLOTTE, LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES

Adventure Cycling Association will provide a history and background of the US Bicycle Route (USBR) System and will present draft proposed alignments of USBR 15 in Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties for public input. The existing segment of USBR 15 is 14 miles long from Georgia to Madison, Florida. There is a proposal now to extend the Route from Madison to Miami for an additional 496 miles via Lee and Collier County. The proposed route map and proposed road-by-road direction in Charlotte, Lee and Collier is shown under Exhibit A at the end of this document.

STATEWIDE NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATE

Program Manager Eric Katz with FDOT Central Office will provide an update of the Statewide Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring Program. The purpose of this program is to collect statistically valid bicycle and pedestrian traffic volume data so that traffic volume statistics can be calculated and published annually. The Program Structure is made up of 4 components – Statewide Repository, Statewide Outreach, Statewide Short-Term Count Program and Statewide Continuous Count Program.

CHARLOTTE, LEE AND COLLIER COUNTY SAFETY PERFORMANCE

Charlotte County - Punta Gorda, Lee and Collier MPOs have received the latest five (5) year rolling averages for Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties for the five (5) Highway Safety Performance Measures covering calendar years 2015 through 2019 that indicates the safety performance for the three areas. The data, compiled by FDOT, **can be viewed by clicking the following link:** [Rolling Averages](#)

Staff will present this item along with the latest crash data from 2020.

STATUS UPDATE OF PROJECTS ALONG THE GULF COAST CONNECTOR IN CHARLOTTE, LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES

The Gulf Coast Connector which connects several counties including Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties is one of the regional trails within the statewide SUN Trail Network. In the Gulf Coast Connector portion of Charlotte, Lee and Collier, several road capacity and bike trail projects are currently under way or programmed that will improve bike ped safety and connectivity. Staff from the three MPOs, City of Cape Coral, City of Fort Myers and the Naples Pathway Coalition will provide updates of SUN Trail and bike ped related roadway projects. These projects from north to south are as follows:

Charlotte County

North Alligator Creek Pedestrian Bridge on US 41

Trail Width:

Status: Recently Completed

Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Feasibility Study

Project Limits: Myakka State Forest to US 41

Project Improvements: Explore 12' wide trail feasibility along Cape Haze Pioneer Trail and Murdock Village CRA

Status: Project under way

Burnt Store Road Phase II

Project Limits: Point near Notre Dame Boulevard to a point north of Zemel Road

Proposed Improvements: 2 to 4 lane road, shoulders, 6' Sidewalks (both sides)

Status – Construction under way; Anticipated completion: 2/9/2

Lee County

Burnt Store Road PD&E Study

Project Limits: Van Buren Parkway to Charlotte County Line

Proposed Improvements – 2 to 4 lane widening/bike lanes/10' shared use path (east side)/6' sidewalk (west side)

Status – Study under way

Van Buren/El Dorado/Kismet Parkway Multi Use Trail Construcción Phase 1

Project Limits: Burnt Store Road to Nelson Road

Trail Width: 12'

Bid Letting - Soon

Status – Construction to be let in April 2021; Anticipated completion – October 2022

Kismet Parkway Multi Use Trail Phase 2 Construction

Project Limits: Nelson Road to Del Prado Boulevard

Year Programmed – FY 2025
Trail Width – 12'

Kismet Parkway Multi Use Trail Phase 3 Design

Project Limits: Del Prado Boulevard to NE 24th Avenue

Year Programmed – FY 2022

Trail Width – 10' to 12' (There is a short segment east of Del Prado Boulevard with ROW constraints that may result in a 8' wide sidewalk. Width to be determined during design)

Kismet Parkway/ Littleton Road Realignment Construction

Project Limits: Kismet Parkway to Corbett Road

Proposed Improvements – Realigning the intersection of Kismet Parkway and NE 24th Avenue, 8' Sidewalk (South Side), 6' Sidewalk (North Side)/4' Bike Lanes/Roundabout at Littleton Road and Corbett Avenue

Status – Construction underway and is anticipated to be completed end of January 2021

Littleton Road Widening

Project Limits: Corbett Road to US 41

Proposed Improvements – Road Reconstruction to 3 lanes with a center turn lane (with landscape planting islands)/4' wide bike lanes/6 to 8' wide sidewalks (North Side)/6' wide sidewalk (south side)

Project Status: 90% design plans completed.

