

10. **COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSION**

- b. Parks and Recreation Committee endorsement of staff recommendation to approve re-allocation of \$65,000 from Shared Use Path maintenance to the construction of the Sanibel Captiva Road path extension from Pine Avenue to the Blind Pass bridge (this is a re-allocation of the \$65,000. It will not increase the FY10 budget)

Memorandum

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DATE: February 16, 2010
TO: City Council
THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra
FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle JDC
RE: Shared Use Paths

RECOMMENDATION: Approve re-allocation of \$65,000 from shared use path maintenance to the construction of the San-Cap Road path extension from Pine Avenue to the Blind Pass bridge.

The FY 10 budget includes \$440,000 for shared use path maintenance in Fund 101. Due to a low bid, approximately \$250,000 worth of path repairs and overlays were performed last year for \$165,000, leaving the paths in very good condition for the current fiscal year's maintenance work. Of the 7 recommended shared use path extensions identified in the 2009 Shared Use Path Master Plan, the Sanibel Bicycle Club has ranked the extension of the San Cap Road shared use path from Pine Avenue to the Blind Pass bridge as their #1 priority. Due to safety concerns, staff agrees with the Club's high ranking of this path extension, which is estimated to cost \$80,000. Trails in Motion has agreed to fund \$15,000 of the cost and staff recommends that the \$65,000 balance be transferred from path repairs to path improvements for the construction project.

Staff recommends that Council approve the transfer of \$65,000 within Fund 101 from the repair and maintenance line item (46.00) to the improvements other than buildings line item (63.00) for construction of the San Cap Road shared use path extension from the path's current western terminus at Pine Avenue to the Blind Pass bridge.

The Parks and Recreation Committee, at its January 28th meeting, approved the staff's recommendation to move forward with this path extension due to safety concerns.

C: Finance Director Sylvia Edwards
City Attorney Ken Cuyler
Recreation Director Chris Deal



The Sanibel Bicycle Club

February 4, 2010

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Dear City Council Members:

The Board of Directors and members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club, Inc. enthusiastically endorse the recommendation by the City Staff to complete the Shared Use Path along Sanibel-Captiva Road from Pine Avenue to the Blind Pass Bridge. The Board has made this project to improve the safety of the Shared Use Path System its highest priority for this year. To emphasize the importance we place on this section of the Path System, we have offered to use \$15,000 from the Trails in Motion Fund, which was set up by the Bicycle Club to help fund Path related projects, for the construction of this section of the Path.

Since Captiva Drive was repaved with shoulders on both sides of the road, there is increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic going through the Santiva area to Captiva. Also with the completion of the dredging of Blind Pass we expect increased bicycle traffic going to Turner Beach. The current path ends at Pine Avenue and cyclists or pedestrians must use the narrow road. Also, because of the turn in the road approaching the bridge, visibility is limited. This presents a safety hazard both to cyclists and pedestrians. We believe that completion of the path system at this point would substantially reduce the safety risk.

We urge you to support the Staff Recommendation so that this path completion can be done this year.

Sincerely,

Ken Bergstrom, President