



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1665

1. Title of Project: Advanced Transit Technologies Feasibility Study

2. Senate Sponsor: Darryl Rouson

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of the feasibility study is to provide a multifactor evaluation of an ultra high-speed connection between two or more cities within the state of Florida. The study must include a thorough economic analysis, high-level ecological assessment, and a plan for public outreach. As a result of the study, the state would obtain conceptual engineering on potential alignments, location of major structures, system requirements, and an understanding of construction, maintenance, and connection to existing transportation facilities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	60.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other	500,000	40.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,250,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be utilized to contract with consultants to complete the feasibility study.	750,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning		
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

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b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The state would contract with engineering and/or other consultants to achieve the purpose of the appropriation.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The citizens of Florida would receive information about whether this technology is suitable to meet the transportation needs of the state, providing citizens with additional choices in transportation options, reducing the number of vehicles on the road, developing transit tourism, and enhancing regional connectivity.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The initiative has the potential to serve over 8 million who live within the Tampa Bay and South Florida Region.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The feasibility study would be designed to include methodologies to capture potential ridership rates, the potential for vehicle traffic reduction, measure the economic benefit to a region with this type of technology, and an estimate of the improvement in commute times between regional areas before and after the transit system is enabled.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Return funds to the state.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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- b. **County:** Hillsborough
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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