

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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The study uses terminology that may not be familiar to most people. This glossary defines the primary terminology that will be used throughout the study.

A

Active Transportation

Human-powered transportation, such as biking, walking, skating, and jogging.

Alignment

The location of and type of project within the corridor. A rail-to-trail alignment replaces the existing train tracks. A rail-with-trail means a trail is built next to the train tracks. A trail alignment within the ROW of road means a multi-use trail is built next to the road.

Alternative

The corridor and alignment under study.

B

Bridges and Structures Inventory

Number of and existing data on bridges and structures within the rail corridor.

C

Connectivity

This evaluation criteria explores a project's ability to connect people to the places they live, work, play, pray, and shop. It also measures the alignment's ability to create a connection with the local and regional trail network plan.

Corridor

Land area that a the federal, state, county, or local government designates to be used as a transportation facility to move goods, people, and services between geographic locations. Transportation facilities can include aviation, bike lanes, multi-use trails, rails, roads, sidewalks, rail, paratransit, and water. The land area can include areas for managing access to the facility and getting proper permits and approvals for use.

E

Evaluation Criteria

The standards used to rank alternatives for the study.

F

Feasibility Study

A transportation study that determines if it is possible to build the alternative. This study will evaluate available right-of-way (ROW), impacts to the environment and utilities, costs to build the project, demographics served, and safety issues of each alternative.

M

Multi-Use Trail

A path that can be used for human-powered transportation, such as biking, walking, skating, and jogging.

P

Planning Level Construction Costs

An order-of-magnitude estimate of cost to build a trail.

Preferred Alternative

The alternative that the study recommends moving to the next step of designing and building the trail.

Project Readiness

One of the evaluation criteria that measures the level of adaptation to the existing alternative corridor necessary to build the project. These changes include roadway crossings, utilities, stormwater, structures, and available ROW.

R

Right-of-Way (ROW)

Land in which the state, the department, a county, or local government is allowed to use for a transportation facility.

Rail Banking

An agreement between the rail company and trail agency that allows the rail corridor to be used as a trail until the rail company needs the corridor again. Allowed under the 1983 National Trails Systems Act, rail banking is a desirable alternative to rail abandonment, an issue that resulted in the 1983 law because railroad companies abandoned unprofitable railroad corridors.

Rail-to-Trail, or Rail-Trail

One of two alignments being evaluated for this feasibility study within the SGLR rail corridor. A rail-to-trail alignment would replace the existing train tracks.

Rail-with-Trail

One of two alignments being evaluated for this feasibility study within the SGLR rail corridor. A rail-with-trail alignment would be next to the existing train tracks.

Road Alignment within the ROW of a Road

One of the alternatives in which a multi-use trail is built next to a road within its ROW.

Road-Trail Crossings

Where a trail user needs to cross the road or other facility to continue using a trail. Examples include a railroad, river, another trail, and a utility easement.

S

Seminole Gulf Railway (SGLR)

The railroad company that owns the land within the rail corridor.

Service

An evaluation criteria that measures the number of people who live within ½ mile of the proposed project and improvements and ease of access to the alternative.

SUN Trail Program

A statewide system of paved trails for pedestrians and cyclists. SUN is the abbreviated version of Shared-Used Non-Motorized.

U

User Experience

An evaluation criteria that measures the potential impact that the proposed project and improvements may have on the people who use it. These impacts include ease of navigation/ travel, offered amenities, and support for a diverse range of users.

Utilities Inventory

The public utilities such as power lines that are present on the corridor.

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