Bid letting for construction – End of 2021

JYLP Linear Trail Extension Design Phase

Project Limits: Hanson Street to Colonial Boulevard

Trail Width: 12' wide

Other improvements: RRFB and Ped Bridge over Colonial Boulevard

Project Status: 60% design under ERC review; 90% design due – 5/14/2021

JYLP Linear Trail Extension Construction Phase

Year Programmed – FY 2026

Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study

Project Limits: Bonita Beach Road to Alico Road

Project Status: Study anticipated to commence in February 2021

COLLIER COUNTY

Livingston FPL Trail Extension PD&E Study

Project Limits: Radio Road to Collier County Line

Year Programmed: FY 2026

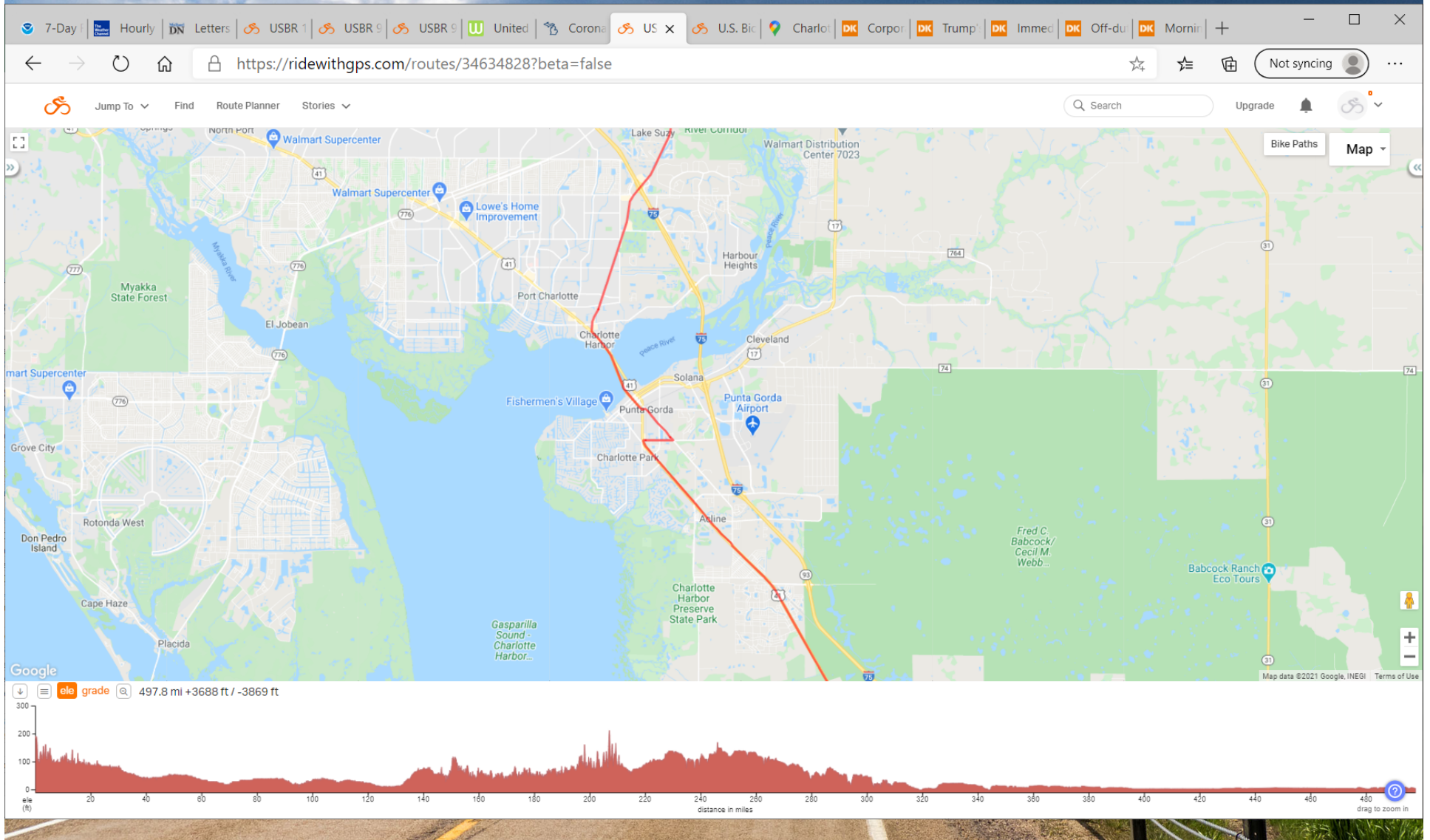
Paradise Coast Trail Feasibility Study

(Portion overlaps SUN Trail alignment)

