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**CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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## **Upcoming FDOT Resurfacing Project on U.S. 301 to Include Multi-Use Trail**

**NEW PORT RICHEY, FL-** At the request of the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has included a multi-use trail in its U.S. 301 resurfacing project that should be underway shortly and is expected to be completed by spring 2016.

The planned trail will extend from Kossik Road north to Dade City Avenue. The ten foot trail will be constructed within the existing road right-of-way on the west side of U.S. 301. The total resurfacing project's limits cover approximately six miles and extend from Kossik Road to Bougainvillea Avenue in Dade City. The multi-use trail will end at Dade City Avenue where it will connect to an existing sidewalk. The 12.5 million dollar resurfacing project is expected to start in early to mid-February and will also include a new traffic signal and other improvements at the U.S. 301/U.S. 98 intersection.

The trail, to be built as part of the resurfacing project, is part of a larger trail network planned for the U.S. 301 corridor extending from south of Zephyrhills to north of Dade City. The MPO will be initiating a trail connection study along the U.S. 301 corridor in 2015 that will determine options for extending the trail south of Kossik Road into downtown Zephyrhills, and a connection to the existing Hardy Trail in Dade City.

The northern extension of the existing Hardy Trail - from Church Avenue to Lock Street in Dade City is a high priority MPO project and is currently programmed for construction in FY 2017/18. The MPO's study will evaluate alignment options from Lock Street to the Withlacoochee State Trail in Lacombe. Pasco County, Dade City and the City of Zephyrhills will be part of the study team which will also include public workshops and other opportunities for public input.

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated organization in charge of countywide transportation planning. More information about this project and the Pasco County MPO can be found here: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=323>

For questions about the DOT project contact District Seven PIO Kris Carson at [Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us) or call at 813.975.6202.