



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1628

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 E to approximately 1-mile east of Carter Road. The project is a partnership with a development in the area to accomplish the design. 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.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>7,500,000</b>

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)	7,500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	3,600,000	1915A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?



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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. Manatee County has been designated a recipient of \$78 million from the American Rescue Plan, of which only \$39 million has been allocated thus far.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	7,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>7,500,000</b>

#### 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 E to approximately 1-mile east of Carter Rd. These dollars are needed for the project to help relieve traffic congestion and make the roadways safer, which also serve as hurricane evacuation routes. 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, this project 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?

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



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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 over \$20 million 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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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.**

Manatee County government.



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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