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Subject: RE: Shared Use Pathway

Mr. Skok – Thank you for your email. I have copied the Planning Director on this email and will include it in public comment when the Master Plan is presented to the City Council.

You may or may not be aware that most of the recommendations in the SUP Master Plan were developed in 2019. The City never adopted the plan when the plan was initially developed. At the time, there was a good deal of public engagement. The current effort provides some changes from the 2019 plan but continues with the recommendations for path extensions. Please know this is a master plan that shows desired connections that will be explored in the future. Those that are feasible will be pursued. Those that are not, will be rejected. I have pasted in a snippet from the 2019 plan that shows the recommendation that has continued into the current draft.

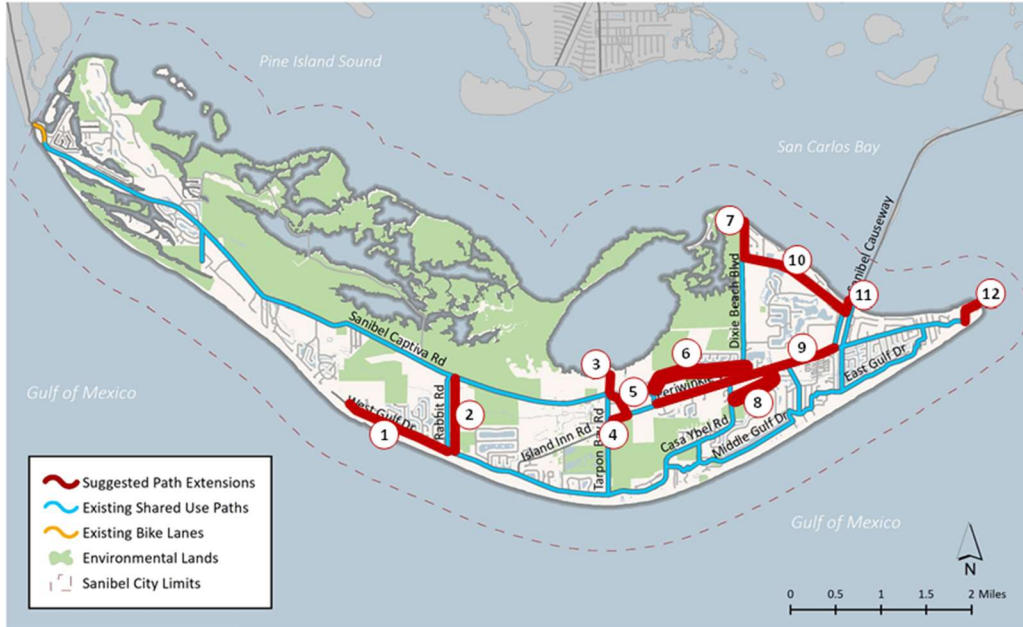


Figure 8-2: Suggested Shared Use Path Extensions



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Table 8-2: Suggested Shared Use Path Extensions

ID	Suggested Extension	Description
1	W Gulf Dr, Rabbit Rd to Dingman Dr	Extend Path west along W Gulf Dr from where it curves at Surf Sound Ct
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	Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel Captiva Rd to Tarpon Bay Explorers	Extend Path along Tarpon Bay Rd north of Sanibel Captiva Rd toward Tarpon Bay Explorers
4	Periwinkle Way, Tarpon Bay Rd to Palm Ridge Rd	Provide Path along north side of Periwinkle Way between Tarpon Bay Rd and Palm Ridge Rd
5	Palm Ridge Rd, Periwinkle Way to Tarpon Bay Rd	Provide Path along west side of Palm Ridge Rd between Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Rd
6	New Path Connection, Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd	Provide new Path connection connecting Dunlop Rd to Dixie Beach Blvd north of Periwinkle Way
7	Dixie Beach Blvd, Royal Poinciana Dr to San Carlos Bay Dr	Extend Path along Dixie Beach Blvd from current terminus to Parking lot north of San Carlos Bay Dr
8	New Path Connection, Casa Ybel Rd to Main St	Provide new Path connection along south side of Periwinkle Way, behind businesses, between Casa Ybel Rd and Main St
9	Periwinkle Way, Dunlop Rd to Bailey Rd	Provide Path along north side of Periwinkle Way to improve access to businesses and neighborhoods and relieve congestion along existing Path
10	New Path Connection, Dixie Beach Blvd to Bailey Rd	Provide new Path connection between Dixie Beach Blvd and Bailey Rd within Royal Poinciana Dr and Bay Dr corridors
11	Bailey Rd, s of Bay Dr to Bay Shore Dr	Extend existing Path along Bailey Rd from current terminus to parking lot on Bay Shore Dr
12	Periwinkle Way, Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Lighthouse Park Fishing Pier Parking Lot	Extend Path from Lighthouse Beach Park entrance to Fishing Pier parking lot

We are happy to meet with you and Bob to discuss concerns.

Best wishes,

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Richard, This is Matt Skok, resident of the Watershadows subdivision. Like my neighbors, we have read with interest the recent articles regarding the project to extend the Shared Use Path which includes its extension along Royal Poinciana Drive, a private road owned by our association as we understand it.

