

CHAPTER 2014-50

Senate Bill No. 2514

An act relating to bicycle and pedestrian ways; amending s. 335.065, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use appropriated funds for the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails; prioritizing projects for funding; requiring funded projects to be included in the department's work program; providing that the department is not responsible for or obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of any such project; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section 335.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

335.065 Bicycle and pedestrian ways along state roads and transportation facilities.—

(4) The department may use appropriated funds to support the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails and to pay the cost of planning, land acquisition, design, and construction of such trails and related facilities. The department shall give funding priority to projects that:

(a) Are identified by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council as a priority within the Florida Greenways and Trails System under chapter 260.

(b) Support the transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

(c) Have national, statewide, or regional importance.

(d) Facilitate an interconnected system of trails by completing gaps between existing trails.

(5) A project funded under subsection (4) shall:

(a) Be included in the department's work program developed in accordance with s. 339.135.

(b) Be operated and maintained by an entity other than the department upon completion of construction. The department is not obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the project.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2014.

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