

Park & Recreation  
Advisory  
Committee  
Ranking of 2024  
Shared Use Path  
Master Plan  
Extensions and  
Enhancements



# Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Ranking of 2024 Shared Use Path Master Plan Extensions

*Reviewed by Council August 19, 2025*

PARC Ranking Sheet - Suggested SUP EXTENSIONS (April 24, 2025 Mtg)

On/From/To	Suggested Extension	Committee Member Ranking	Notes
New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Rd to Main St	Provide a new Path connection along the south side of Periwinkle Way, behind the businesses, between Casa Ybel Rd and Main St.	1	
New Path Connection, Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd	Provide a new Path connection connecting Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd north of Periwinkle Way.	2	
Periwinkle Way, Dunlop Rd to Bailey Rd	Provide a Path along the north side of Periwinkle Way to improve access to businesses and neighborhoods, and to relieve congestion along the existing Path.	3	
Rabbit Rd, W. Gulf Dr to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Provide Path connection directly along Rabbit Rd between W. Gulf Dr and Sanibel Captiva Rd.	4	
Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot	Extend the Path from the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to the Fishing Pier parking lot.	5	
Dixie Beach Blvd, Royal Poinciana Dr to San Carlos Bay Dr	Extend the Path along Dixie Beach Blvd from its current terminus to the Parking lot north of San Carlos Bay Dr.	6	
Bailey Rd, S. of Bay Dr to Bay Shore Dr	Extend the existing Path along Bailey Rd from its current terminus to the parking lot on Bay Shore Dr.	7	
Algiers Lane, East of Camino Del Mar to Gulfside City Park Parking Lot	Extend the Path along the east side of Algiers Ln from its current terminus/where it turns through the park to the Gulfside City Park parking lot.	8	
W. Gulf Dr, Rabbit Rd to Dingman Dr	Extend Path west along W. Gulf Dr from where it curves at Surf Sound Ct.	9	
<del>New Path Connection, Beach Blvd to Royal Poinciana Dr</del>	<del>Provide a new Path connection between Beach Blvd and Royal Poinciana Dr and Bay Dr corridors.</del>		
Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel Captiva Rd to Tarpon Bay Explorers	Extend the Path along Tarpon Bay Rd north of Sanibel Captiva Rd toward the Tarpon Bay Explorers.	11	
*Periwinkle Way, Tarpon Bay Rd to Palm Ridge Rd	Provide a Path along the north side of Periwinkle Way between Tarpon Bay Rd and Palm Ridge Rd.	N/A	*Completed (Funded by impact funds)
*Palm Ridge Rd, Periwinkle Way to Tarpon Bay Rd	Provide a Path along the west side of Palm Ridge Rd between Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Rd.	N/A	*Completed (Funded by impact funds)
Intersection	Recommendations from PARC	Committee Member Ranking	Notes
Wildlife Drive to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Add SUP from Ding Darling Exit to SUP at Sanibel Captiva Rd	1	
Wulfert Rd	Add SUP from Wulfert Rd at Wildlife Dr into designated end point within The Sanctuary	2	

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On/From/To	Suggested Extension	Council Ranking	Notes
New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Rd to Main St	Provide a new Path connection along the south side of Periwinkle Way, behind the businesses, between Casa Ybel Rd and Main St.	1	Elevated Path
Wildlife Drive to Sanibel Captiva Rd Rd	Add SUP from Ding Darling Exit to SUP at Sanibel Captiva	2	
Rabbit Rd, W. Gulf Dr to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Provide Path connection directly along Rabbit Rd between W. Gulf Dr and Sanibel Captiva Rd.	3	Safer connection to existing path
W. Gulf Dr, Rabbit Rd to Dingman Dr	Extend Path west along W. Gulf Dr from where it curves at Surf Sound Ct.	4	
Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot	Extend the Path from the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to the Fishing Pier parking lot.	5	





## SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN UPDATE

### 9. New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Road to Main Street

**Description:** Provide a new Shared Use Path connection behind the businesses along the south side of Periwinkle Way between Casa Ybel Road and Main Street.

