



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1162

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will accomplish the realignment of the SR 72 (Clark Rd) McIntosh Rd. intersection. The intersection is currently offset and bifurcated by the Legacy Trail. Completing the realignment will resolve the issue of errant vehicles turning down the trail entrance improving the safety of the intersection for all users, motorized and ped/bike, and will mitigate/reduce crashes, aligning with Target Zero goals. FDOT is currently completing the state environmental document for this project. Funding is requested for design, right of way and construction activities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	62%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	38%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	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		

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/30/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/30/2029

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

As the project will encompass both FDOT and local rights of way, local and FDOT operational funds will be used to provide ongoing operations and maintenance of the project. It is estimated that operations and maintenance costs will be reduced by the project since it is eliminating one of two signalized intersections in the project area.

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.

Sarasota County and Florida Department of Transportation.

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	Engineering, permitting, construction costs, right-of-way acquisition, environmental planning, and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

In addition to relieving congestion and making the intersection safer by reducing crashes, it would enhance the quality of life of local citizens by improving the emergency response times. The project aims to integrate people, place and mobility for all roadway and Legacy Trail users. A Legacy trail connection and crossing is also incorporated to enhance safety and mobility for pedestrian and bicyclists aligning with FDOT Target Zero policies, Sarasota/Manatee MPO Vision Zero policies and goals and Sarasota County's Strategic Action Safety Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2021).

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

The project will provide improved intersection geometry for bike/ped and vehicular users. Relief in traffic congestion and enhanced safety as well as reduced emergency response times and increased intersection capacity will be the result of the funds appropriated.

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

The target population is the general population of Sarasota County, residents and visitors, in addition to travelers from adjacent counties and state travelers using SR 72 and McIntosh Rd. Vehicular traffic through this intersection totals 53,000 per day. Pedestrian and bicycle users are approximately 2000 per day (Legacy Trail).

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

The realigned intersection will be significantly safer and will reduce vehicular and pedestrian crashes for the 53,000 vehicles and 1000 pedestrians and bicyclists who use this intersection daily. It will be measured by comparing crash reports from before and after the realignment. The Economic Impact for Planning (IMPLAN) Analysis estimates the proposed project will create 88.7 jobs with a total compensation of jobs created of \$4.3M and total output within the local area of \$15M.

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?

Performance bond, contract retainage and liquidated damages. In severe cases of failure, vendors may be placed on a no-bid prohibition for related contracting.

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



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☐ 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:

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)



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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

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.