We have a number of obvious concerns about this, which include the use of private property, the impact on the fragile environment, the altering of natural drainage patterns in the SCCF nature area between Royal Poinciana and Bailey Rd, which the extension would dam with a bermed pathway, and the impact of that on the existing flooding issues in our neighborhood.

I understanding the plans are reported to have been presented for public comment, but we were not aware of the project despite being directly affected...apparently the City provided that courtesy proactively to biking community representatives.

In order to get more specifics about the project in our neighborhood, I visited the Planning office, was advised to speak with your Planning Director, Paula McMichael, and subsequently have sought a meeting with her through phone calls and emails. The objective is to get details about the design being proposed and any associated studies regarding environmental and drainage impacts. No doubt she is very busy at these times, but I have not received a response to my requests, and ask if you might encourage her to get back to me. Our association President, Bob Smith, who was not told about this project on Association property, is now aware of these efforts and will also be involved.

I've included a few photos of the affected area below:

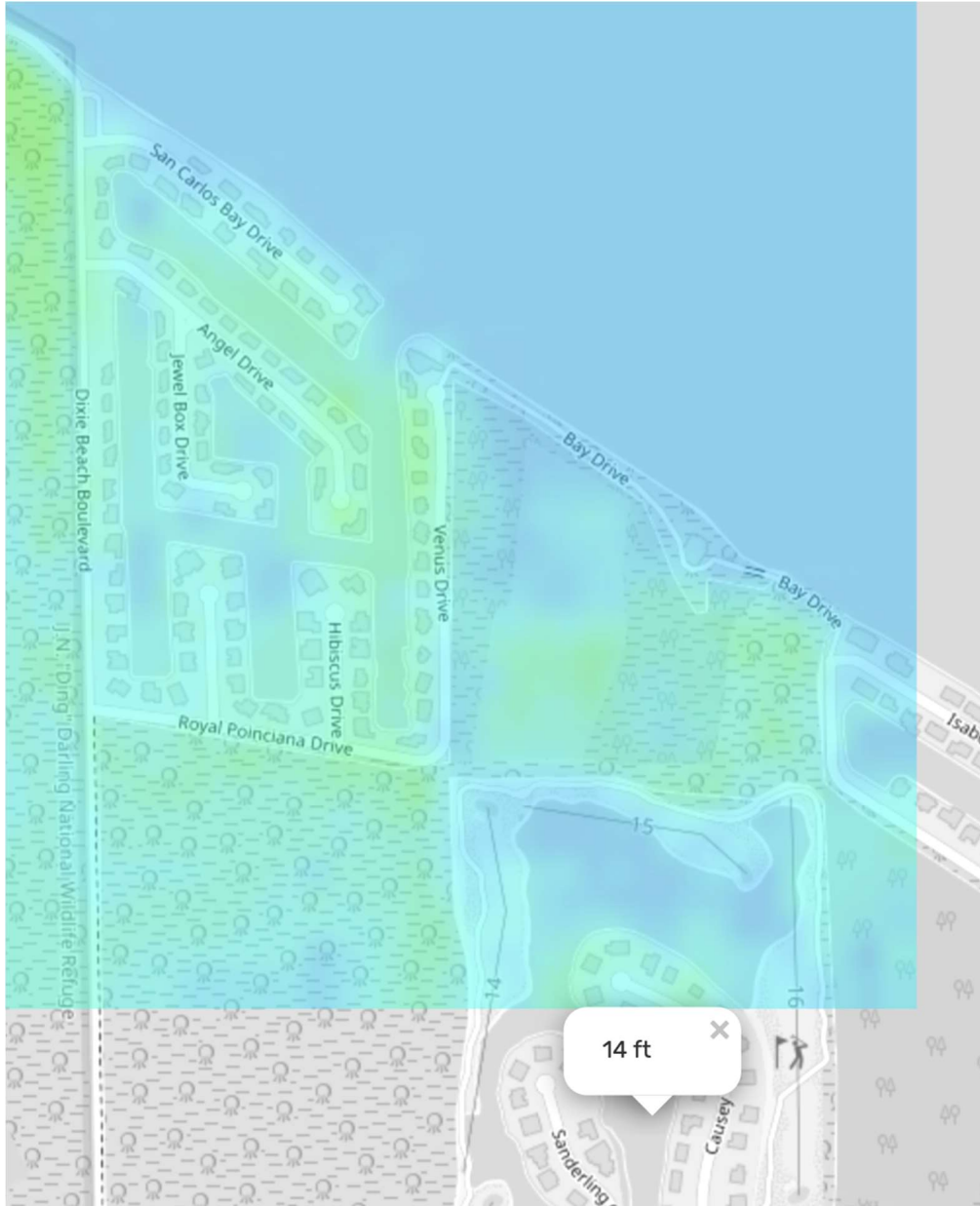
Narrow verge on Royal Poinciana with bordering mangroves. City excavation work (in background) at corner of Dixie Beach and Royal Poinciana in progress for months to address persistent flooding problem:



SCCF preserve between Royal Poinciana and Bailey that proposed pathway construction would deface.



Topographic data from USGS showing natural gradient and drainage from Dunes subdivision (14 ft elevation) to bay. If constructed on earthen berm, the proposed path would create a dam between Royal Poinciana and Bailey, driving water to east and west (eastern drainage brings yet more water towards Royal Poinciana).



Thanks in advance for your help Richard.

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