Since its formation in 1993, the MPOs Coordinating Committee (CCC) has placed significant emphasis on trails planning. As a result, many miles of off-road paved greenways and trails have been constructed, connecting the region’s towns and cities with major parks and other destinations. More remains to be done, as shown on the CCC’s Multi-Use Trail map. Now moving forward and merged with the Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA), the CCC and its Regional Multi-Use Trails Committee will continue to plan regional connections and advance projects for funding and construction. Get involved today by contacting the MPO office in your area!

**Featured Regional Trails**

- **Emerson Point Trail** in the west central portion of Manatee County. The trail is located in the center of the city of Palmetto thanks to its historical agreement between the city and county.

- **Myakka River Trail** traverses the Myakka River State Park in northeast Sarasota County. It is approximately 6 miles in length, stretching from the north park entrance to the south park entrance; it is popular for both hiking and biking.

- **Piñolas Trail** is a 47-mile linear park and connects with the Trail currently extending from St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs. The Pinellas Trail runs along an abandoned railroad corridor, serving as a transportation corridor and recreational facility through protected green space within an urbanized county. C2C & FGCT

**Additional Tips for Multi-Use Paths & Roadways**

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