



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1268

1. Project Title Ridge Road Extension Phase 2B - Pasco

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 11/08/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The project is the construction and construction engineering inspection (CEI) of Ridge Road Extension Phase 2B. This is the final phase of a major east/west transportation project, connecting west Pasco County to US Hwy 41 (Land O'Lakes Boulevard) in central Pasco County. The new transportation corridor provides a critical hurricane evacuation route to the coastal evacuation areas, enhances mobility in west and central Pasco County, and with the construction of the Moffitt Cancer Center in central Pasco, it affords the connectivity needed for a rapidly growing and developing area of central Pasco County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	14,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	14,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	14,000,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	30,020,000	68%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	44,020,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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

\$108 million for COVID-19-related expenses, public health, public safety, and infrastructure.

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	Construction and CEI for Ridge Road Extension Phase 2B.	14,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		14,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

This is the final phase of a major east/west transportation project, connecting west Pasco County to US Hwy 41 (Land O'Lakes Boulevard) in central Pasco County. The new transportation corridor provides a critical hurricane evacuation route to the coastal evacuation areas, enhances mobility in west and central Pasco County, and with the construction of the Moffitt Cancer Center in central Pasco, it affords the connectivity needed for a rapidly growing and developing area of central Pasco County.

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

The project will provide the additional funding needed for the construction and CEI of Ridge Road Extension Phase 2B from east of the SR 589 (Suncoast Parkway) to US Hwy 41 (Land O'Lakes Boulevard). The final plans for the project design will be completed in Spring 2022, and the remaining right-of-way needed is being secured. The project will be shovel-ready in Fall 2022.

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

This is a new roadway corridor that will provide an option for travel in an area with limited east/west roads. Currently, east/west travel is predominately along SR 54 and SR 52. This opportunity will improve travel times, reduce congestion on these two state roads, and provide an opportunity for other modes of travel such as cycling and walking along the new multi-use path and sidewalk that will be constructed.

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

The 2020 US Census block data indicates that the population served between the coastline in west Pasco County and the new interchange under construction at Ridge Road Extension and the SR 589 (Suncoast Parkway) is 291,754 people.

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



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1. Multi-use path and sidewalk elements will be constructed with the project and connect to the Suncoast Trail. Outcome measured will be the number of pedestrians and cyclists utilizing the bike/pedestrian facilities.
2. Provides access to a hurricane evacuation route for the coastal areas of west Pasco County during a declared emergency evacuation order. Outcome measured will be vehicular utilization during a declared emergency.
3. Provides a new east/west transportation corridor in west and central Pasco County, relieving congestion on SR 54 and SR 52. Outcome will be traffic counts during am/pm peak travel times.
4. Access has the potential to increase new economic development opportunities and increase jobs in Pasco County. Outcome will be additional jobs created over the next five years.

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?

Loss of funding in applicable fiscal year.

- 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