Pinellas Trail Timeline

The Pinellas Trail is a linear park, recreation trail and non-motorized transportation corridor providing a unique, protected greenspace for walking, jogging, skating and biking.

1888 First train on Orange Belt Railway arrives in St. Petersburg.

1983 Railroad right-of-way land purchased by Florida Department of Transportation.

1984 Pinellas Bicycle Advisory Committee proposes using railroad right-of-way as bike route.

1988 Pinellas Trails Inc. formed to promote public support for linear park concept.

1989 Pinellas Trail project approved by Pinellas Board of County Commissioners; $1.5 million allocated to build a 15-mile segment. Penny for Pinellas funding designated for 35 miles of PinellasTrail.

1990 First Five-Mile Stretch of Pinellas Trail Opens

from Taylor Park to Seminole City Park. Two trail preview sites built at Seminole City Park and along Alt. U.S. 19 near Curlew Road.

1991 First Trail overpass opens over Ulmerton Road in Largo.

1992 Trail from Taylor Park to Ozona opens. West Bay Drive overpass in Largo completed.

1993 9-mile segment from Seminole City Park to St. Petersburg opens. Trail overpass at Orange Street and Alt. U.S. 19 opens.

1994 St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs sections open.

1996 Park Boulevard overpass opens in Seminole.

1997 Seminole Boulevard and 113th Street overpasses open. Downtown Clearwater section opens.

2000 Pinellas Trail 10th Anniversary

Pinellas Trail designated a Millennium Trail by the White House. Pinellas Trail's Cross Bayou Bridge opens.

2001 Access to Wall Springs Park completed. Park Street overpass completed.

2003 Pinellas Trail designated a National Recreation Trail by U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, National Trails System.

2004 Art on the Trail railroad sculpture additions mark cities along the Trail. Elfer's Spur over Anclote River in Tarpon Springs opens to North Anclote River Nature Park. 38th Avenue overpass opens.

2005 Pinellas Trail 15th Anniversary

2006 Jasmine section under U.S. 19 to Keystone Road opens.

2007 St. Petersburg begins construction of Downtown Trail Extension. Groundbreaking for first section of the Progress Energy Extension of the Pinellas Trail.

2008 3-mile Downtown Trail Extension opens to St. Petersburg waterfront. Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail inducted into Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.

2009 Enterprise overpass for the Progress Energy Extension of the Pinellas Trail completed.

2010 Pinellas Trail 20th Anniversary

34th Street overpass opens. Keystone Road groundbreaking for Northeast Trail Extension.

2011 Trail through downtown Clearwater completed.

2014 3-mile section of the Pinellas Trail opens along Keystone Road connecting the 4 miles along East Lake Road to John Chesnut Park.

Pinellas County enters into an agreement with Duke Energy changing the Progress Energy Trail to the Duke Energy Florida Trail.

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