**Opportunities:** A new Shared Use Path connection south of Periwinkle Way, behind the businesses, could provide an alternative east-west route for scenic and leisure enjoyment and alleviate some Path congestion along a segment of Periwinkle Way that includes a high volume of commercial driveways intersecting with the Path.

**Challenges:** Further evaluation would be needed to determine if there is available right-of-way, otherwise right-of-way may need to be purchased or easements may need to be obtained. Depending on the alignment there would most likely be environmental impacts as the area is currently covered in heavy vegetation and is adjacent to the Sanibel River.





## JN Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge Road Safety Audit



Prepared by:  
Federal Highway Administration  
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division



Prepared for:  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Wildlife Refuge System  
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### Wildlife Drive Section between “Alligator Bend” and Sanibel-Captiva Road

At the section of Wildlife Drive between the Refuge’s exit and Sanibel Captiva Road, the roadway turns from one way to two way. Currently there are many incidents of cyclists going against traffic on this section of roadway, resulting in near misses between vehicles and bikes. It is recommended that the shared-use path be extended from Sanibel Captiva Road to the Refuge exit and it be placed on the south side of the road to avoid the utility poles. Adding this path would require wetlands in field delineation. A preliminary desktop assessment estimates approximately 350 feet of the proposed shared-use path passes

through wetlands (see memo in Appendix B). Similar to the path for the Tarpon Bay Road site, it is recommended that the portion of multi-use path within wetlands be constructed as a boardwalk. It is also recommended to refresh centerline pavement markings. To address speeding along this segment, it is recommended that speed humps be installed on both sides ahead of the horizontal curve. Lastly, tree trimming to minimize the tree canopy over the road which creates shadows on the vehicles and cyclists.







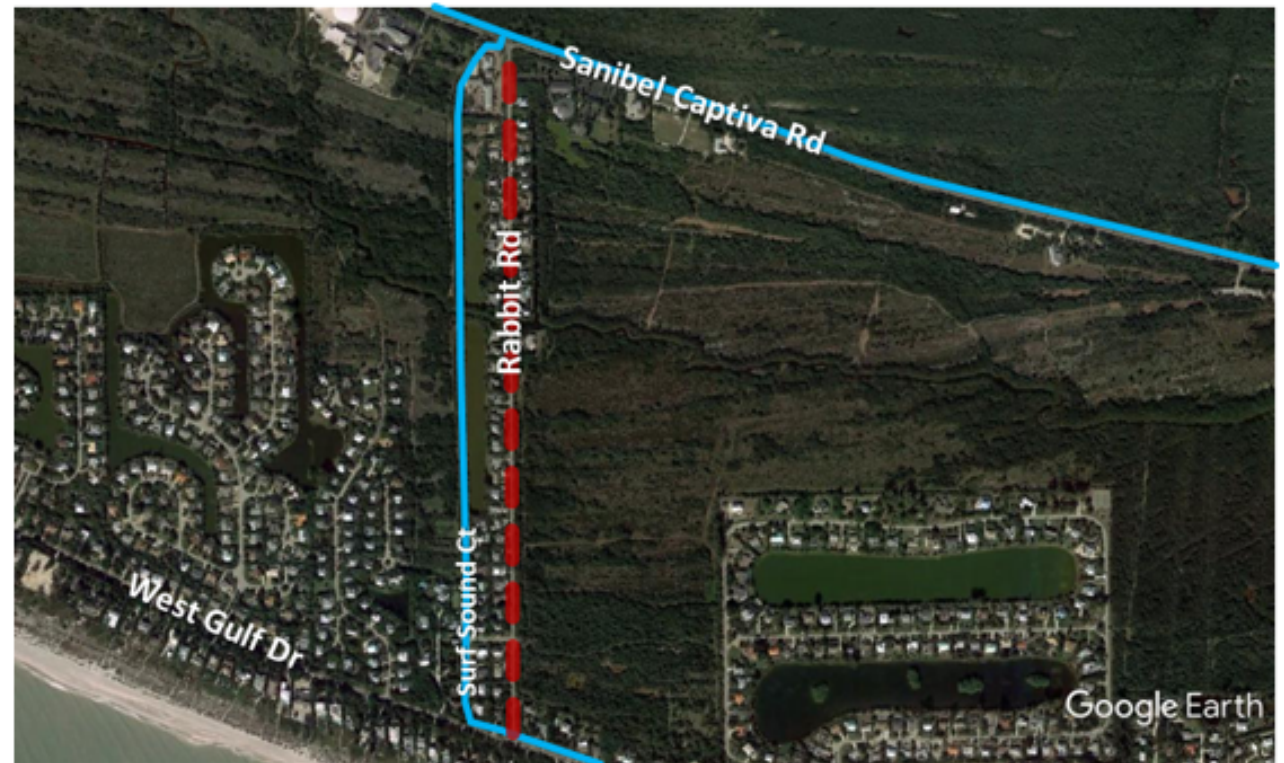
## SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN UPDATE