Project Status – Under way

USBR 15 in Charlotte County

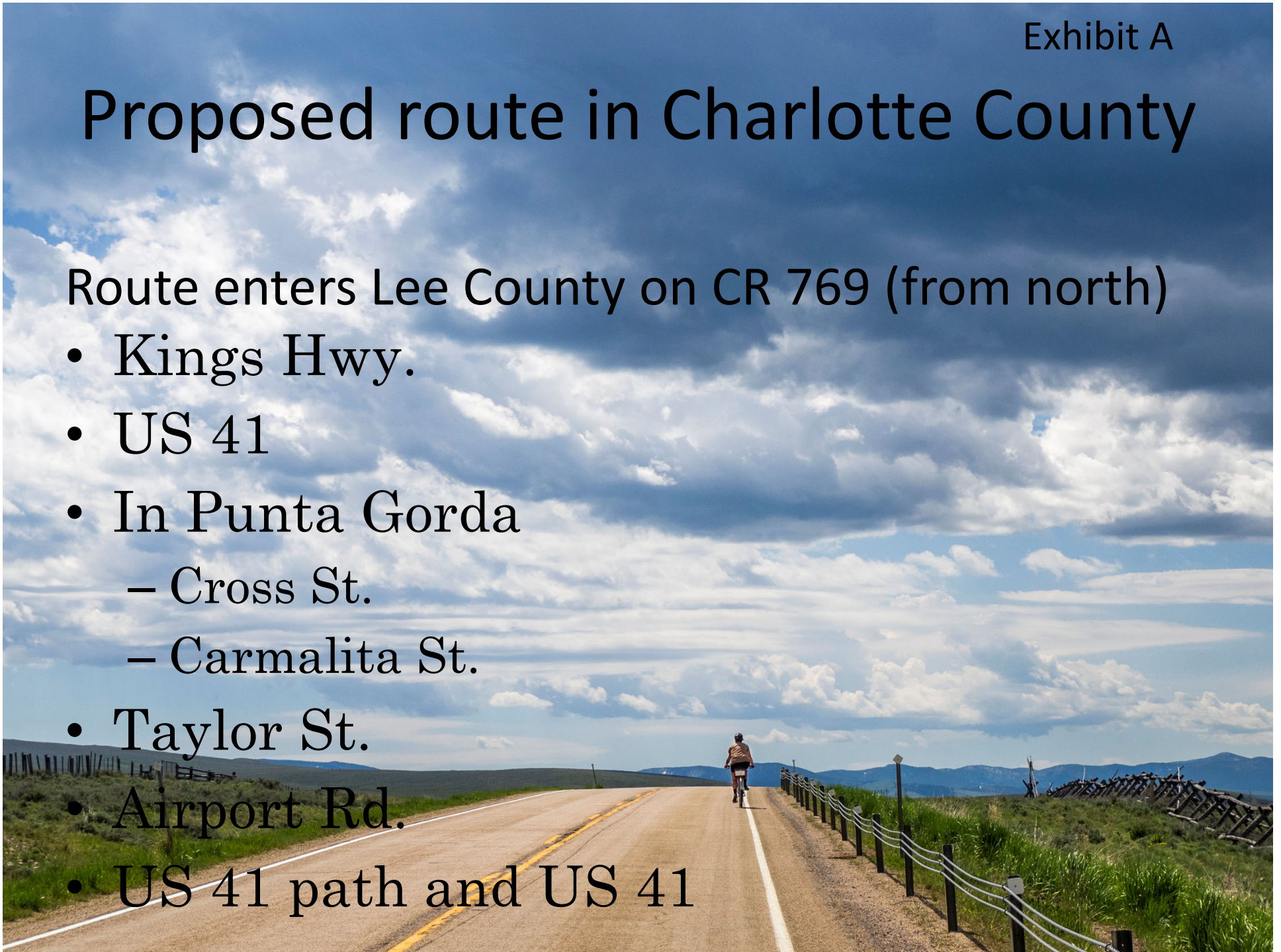
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Proposed route in Charlotte County

