

Building Bicycle Tourism with the U.S. Bicycle Route System



The U.S. Bicycle Route System



- Developing national network of numbered and signed bicycle routes
- Officially approved by state transportation agencies and AASHTO
- Coordinated by Adventure Cycling Association



Adventure Cycling Association

- Non-Profit Mission: *To inspire, empower, and connect people to travel by bike*
 - 47K mile route network + maps + organized tours
 - *Adventure Cyclist* magazine
 - National advocacy
- 53,000 members
- Adventure Cycling Route Network provided a blueprint for the first U.S. Bicycle Routes

The U.S. Bicycle Route System



- 1982: First routes designated
- 2004: Project restarted & task force created
- 2005: Adventure Cycling pledged staff support
- 2008: AASHTO approved process & corridor plan
- 2011: First new route designated since 1982

Currently: nearly 19,000 miles in 34 states + DC



NATIONAL CORRIDOR PLAN

The goal of the United States Bicycle Route System is to connect America through a network of numbered interstate bicycle routes.

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18,953
miles designated

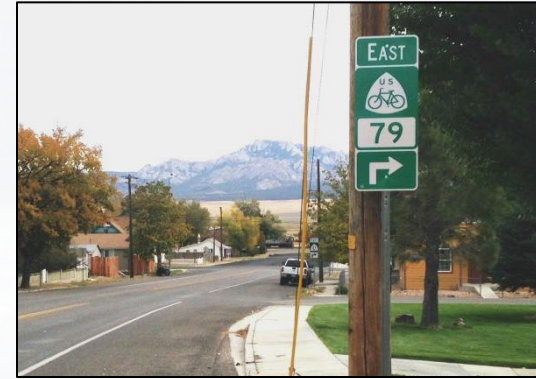
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50,000+ miles when complete

Note: dashed lines just general guidance for where a route could be designated.

Realignment of U.S. Bicycle Routes in FL



- USBR 1
 - off US 1 and FL A1A onto quieter city streets and county roads
 - using East Coast Greenway and Adventure Cycling Atlantic Coast routes as drafts
- USBR 90
 - off FL 100 and US 90 (and others) using Adventure Cycling Southern Tier route as a draft