### 2. Rabbit Road, West Gulf Drive to Sanibel Captiva Road

**Description:** Consider providing a Shared Use Path connection directly along Rabbit Road between West Gulf Drive and Sanibel Captiva Road.

**Opportunities:** Would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic directly along Rabbit Road. As an alternative to providing a Shared Use Path, on-street bicycle facilities could be explored as an option to better accommodate bicycle travel along Rabbit Road.

**Challenges:** Limited right-of-way and while further evaluation would be needed, accommodating a Shared Use Path may have significant drainage and environmental impacts, especially if located along the east side of Rabbit Road.





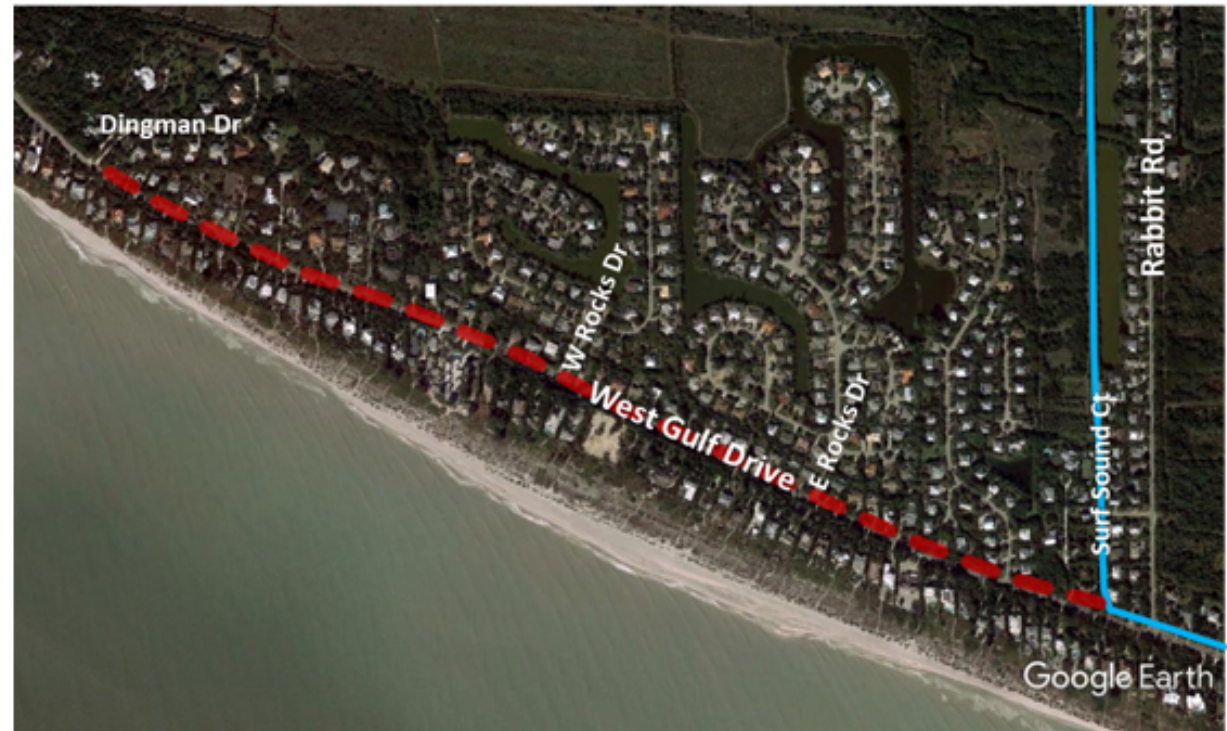
## SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN UPDATE

### 1. West Gulf Drive, Rabbit Road to Dingman Drive

**Description:** Consider extending the Shared Use Path along West Gulf Drive from its current terminus at Surf Sound Court to the west towards Dingman Drive creates an approximately 1.5 mile extension.

**Opportunities:** Would provide direct Shared Use Path access to residents west of Rabbit Road along West Gulf Drive.

**Challenges:** There appears to be sufficient right-of-way along the north side of West Gulf Drive, but further evaluation is needed to determine extent of drainage, utility, and environmental impacts. Further public engagement would be necessary to gauge support for such an improvement, past suggestions of a Path extension along West Gulf Drive have been met with some public opposition and concerns of increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic from residents of nearby neighborhoods.







## SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN UPDATE

### 13. Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot

**Description:** Consider extending the Shared Use Path from its current terminus at the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance north toward the Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier parking lot.

**Opportunities:** Provide enhanced connectivity and safe access to the northern amenities of Lighthouse Park including the Sanibel Fishing Pier and additional bike parking facilities.

**Challenges:** Further evaluation would be needed, but potential significant drainage, utility, and environmental impacts. Periwinkle Way becomes an unpaved roadway approximately 500' north of the Lighthouse Beach Park entrance.





# Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Ranking of 2024 Shared Use Path Master Plan Enhancements

PARC Ranking Sheet - Suggested SUP ENHANCEMENTS (May 15, 2025 Mtg)

Intersection	Suggested Enhancement	9 Committee Member Ranking
Periwinkle Way at Bailey Rd	Visibility and crossing improvements	1
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Rabbit Rd	Improve crosswalk alignment and visibility	2
Periwinkle Way at St Michael Church	Visibility and crossing improvements	3
Bailey Rd at Sand Castle Ct	New crossing potential	4
Causeway Blvd at Chamber of Commerce	General crossing improvements	5
Periwinkle Way at Roadside Park	General crossing improvements	6
Middle Gulf Dr at Cowry Ct	Improve visibility and crosswalk alignment	7
Casa Ybel Rd at Algiers Ln	Crosswalk alignment	8
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Tarpon Bay Rd/Palm Ridge Rd	General crossing improvement, assignment of right-of-way	9
Middle Gulf Dr at Par View Dr	Enhance connection to Shared Use Path	10
Periwinkle Way at Meridian Dr	Visibility and crossing improvements	11
West Gulf Dr at Rabbit Rd	Improve wayfinding	12
Periwinkle Way at Yachtsman Dr	New crossing potential	13
Sanibel Captiva Rd at Ding Darling Entrance	Improve visibility of Path users	14
Middle Gulf Dr at Casa Ybel Rd	Crosswalk alignment	15
East Gulf Dr at Nerita St	General crossing improvements	16
Intersection	Recommendations from PARC	Committee Member Ranking
1740 Periwinkle (Sanibel Community Church) and Periwinkle	New crossing potential (Committee Member Quillen 4/24/25 mtg)	1
Donax and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	2
Dixie Beach Blvd and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	3
Periwinkle and Tarpon Bay	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	4
SCCF Bailey Tract & Tarpon Bay Rd	Improve visibility and crosswalk alignment (Committee Member Arroyo 4/24/25 mtg)	5
Casa Ybel and Periwinkle	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	6
West Gulf and Tarpon Bay	Safety enhancements at crosswalk (4/30/24 PARC Comments)	7

