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Accolades keep rolling in for the Flagler Greenways Pedestrian Bridge – APWA Florida Chapter names it 'Project of the Year'

March 7, 2024 – Flagler County received word late Monday that the Flagler Greenways Pedestrian Bridge has been named "Project of the Year" in the Roads & Highways category by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Florida Chapter. The award will be presented on April 3 in Daytona Beach to the firms England-Thims & Miller, contracted by the county for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI), and Kisinger Campo & Associates, which designed the bridge and was the Engineer of Record.

"This is beyond exciting," said Engineering Department Project Manager Amy Stroger. "It is so rewarding to have been part of a project that is getting so much recognition, as its about to be presented its fourth award."

Kisinger Campo & Associates provided: overall design project management; trail and sidewalk design; maintenance of traffic design; structural design of the bridge spanning State Road 100; structural design of elevated walkways; regulatory agency permitting; lighting design; and signing and pavement marking design. The innovative A-frame enclosure design was developed as a tribute to the historic Flagler Beach Pier entrance, while also serving its function to prevent objects from being thrown onto the under-passing roadway. England-Thims & Miller oversaw the construction and inspection of the designed attributes.

The Flagler Greenways Pedestrian Bridge was designed shortly after the March 2018 collapse of the Florida International University pedestrian bridge in Miami, resulting in many rigorous reviews by Florida Department of Transportation Central Office Structures Design Group. Design focused on materials and detailing with minimal to no service life maintenance costs.

The design also focused on the following:

- Trail alignment was carefully evaluated to minimize the impacts to the natural setting
- Walkway components were comprised of small, prefabricated elements delivered and installed with smaller equipment, also to minimize the impacts to the setting
- Bridge limits were set to avoid channeling wildlife onto State Road 100

The bridge and its associated shared use trails and sidewalks were completed in July 2023.

"This is a wonderful amenity for our community that added, and supports future growth, of our trail system," said County Administrator Heidi Petito. "It allows everyone to experience our fabulous, huge, old-growth oaks, and wetland vegetation that many may not see otherwise."

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