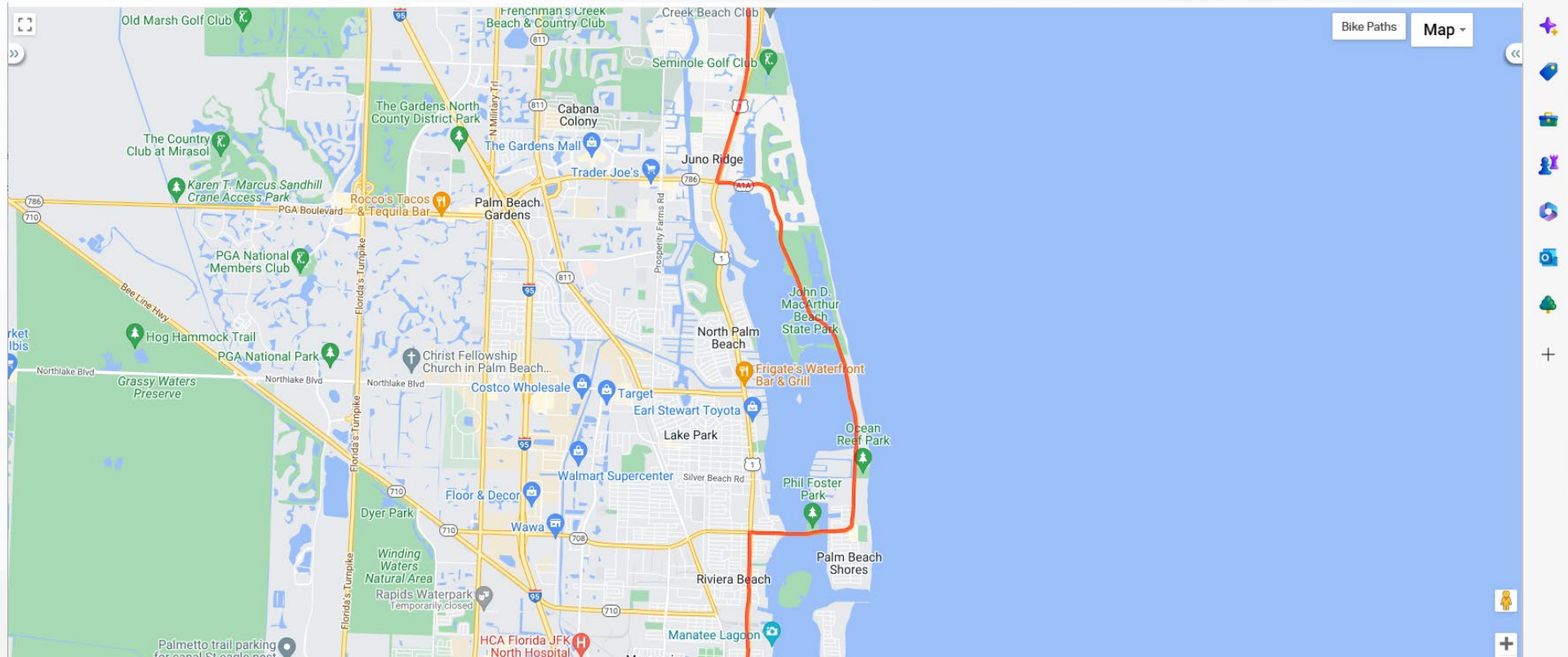
Jurisdictional support required



- 22 “road owners” for USBR 1 realignment
- 23 for USBR 90 realignment
- Adventure Cycling volunteers doing local outreach

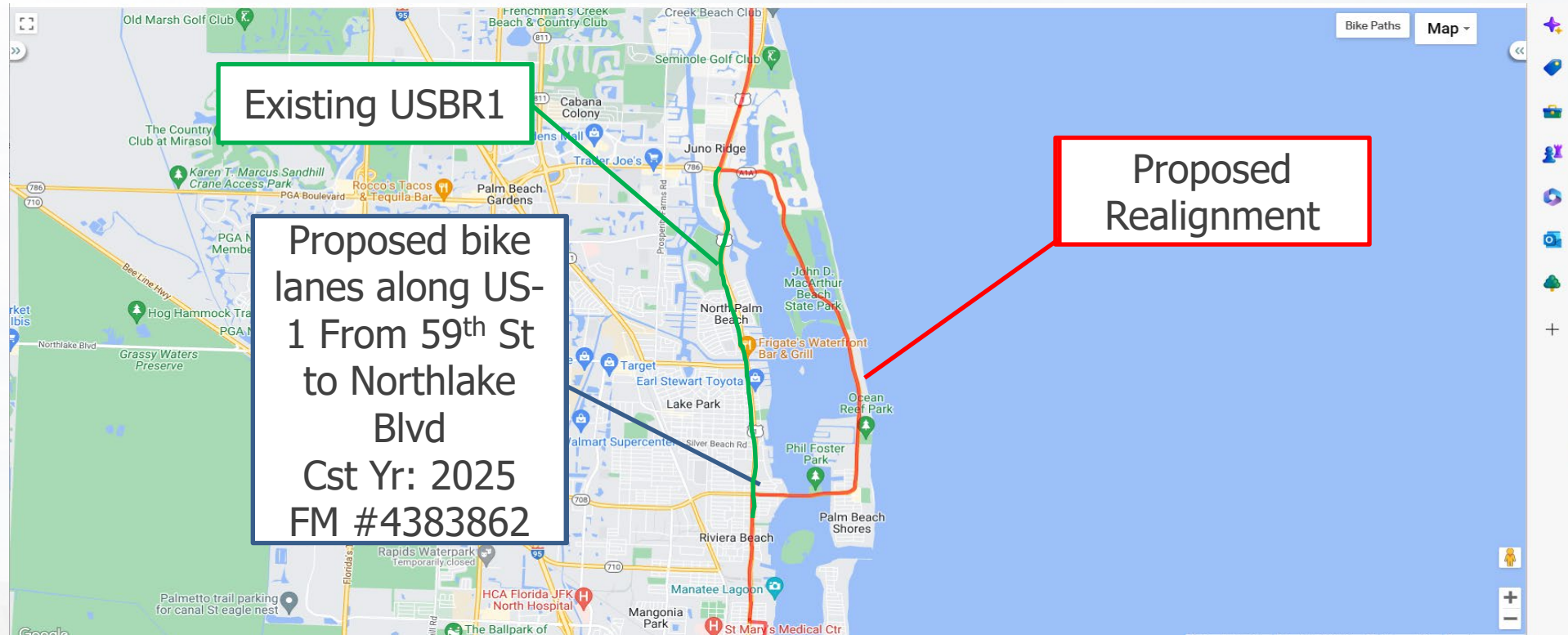
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Proposed realignment in North Palm Beach

(current route is all on US 1)

- Route leaves US 1 onto FL A1A at PGA Blvd./ FL 786 (mile 352.2 on RideWithGPS map)
- Proposed realignment stays on FL A1A for 6.2 miles
- Route would rejoin US 1 at W. Blue Heron Blvd./FL 708 (mile 358.4 on RideWithGPS map)



Benefits of the USBR realignment



- Improved routes for bicycle travelers
- Positive health/environmental impacts due to a more bicycle friendly route
- Reflects long-term route used by cyclists based on Adventure Cycling Atlantic Coast route

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Motion to Create a Letter

- Motion to create a letter of support for the realignment of the USBR1 route.
- All in favor

