



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Shawn Ward, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager  
**THROUGH:** Beckie Cato, AICP, Planning Director  
**SUBJECT:** Henry Street - Milton to Bagdad Bicycle Pedestrian Connection  
**DATE:** October 18, 2016

## DISCUSSION

Discussion of the utilization of existing county reserves in the amount of \$202,558 as a local match for the Henry Street, Milton to Bagdad Bicycle Pedestrian Connection design phase.

## BACKGROUND

On March 10, 2016 the BOCC signed a resolution of support for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application for design of the Henry Street, Milton to Bagdad Bicycle Pedestrian Connection. The application was submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation through the Florida- Alabama Transportation Planning Organization. The connection was FL-AL TPO's #1 ranked TAP project.

The Henry Street Connection, .98 mile (5,200 ft), would connect downtown Milton and the Village of Bagdad, both on the National Register of Historic Places. There is an existing bicycle pedestrian system in both communities but the proposed connection will allow a safer interaction between the two. The proposed corridor is represented as High Priority on the Multi-Use Trail Network Opportunity Map designated by the Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The project request is for design only. Along this route there are three existing bridges that require a Bridge Design Report to investigate the addition of a pedestrian crash barrier to separate traffic lanes from a pedestrian way or another means of water crossing. Once an appropriate pedestrian bridge crossing method is identified, design and permitting can occur. The County Engineering Department prepared the attached design cost estimate of \$452,000 for the Bridge Design Report and the Bridge Ped Crossing Design.

The funds that are available in reserves are loan proceeds originally received for the purpose of extending the Blackwater Heritage Trail at its southern terminus to connect to Bagdad (Bagdad Heritage Trail). When the county failed to receive the necessary approvals with CSX related to a new at grade pedestrian crossing, the project was discontinued. At the March 22, 2012 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved reallocating the Bagdad Heritage Trail loan proceeds to the Henry Street sidewalk project as an alternative Milton/Bagdad connector route, at the request of the Tourist Development Council. Since that time, loan proceeds have been carried forward and used for pedestrian improvements at the Henry St Depot rail crossing including sidewalk extensions in the area.

## Next Steps

Upon approval by the board, the enclosed letter will be forwarded to the Chairman for signature and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation for consideration when preparing the FDOT Work Program.



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October 18, 2016

Mr. Phillip Gainer, P.E.  
FDOT District 3 Secretary  
Highway 90 East  
Chipley, Florida 32428

RE: Henry Street - Milton to Bagdad Bicycle Pedestrian Connection

Dear Mr. Gainer:

At the October 27, 2016 regular meeting of the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners, the Board programed \$202,558 as a local match in support of the Henry Street - Milton to Bagdad Bicycle Pedestrian Connection Transportation Alternative Program Project. Santa Rosa County requests that the Florida Department of Transportation allocate the remaining funding for the project in the FY 2018-22 FDOT Work Program.

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Questions may be directed to Shawn Ward, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager, at 850-981-7082 or [Shawnw@santarosa.fl.gov](mailto:Shawnw@santarosa.fl.gov).

Sincerely,

Lane Lynchard, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

# Henry Street Sidewalks *DESIGN* Cost Estimate

Sidewalk will connect an existing sidewalk network in the City of Milton to the Milton Historic Train Depot/Museum, the historic Bagdad Mill Site Park, and an existing sidewalk network in the Historic Village of Bagdad.



## Estimate:

This design estimate is based on the construction of sidewalk on both sides of Henry Street from the intersection of Canal Street, southward for 5,200 LF. Along this route there will be three existing bridges that require a Bridge Design Report to investigate the addition of a pedestrian crash barrier to separate traffic lanes from a pedestrian way or another means of water crossing. Once an appropriate pedestrian crossing method is identified, that method will need to be designed and permitted.

Approximate cost of Construction = \$2.31 million

Sidewalks Design = \$57,000

Bridge Design Report = \$120,000

Bridge Ped Crossing Design = \$275,000

**TOTAL ESTIMATED DESIGN = \$452,000**