



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3521

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a new 4-lane roadway on NW 46th Avenue (aka NW 44th Avenue) from SR 40 to NW 11th Street with ADA compliant bike lanes and sidewalks. This project will provide an alternate north - south corridor for Ocala traffic west of I-75 to improve traffic conditions on SR 200, SR 40, US 27, local roadways, and intersections; increase access and mobility for all users; improve access to the Ocala International Airport; improve freight distribution; expand and stimulate economic opportunities; and provide alternative parallel roadway for incidents on I-75. Request is to revert LFIR # 2091 funded in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in SA #1988A City of Ocala - NW 44th Avenue Extension Project and reappropriate to 44th Avenue in its entirety.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	8,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	8,000,000	1988A	No

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☒ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/27/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/27/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

TBD

11. List 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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12. 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		
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 of a new 4-lane roadway with ADA bike lanes and sidewalks on NW 46th Avenue (aka NW 44th Avenue) from SR 40 to NW 11th Street.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose is the construction of a new 4-lane roadway on NW 46th Avenue (aka NW 44th Avenue) from SR 40 to NW 11th Street with ADA compliant bike lanes and sidewalks to provide an alternate north - south corridor for Ocala traffic west of I-75.

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



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The activities to be provided include Phase 2 - construction of a new 4-lane roadway on NW 46th Avenue (aka NW 44th Avenue) from SR 40 to NW 11th Street with ADA bike lanes and sidewalks to improve traffic conditions on SR 200, SR 40, US 27, local roadways, and intersections; increase access and mobility for all users; improve access to the Ocala International Airport; improve freight distribution; expand and stimulate economic opportunities; and provide alternative parallel roadway for incidents on I-75.

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

Direct services to citizens include increased bicycle and pedestrian travel by providing expanded ADA compliant sidewalks and bike lanes; and improved vehicular access and mobility.

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

Improve physical health by encouraging walking and biking with expanded sidewalks and bike lanes. Reduce vehicular congestion, delays, and travel-time at SR 200, SR 40, US 27, and I-75 in Ocala by providing an alternate north - south corridor for Ocala traffic west of I-75 that ties to SR 200, SR 40, and US 27. Improve freight distribution. Expand and stimulate economic opportunities. Methods for measuring benefits or outcome are number of new land developments, number of new jobs, before and after traffic studies, and annual traffic and pedestrian counts.

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

This project will serve the entire city which has a population of approximately 60,000, as well as Marion County and visitors.

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 in the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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