

## COOPER ST COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

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Area: City of Punta Gorda  
Location: Cooper St. from Airport Rd. to E Marion Ave. (US 17SB)  
Category: Public Safety

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure; Quality of Life

**Need:**

Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety by connecting access points to businesses and residents.

**Purpose:**

A continuation of Punta Gorda Pathways; this "leg" of the project would be the East Punta Gorda connection. The addition of path lighting will enhance safety and security of the pathway encouraging more utilization in the sunrise and twilight hours.

**Objective:**

To provide sidewalks, bicycle facilities, decorative streetlights and street trees.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$397,000
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$397,000
Total Project Cost:	\$3,397,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$991,000 – Tier II
Annual Operating Cost:	\$6,000

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?  
Yes, by providing pedestrian and bicycles facilities with lighting and street trees

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?  
Yes, safe transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists have a positive impact on economic development

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Yes, new O&M cost will be incurred for sidewalk, lighting, and landscape maintenance

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes, sales tax may allow for grant funds from the Florida Department of Transportation

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

Yes, project will provide a missing connection to the City's Punta Gorda Pathways system

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Yes, joint project between Public Works and Urban Design

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

Yes, provides missing sidewalks and connections throughout the Historical Neighborhood for pedestrian and bicycle safety

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, this project is included in the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element; Park and Recreation Master Plan; and Capital Needs Assessment

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda?  
If so, How?

No

Will the project improve quality of life in the City of Punta Gorda?

Yes, by relieving traffic congestion, improving overall traffic operations, and providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No