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**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE MPO TO RETAIN THE CSX/SEMINOLE GULF RAIL CORRIDOR AS PART OF THE SUN TRAIL PRIORITY NETWORK; AND REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ADD TWO "OPPORTUNITY TRAILS", 1) THE BEACH LOOP FROM FORT MYERS BEACH TO BONITA SPRINGS, AND 2) AN ALTERNATIVE TRAIL ON THREE OAKS PARKWAY AND IMPERIAL PARKWAY (FROM ESTERO PARKWAY TO BONITA BEACH ROAD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero has expressed its desire to expand opportunities for Estero's transportation network of pedestrian and bicycle pathways and trails by working with the State of Florida and other local, state, and regional entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero has a population of nearly 40,000 residents who have also expressed their desire to have their elected officials do whatever is possible to expand the network of pedestrian and bicycle paths in the community and to have those paths connect with surrounding communities where possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village's Comprehensive Plan supports the efforts of the MPO to plan for hiking, biking and walking trails along the rail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive Plan Policy 19.4.2 encourages establishing a pedestrian/bike trail within or along the rail right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the Estero Village Council attended a joint meeting with the City of Bonita Springs City Council on February 28, 2017, and was informed about the SUN Trail, its vision, plans, accomplishments and the possibilities of trails in the Estero/Bonita Springs area. Both Councils have subsequently appointed liaisons to continue to work on fact-finding toward the goal of providing trails in the Estero/Bonita Springs area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

**Section 1.** The Village Council hereby registers its strong desire and support that the CSX/Seminole Gulf Rail Corridor (from Estero Parkway to Bonita Beach Road) be included as part of the SUN Trail priority trail network. The Village of Estero strongly requests

46 that 1) the Beach Loop from Fort Myers Beach to Bonita Springs, and 2) an alternative trail on  
47 Three Oaks Parkway and Imperial Parkway (from Estero Parkway to Bonita Beach Road) be  
48 added as "opportunity trails" in our area to provide adequate trails in the Estero/Bonita Springs  
49 area.

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51 **Section 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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53 **ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida this 7<sup>th</sup>  
54 day of June, 2017.

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56 Attest:

**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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59 By: Kathy Hall  
60 Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: James R. Boesch  
James R. Boesch, Mayor

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63 Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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66 By: Burt Saunders  
67 Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney