



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recreation Department

City Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

To: City Council
From: Andrea Miller, Recreation Director
Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning Director
Date: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PARC) Ranking of 2024 Shared Use Path (SUP) Master Plan Extensions and Enhancements

BACKGROUND: City Council accepted the 2024 update to the Shared Use Path Master Plan at their June 4, 2024, meeting and directed that PARC prepare a priority list of path extensions and enhancements based on the recommendations of the report. At the April 24th and May 15th PARC meetings, members were provided the master plan document along with the appendices that detail the suggested extensions and enhancements. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's rankings and recommendations for future consideration are attached.

At the August 19th City Council meeting, the SUP extension recommendations were discussed and consensus was reached on five locations for continued staff evaluation and assessment of feasibility. The list is included on the following page.

At the September 8th City Council meeting, staff is requesting Council ranking and direction on the recommended SUP enhancement projects.

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RECOMENDED ACTION: Acceptance of the five shared use path extension locations for continued staff evaluation. Discussion and direction on the shared use path enhancement recommendations.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary

City Council Ranking Sheet - Suggested SUP EXTENSIONS (August 19, 2025 Mtg)

On/From/To	Suggested Extension	Council Ranking	PARC 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	1	Elevated Path
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.	3	4	Safer connection to existing path
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	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.	4	9	
New Path Connection, Dixie Beach Blvd to Bailey Rd	Provide a new Path connection between Dixie Beach Blvd and Bailey Rd within the Royal Poinciana Dr and Bay Dr corridors.		10	Stricken due to previous neighborhood opposition
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	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	N/A	*Completed (Funded by impact funds)
Intersection	Recommendations from PARC	Council Ranking		Notes
Wildlife Drive to Sanibel Captiva Rd	Add SUP from Ding Darling Exit to SUP at Sanibel Captiva Rd	2	1	
Wulfert Rd	Add SUP from Wulfert Rd at Wildlife Dr into designated end point within The Sanctuary		2	