



City of Sanibel

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Planning Department Agenda Memorandum

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Members

From: Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning Director

Date: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: 2024 SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN – PRIORITY LIST OF SHARED USE PATH IMPROVEMENTS & EXTENSIONS

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 improvements and extensions*, based on the recommendations of the report. The master plan document, along with the appendices that detail the suggested extensions and crosswalk improvements, are provided as attachments to this item. The summary tables are provided on the following page for convenience.

Based on the feedback received at the hearings before Planning Commission and City Council, including comments from PARC, as well as subsequent meetings with the Sanibel Bike Club, a tentative list of priorities (unranked) would be:

- Path extension along Wildlife Drive (not identified in Master Plan, but Ding Darling has prepared a road safety audit that included preliminary planning work)
- Reconfiguration of crossing at Rabbit Road and Sanibel Captiva Road (Table G-1 - #2)
- Reconfigured path along East Gulf, between Nerita and Elinor, to avoid the sharp curve (Table G-1 - #11)
- Periwinkle Way at St. Michael's church – intersection improvement (Table G-1- #5)

Other priorities noted by the Bike Club were related to maintenance of the paths and adjacent landscaping for safety.

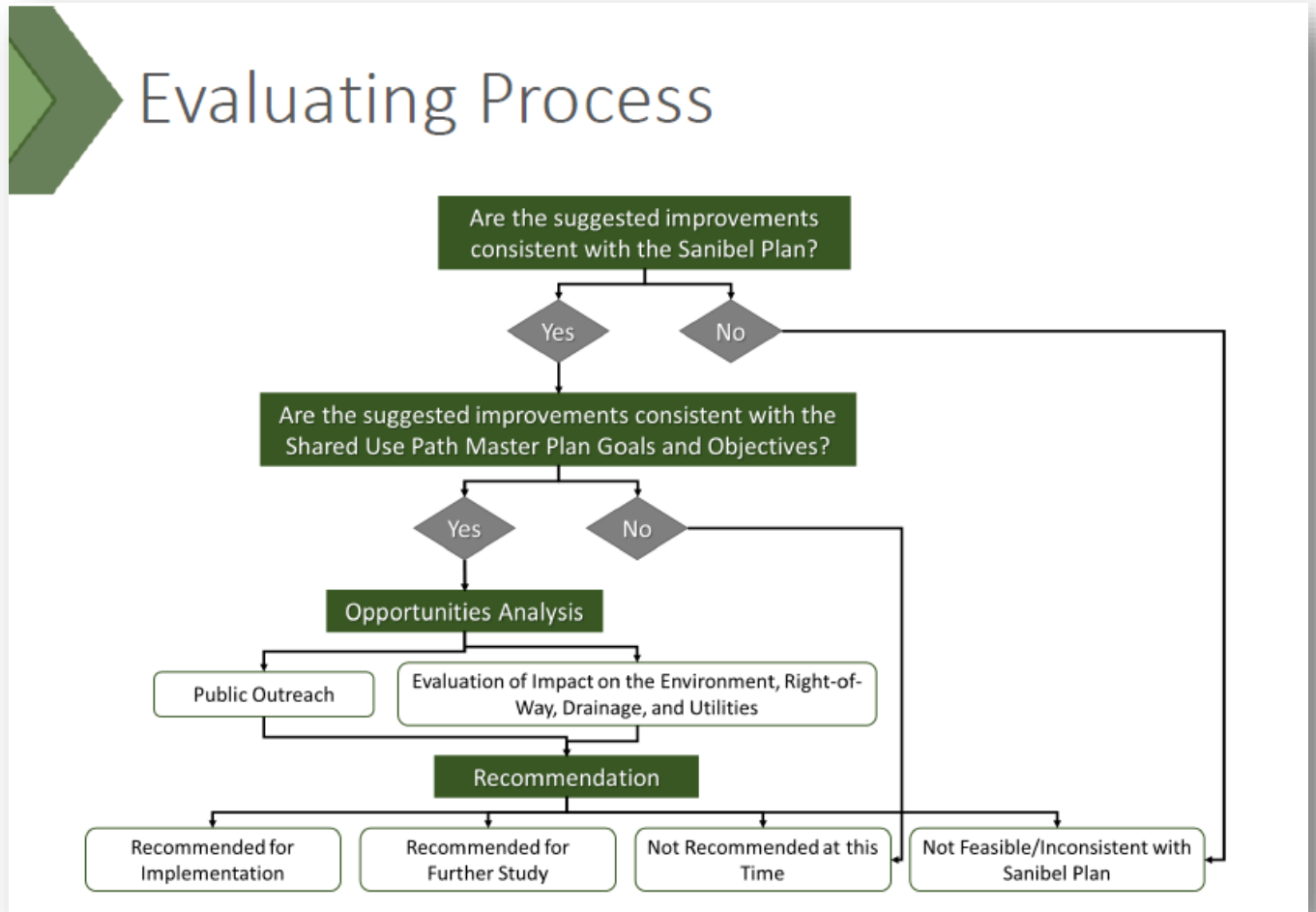
Table G-1 – Suggested Shared Use Path Enhancements

ID	Intersection	Suggested Enhancement
1	Sanibel Captiva Rd at Ding Darling Entrance	Improve visibility of Path users
2	Sanibel Captiva Rd at Rabbit Rd	Improve crosswalk alignment and visibility
3	West Gulf Dr at Rabbit Rd	Improve wayfinding
4	Sanibel Captiva Rd at Tarpon Bay Rd/Palm Ridge Rd	General crossing improvement, assignment of right-of-way
5	Periwinkle Way at St Michael Church	Visibility and crossing improvements
6	Periwinkle Way at Meridian Dr	Visibility and crossing improvements
7	Casa Ybel Rd at Algiers Ln	Crosswalk alignment
8	Middle Gulf Dr at Casa Ybel Rd	Crosswalk alignment
9	Middle Gulf Dr at Cowry Ct	Improve visibility and crosswalk alignment
10	Middle Gulf Dr at Par View Dr	Enhance connection to Shared Use Path
11	East Gulf Dr at Nerita St	General crossing improvements
12	Periwinkle Way at Roadside Park	General crossing improvements
13	Periwinkle Way at Bailey Rd	Visibility and crossing improvements
14	Bailey Rd at Sand Castle Ct	New crossing potential
15	Causeway Blvd at Chamber of Commerce	General crossing improvements
16	Periwinkle Way at Yachtsman Dr	New crossing potential

Table H-1 – Suggested Shared Use Path Extensions

ID	On/From/To	Suggested Extension
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 the Path along Tarpon Bay Rd north of Sanibel Captiva Rd toward the Tarpon Bay Explorers.
4	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.
5	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.
6	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.
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	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.
9	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.
10	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.
11	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.
12	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.
13	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.

The consultant that developed the update created a flowchart to assist in evaluating and ranking improvements and is provided below. It can also be found at page 8-15 of the master plan (p. 105 of the PDF).



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the Shared Use Path Master Plan and provide a recommendation to City Council re: priorities for shared use path extensions, intersection improvements, or maintenance.