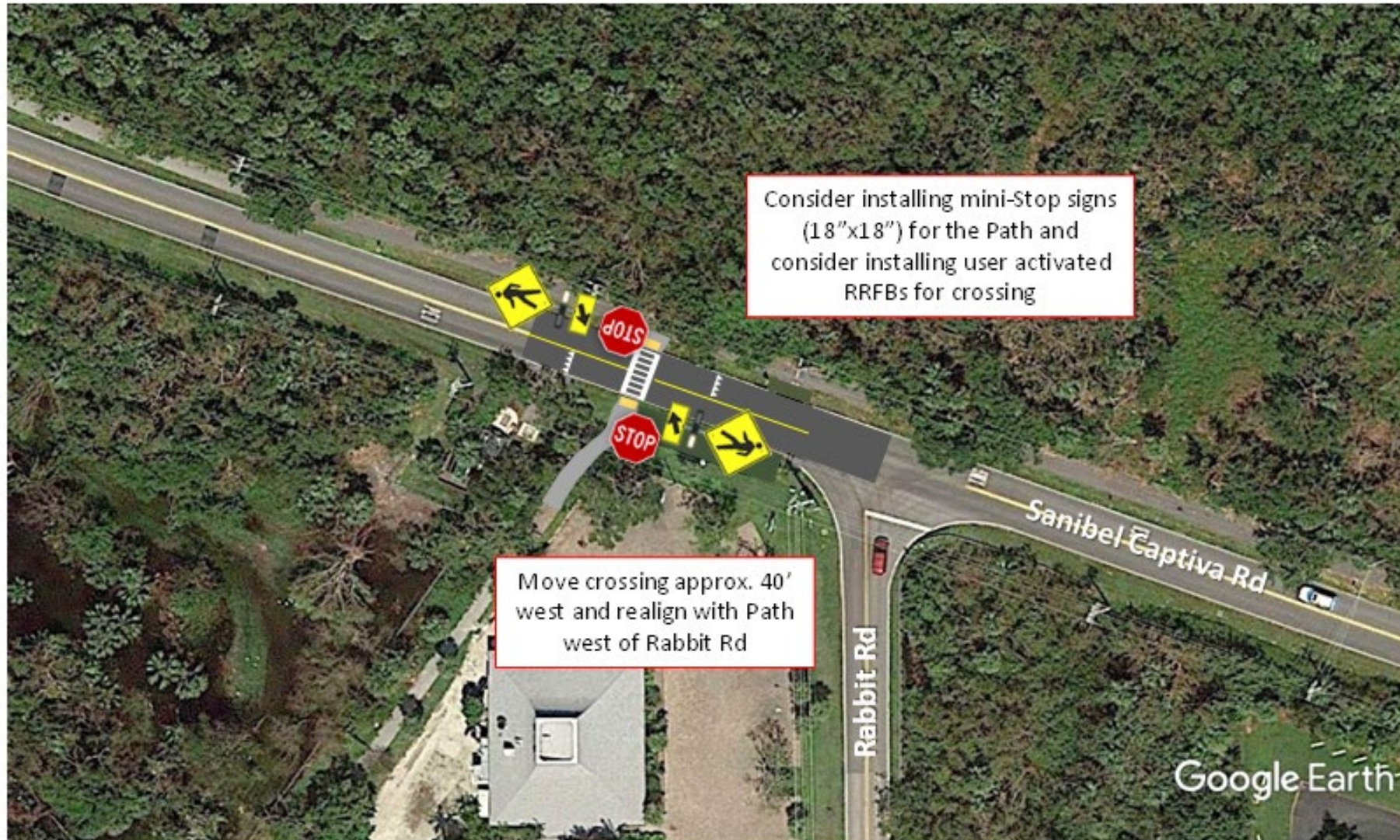


## Periwinkle Way at Bailey Road





## Sanibel Captiva Road at Rabbit Road



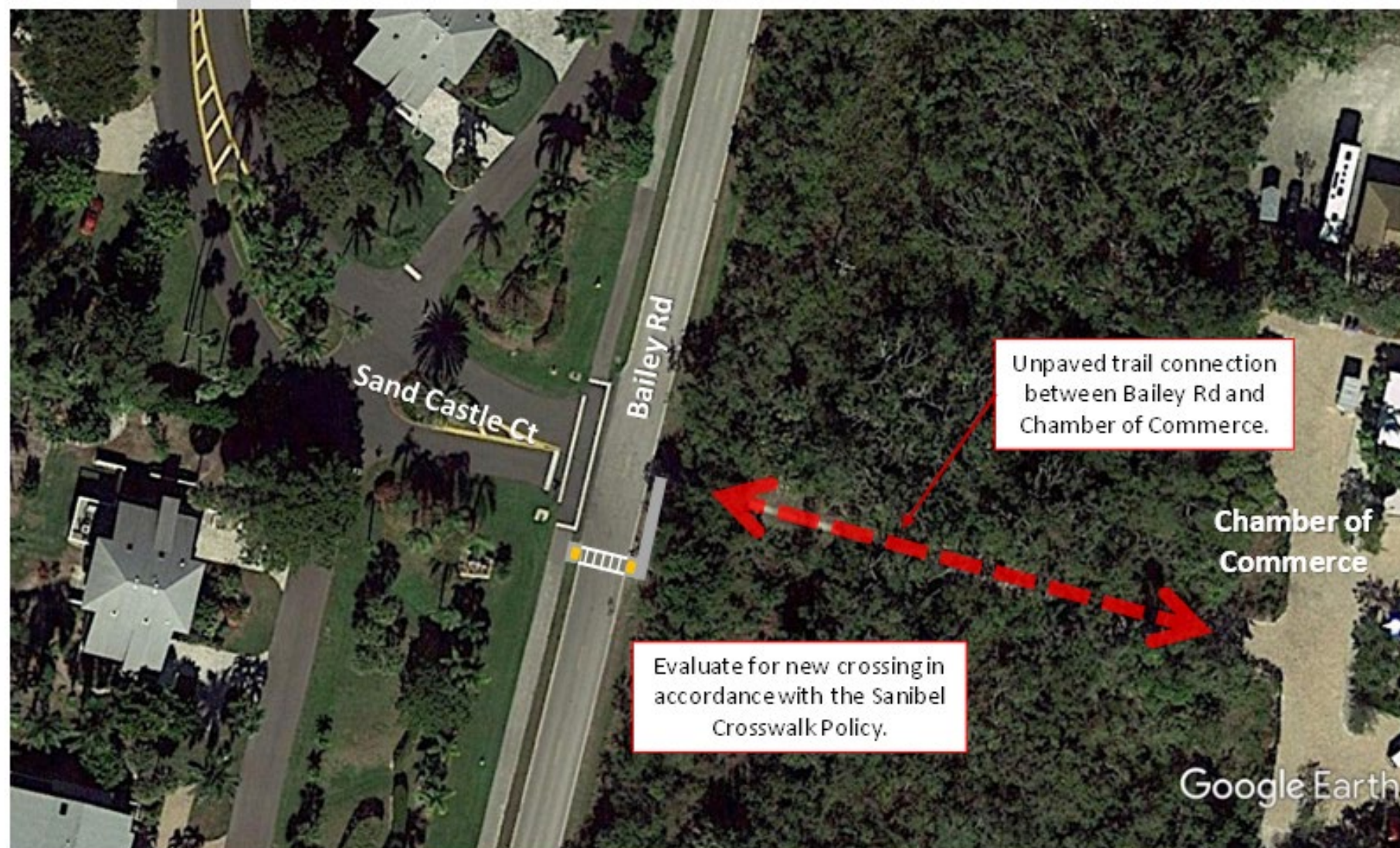


## Periwinkle Way at St Michael Church





## Bailey Road at Sand Castle Court





## Causeway Boulevard at Chamber of Commerce



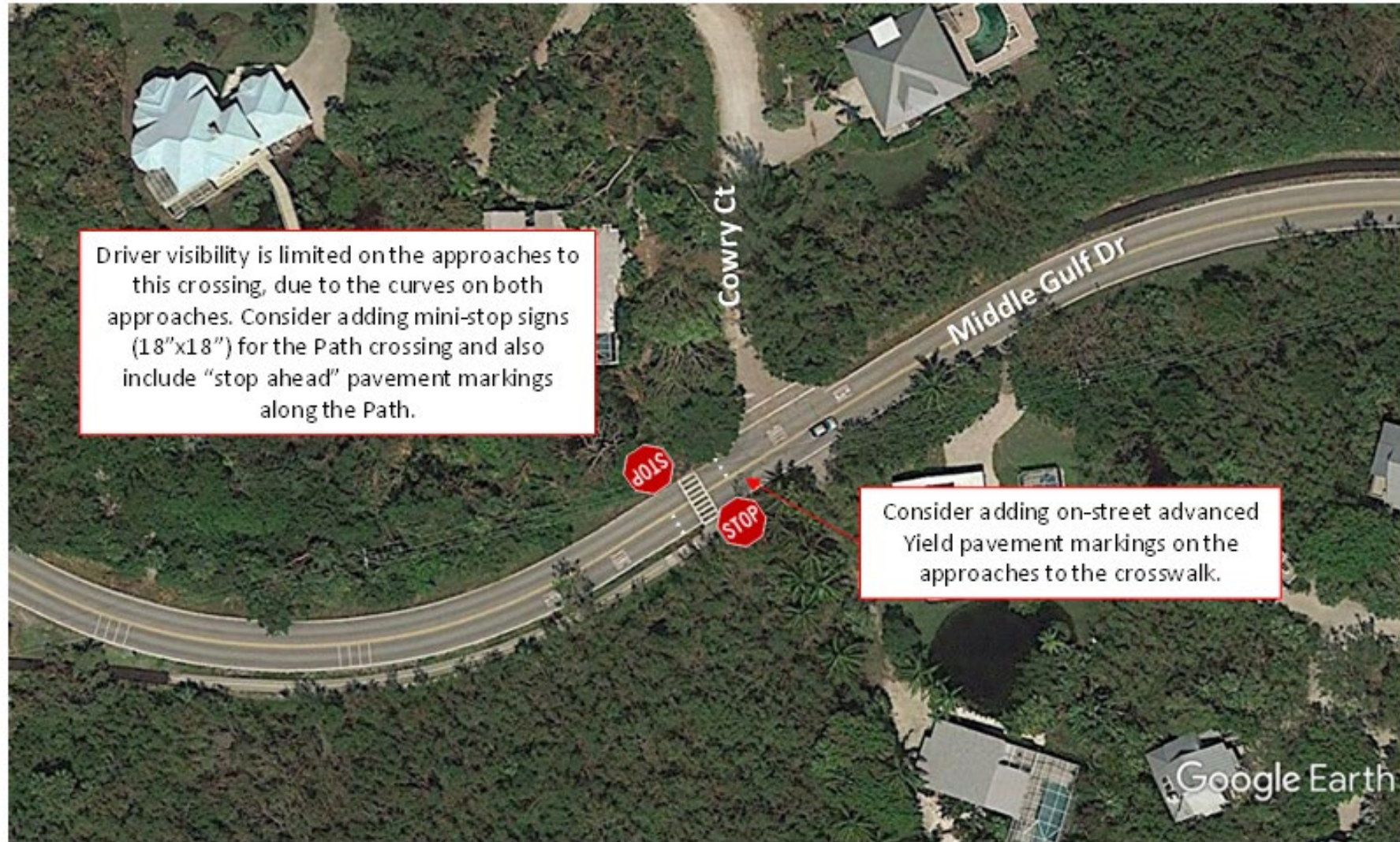


## Periwinkle Way at Roadside Park





## Middle Gulf Drive at Cowry Court





## Casa Ybel Road at Algiers Lane

### Alternative A





## Sanibel Captiva Road at Tarpon Bay Road/Palm Ridge Road





## Middle Gulf Drive at Par View Drive





## Periwinkle Way at Meridian Drive





## West Gulf