



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1355

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Moccasin Wallow Road widening project expands an existing public roadway from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway with pedestrian and bicycle facilities for approximately 1.4 miles from 115 Avenue East to US 301. The roadway expansion would improve traffic operations, alleviate congestion on state roads, and serve as a hurricane evacuation route connecting communities, educational facilities, and major employers like Port Manatee, which annually contributes \$2.3 billion regionally to the economy.

This is the second request for this section of roadway. Construction and land costs have increased rapidly in the last 2 years due to the incredible growth of the area. As such, the original budget for the project was quite short. This second phase will complete the first segment as originally specified.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	7,200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	3,600,000	1958A	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four primary groups in the community including residents, business owners, nonprofits, local government partner agencies, and community partners. Of the total amount, less than \$10 million is being used by Manatee County for local response measures related to the pandemic.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Corridor analysis, survey, design, engineering, environmental planning, and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	3,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,600,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Moccasin Wallow Road widening project expands an existing public roadway from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway with pedestrian and bicycle facilities for approximately 1.4 miles from 115 Avenue East to US 301. These dollars are needed to help relieve traffic congestion and make the roadways safer, serving as a hurricane evacuation route. The project would be a public-private-partnership which would save taxpayers millions of dollars.

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

In addition to relieving congestion and making the roadways safer as a hurricane evacuation route, it would enhance the quality of life of local citizens, sustain economic development and trade endeavors, while connecting communities (Parrish, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, and Lakewood Ranch), educational facilities (high school, elementary school, and state college), and prominent employers like Port Manatee, which contributes \$2.3 billion annually in regional economic impact and supports more than 24,000 direct and indirect jobs.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Relief in traffic congestion, enhanced safety in the event of a hurricane, and construction jobs will be created as a result of the funds appropriated. The additional capacity added to Moccasin Wallow Rd provides a major east west connection between US 41 and US 301 with access to I-75 north of the Manatee River.

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



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Northern Manatee and Tampa Bay region.

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

Traffic and an economic study can be conducted to measure public benefit of the appropriation. The transportation study will show reduced congestion, improved safety, and enhanced mobility to the 12,000 residential units and 930,000 sq ft of commercial space in the areas adjacent to and immediately surrounding the project.

This project, focused east of I-75, complements the other 100% funded county project widening Moccasin Wallow Rd west of I-75. That \$20M+ investment will be constructed in the next 12-24 months.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Withhold funds.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number