



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2765

1. Project Title County Line Road Widening - Hernando County

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 01/26/2022

4. Project/Program Description

County Line Road (C.R. 578) is on the border of Hernando and Pasco counties. C.R. 578 connects from U.S. Highway 19 to the Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) and to U.S. Highway 41. Currently there are two segments of the road that are 2 lanes. Providing an increased capacity to 4 lanes on C.R. 578 will reduce congestion, improve commuter and resident travel time, and reduce evacuation time during public emergencies. The Florida Department of Transportation, Hernando, and Pasco counties have been working to enhance usability of this corridor since early 2000 when the Florida Department of Transportation identified this need in a Project Development & Environmental study. The portion of the project Hernando County is seeking funding for is currently identified as an unfunded need in the county's long range transportation plan for 2036-2045 with an estimated cost of \$51,490,500 (\$14,386,500 for right-of-way acquisition, \$2,304,000 for design, \$34,800,000 for construction).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	50,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	50,000,000

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)	50,000,000	97%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,490,500	3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	51,490,500	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.



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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.

Hernando County received \$33 million in CARES Act funding and expended those funds primarily on public health and safety, housing assistance, small business assistance, and economic support. The county has also received ARPA funding in the amount of \$18 million presently allocated to water, sewage, and mental health projects. The county will also use \$1,490,500 in ARPA funding for this project.

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	Engineering design, right-of-way purchase, and construction of the roadway system.	50,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		50,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Florida Department of Transportation identified this need in 2003 in a Project Development & Environmental study and the portion of this project requested for funding is currently identified as an unfunded need in Hernando County's long range transportation plan for 2036-2045. The purpose of this project is to reduce time to complete FDOT identified needed improvements to C.R. 578 from potentially 2036-2045 to 2022-2030 expediting the county's abilities to accommodate current levels of population/socioeconomic growth, alleviate daily commuter and resident congestion, and reduce evacuation time during public emergencies.

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

Design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of 4-lane roadway on C.R. 578 from Mariner Blvd. (Shady Hills Road) to the existing four-lane section at Suncoast Parkway.

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

Citizens in Hernando and Pasco counties will have an improved roadway providing enhanced mobility between U.S. 19 and the Suncoast Parkway including pedestrian and bike lane facilities.

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



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The target population is citizens in Hernando and Pasco counties along with employees of local manufacturing and aviation businesses and Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport and Industrial Park. Hernando and Pasco counties have a combined citizen population of over 750,000 (U.S. Census Quick Facts Hernando and Pasco counties).

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

Improved level of service on the roadway. Level of service is an indication of road quality. A traffic engineering analysis conducted by FDOT in 2000 indicated the roadway was operating at level D. Without improvement the level of service is projected to be F (lowest rating on scale) in project area by 2025. This project will allow for the recommended level of service, which is C. (Florida Department of Transportation, Final Traffic Memorandum, March 2002, p. 4-1,5-1; FDOT Topic No. 000-525-006-c).

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?

Revoke funding if project is not constructed.

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