Drive at Rabbit Road





## Periwinkle Way at Yachtsman Drive





## Sanibel Captiva Road at Ding Darling Entrance



Implement improvements  
identified in the 2015 Shared Use  
Pathway Intersection  
Improvement Study.

Google Earth



Middle Gulf Drive at Casa Ybel Road





Pictured above – Middle Gulf at Nerita St.





An aerial photograph showing the Sanibel Community Church, a large white building with a prominent steeple, situated next to a large parking lot. The church is located at the intersection of a road and a path. The surrounding area includes other buildings, more parking lots, and a dense line of trees. A red location pin is placed on the church building.

Sanibel Community Church

Sanibel  
Community  
Church &  
Periwinkle Way  
– new crossing



# Donax & Periwinkle Way safety enhancements



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# Dixie Beach & Periwinkle Way safety enhancements





# Periwinkle & Tarpon Bay

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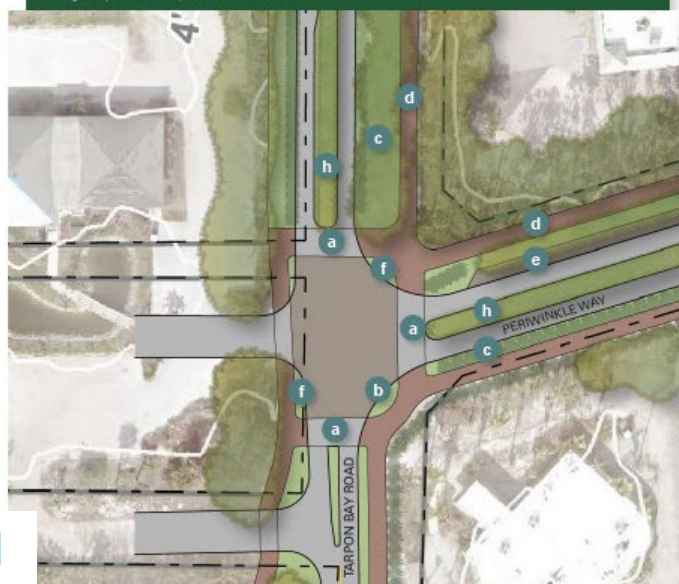
Figure 50: Option 1, create a "protected intersection" where pedestrian and cyclists are protected by a landscape buffer, and crosswalks reconfigured to reduce crossing distance.



Figure 51: Option 2, protected intersection alternative with turn lanes replaced by medians, reducing unnecessary pavement and providing a refuge space for pedestrians.



Figure 52: Option 3, protected intersection alternative with turn lanes removed and the overall roadway width reduced, decreasing impervious surface and increasing planting areas.



**City of Sanibel**

Coastal Florida Recovery and  
Resiliency Partnership Project (R2P2)



# SCCF Bailey Tract & Tarpon Bay Rd – improve visibility & crosswalk alignment





# Casa Ybel & Periwinkle – safety enhancements





# West Gulf & Tarpon Bay – safety enhancements





# Seeking City Council Direction to Staff on Next Steps

