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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bicycle and pedestrian ways;  
3           amending s. 335.065, F.S.; authorizing the Department  
4           of Transportation to use appropriated funds for the  
5           establishment of a statewide system of interconnected  
6           multiuse trails; prioritizing projects for funding;  
7           requiring funded projects to be included in the  
8           department's work program; providing that the  
9           department is not responsible for or obligated to  
10          provide funds for the operation and maintenance of any  
11          such project; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section  
16   335.065, Florida Statutes, to read:

17           335.065 Bicycle and pedestrian ways along state roads and  
18   transportation facilities.—

19           (4) The department may use appropriated funds to support  
20   the establishment of a statewide system of interconnected  
21   multiuse trails and to pay the cost of planning, land  
22   acquisition, design, and construction of such trails and related  
23   facilities. The department shall give funding priority to  
24   projects that:

25           (a) Are identified by the Florida Greenways and Trails  
26   Council as a priority within the Florida Greenways and Trails  
27   System under chapter 260.

28           (b) Support the transportation needs of bicyclists and  
29   pedestrians.

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30 (c) Have national, statewide, or regional importance.

31 (d) Facilitate an interconnected system of trails by  
32 completing gaps between existing trails.

33 (5) A project funded under subsection (4) shall:

34 (a) Be included in the department's work program developed  
35 in accordance with s. 339.135.

36 (b) Be operated and maintained by an entity other than the  
37 department upon completion of construction. The department is  
38 not obligated to provide funds for the operation and maintenance  
39 of the project.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.