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## **SOUTH TAMPA GREENWAY**

Ten more miles of trail are on the way! Upcoming projects begin to piece together a greenway from Bayshore Boulevard to the Friendship Trail Bridge.

An impending agreement between the Tampa City Parks Department and the U.S. Air Force creates a 2.5-mile trail link on the MacDill Air Force Base property between Bayshore Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue.

The State of Florida awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant to build a one-mile trail on South MacDill Avenue, through Gadsden Park. This trail will tie into the MacDill Air Force Base section. The trail design is underway and construction will begin in the fall.

The City of Tampa received a \$1.6 million grant from the State of Florida Office of Greenways and Trails in July 2000 to buy key pieces of property in the South Tampa Greenway corridor. The first parcel approved for acquisition is a 14-acre site on the east side of Manhattan Avenue, south of Robinson High School. It plays a key role in connecting the Friendship Trail Bridge with Picnic Island Park and the trail sections in Port Tampa City. Negotiations continue on several other priority parcels.

The Hillsborough County MPO has approved federal transportation funds to build a

pedestrian underpass at the Old Gandy Bridge, and an off-road bike trail along Manhattan Avenue between Tyson Street and Staunton Street. Currently, the Florida Department of Transportation is studying the feasibility of the Manhattan Avenue trail. Funding for both projects will be available in 2006.

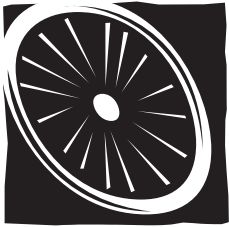
## **NEW CONNECTIONS FOR TOWN & COUNTRY GREENWAY**

Construction has begun on a 1.3-mile addition to the Town & Country Greenway, extending it about 1/2 mile west and 1/2 mile east. The project will connect the trail to Sheldon and George roads. It includes two over-water bike/pedestrian bridges, one over Rocky Creek and the other over Channel G.

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*In Clearwater, the North Greenwood neighborhood traffic calming project will be completed this spring. The roundabout, medians, crosswalks, and landscaping are part of a larger revitalization effort, which also includes a new library, an aquatic center, and rehabilitation of a housing complex. The neighborhood, historically African-American, participated in charettes to design the traffic calming and then did a petition drive to establish community buy-in. For further information, contact Ken Sides, Clearwater Traffic Calming Engineer at (727) 562-4792.*



Construction of this long-awaited extension was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 4, 2002. The project is expected to be completed by the early part of next year.

users, such as in-line skaters and riders of scooters, racing wheelchairs and skateboards, to update the standards for trail design.



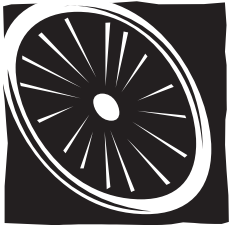
### TRAIL RIDE FOR SCIENCE

Ever had a hard time negotiating a turn or a slope on a trail? It could be that the trail wasn't designed with you in mind.

To collect data, a transportation consulting firm organized the Trail Ride for Science, held January 25, 2003 on the Pinellas Trail. Volunteer trail users came out to ride a set course and report their experiences.

The Federal Highway Administration is funding research on "new" types of trail

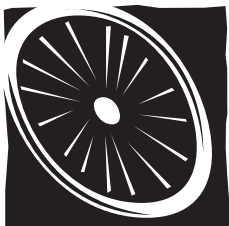
Data is also being collected at two other locations in Orlando and Washington, D.C.



### BPAC GOES GASPARILLA

The BPAC and volunteers from Americorp sponsored their second annual Bike Rodeo as part of the Gasparilla Children's Parade held Saturday, January 25th along Bayshore Boulevard.

To teach safe bicycling skills, children 4-13 years old were provided bicycles to maneuver through a series of learning stations. All 150 participants received a goodie bag of pencils, stickers, rulers, a certificate, and most importantly, a fitted bicycle helmet furnished by the USF Physical Education Department and the BPAC.



*(Above) At "Deadly Driveway," kids learned to stop and look when leaving their driveway. This checkpoint is critical, as it is one of the highest crash situations for children under 10 years old.*

*(Left) At "Rock Dodge," kids attempted to avoid bean bag "rocks" without swerving into the traffic next to them.*