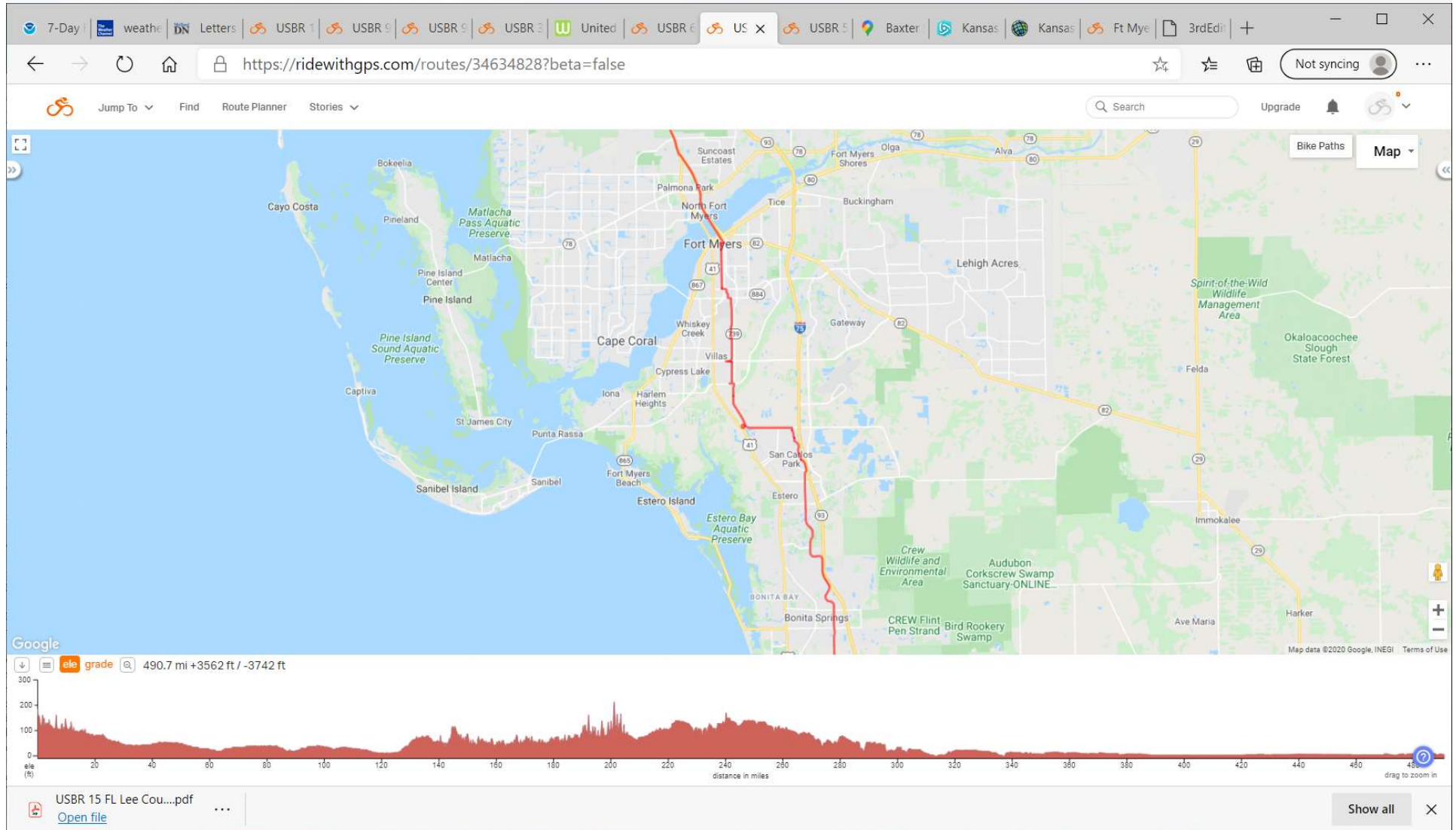
Route enters Lee County on CR 769 (from north)

- Kings Hwy.
- US 41
- In Punta Gorda
 - Cross St.
 - Carmalita St.
- Taylor St.
- Airport Rd.
- US 41 path and US 41



