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1 Millionth Crossing of the Capital Cascades Trail and Pedestrian Bridge

~ Celebrated 1 Million Crossings In Under Six Years ~



Tallahassee, Fla. – On Tuesday, July 19 at 1:12 p.m. Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, Leon County Government and the City of Tallahassee celebrated the one-millionth crossing on The Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and [Pedestrian Bridge](#). In less than six years from project completion, the bridge has been used by residents and visitors for many reasons such as exercise, cycling, commuting and photography. The Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge held a grand opening in October 2016 and has averaged 465 crossings per day this year. The project represents a multimillion-dollar investment that bridges downtown Tallahassee to the Southside area.

The Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge is part of Blueprint’s goal to cultivate amenities and safer mobility options in the Southside and along the Capital Cascades Trail. “Blueprint infrastructure projects focus on developing a more livable

and safer community,” said Blueprint Director Autumn Calder. “Reaching one million crossings in less than six years tells me that it was a job well done.”

Barry Faulk (pictured in a pale yellow shirt) - was the one-millionth crossing of the Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge! Barry is a longtime resident of Tallahassee, Florida. He chooses not to own a car since everything is walkable. "The Pedestrian Bridge has been life-changing for me! It is a beautiful walk and an easy commute to the grocery store," said Barry Faulk.

The Pedestrian Bridge has an organic shape that is based on a theme of canopies and incorporates an eco-friendly design. The bridge is supported by a series of circular columns, positioned at angles, which also support canopies made of solar fabric. The canopies capture the sun's energy and provide shade for bridge users. Since March 1, 2022, the solar panels have offset approximately 1.1 metric tons of carbon production. This is equivalent to planting 29 trees, powering a light bulb for 10,087 nights, 126 gallons of gas, charging a mobile phone for over 50 years, or powering a refrigerator for approximately 351 days. The unique design is not only eco-friendly but provides a modern interpretation of a tree canopy and celebrates Tallahassee's renowned canopy roads and the tree-shaded sections of the Capital Cascades Trail.

The Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge feature dramatic, color-changing LED lights that reflect off the canopies. The adjustable, nighttime lighting features local-university colors on game days and seasonal colors throughout the year. It provides a connection between Cascades Park and Capital Cascades Trail to the west of Tallahassee. This segment of Cascades Trail begins at South Gadsden Street, crosses over South Monroe Street, and ends at Adams Street.

The Pedestrian Bridge is equipped with sustainable concrete features and self-cleaning nanotechnology that removes pollution from the air. The bridge abutments and retaining walls were formed and painted to resemble the historic limestone walls in Cascades Park, allowing the bridge and trail to blend harmoniously into the nearby park landscape.

Michael Killoren (pictured in neon yellow) - was the 999,999 crossing of the Capital Cascades Trail Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge! Michael recently moved to Tallahassee 6 months ago from St. Petersburg. "I use the Pedestrian Bridge regularly by bike and really enjoy the protected bike lane expansion in Tallahassee," said Michael Killoren.



For more information about the project's history and other Blueprint projects, visit BlueprintIA.org/blueprint-projects/.

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About Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) is a joint City-County agency within the Department of Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement (PLACE). The City of Tallahassee and Leon County created the joint Department of PLACE, which emphasizes the desire to create a livable, sustainable and economically vibrant community through the coordinated efforts of the Planning Department, Blueprint IA and the Office of Economic Vitality.