USBR 15 in Lee County

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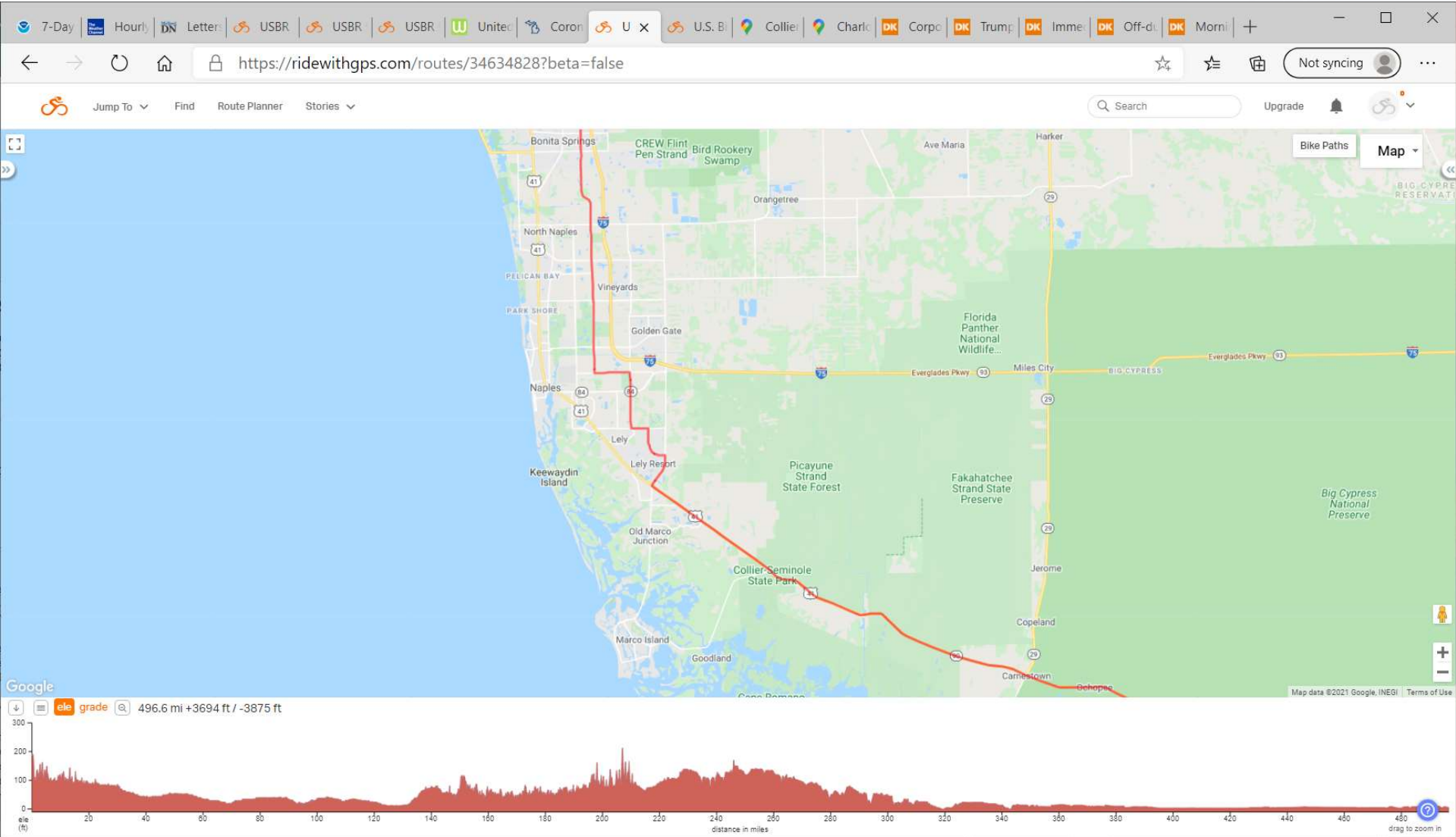
Proposed route in Lee County

Route enters Lee County on US 41(from north)

- Lee County: N Fork Dr., then US 41 across Edison Bridge
- Fort Myers: from bridge Fowler St, MLK Blvd, Central Ave, Winkler Ave, Evans Ave, Colonial Blvd/FL 884
- Lee County: John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail, 6 Mile Cypress Pkwy, Michael G Rippe Pkwy, Alico Rd, Three Oaks Pkwy
- Bonita Springs: Imperial Pkwy

USBR 15 in Collier County

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Proposed route in Collier County

Route enters Collier County on Imperial Pkwy. (from north)

- Continue onto Livingston Rd.
- Radio Rd.
- Santa Barbara Blvd.
- Rattlesnake Hammock Rd.
- Grand Lely Dr
- Collier Blvd.
- US 41