



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1799

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds requested will be used to support three key transportation and mobility objectives that align with the City's adopted master plans. Specifically, the project will provide an additional eastbound route option as outlined in the Transportation Mobility Master Plan, improving traffic flow and alleviating congestion in the surrounding network. This improvement will also reduce public safety and emergency response times and enhance access to Orlando Health St. Cloud Hospital, ensuring faster, more reliable service for residents. In addition, the project will complete the pedestrian connection between Old Canoe Creek Road and Budinger Avenue, as identified in the Trails Master Plan, closing a critical gap in the trail system and creating a safer, more accessible corridor for walkers and cyclists.

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	2,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,700,000

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)	2,700,000	85%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	460,000	15%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	3,160,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Roadway maintenance will be funded by the gas tax and the City's general fund, while maintenance of the stormwater system will be covered by the stormwater utility. These dedicated funding streams ensure long-term sustainability of the improvements.

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	The project will provide an additional eastbound route as outlined in the Transportation Mobility Master Plan. This will include a two-lane roadway with a trail/sidewalk throughout. The project will also include the installation of soundwalls.	2,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,700,000

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?

The City will construct a new two-lane roadway accompanied by a continuous trail/sidewalk to support safe pedestrian and bicycle travel. The project also includes the installation of sound walls to reduce noise impacts for nearby residents and enhance overall community liability. Together, these activities will create a safer, more efficient, and more accessible transportation corridor.

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

The funding will provide direct services that improve safety, mobility, and quality of life for residents. Citizens will benefit from a new 2-lane roadway that enhances east-west travel options, reduces congestion, and improves emergency response access. The project will also deliver a continuous trail/sidewalk, offering a safe, dedicated space for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, sound walls will be installed to reduce noise impacts for nearby neighborhoods, improving comfort and livability for residents. Together, these improvements provide safer travel, better connectivity, and enhanced community well-being.

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

The target population served by this project includes residents, commuters, pedestrians, and cyclists who rely on the local transportation network, as well as emergency responders accessing nearby neighborhoods and St. Cloud Hospital. Based on current traffic and residential density, the project is expected to serve more than 20,000 individuals annually, improving safety, mobility, and access for the surrounding community.

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

A specific measurable outcome of this project is a projected reduction in traffic-related incidents and emergency response delays by at least 15% within the first year of completion, directly enhancing public safety and reducing the risk of harm to residents.

The level of benefit will be measured by tracking pre- and post-construction data, including emergency response times, traffic incident reports, and pedestrian safety metrics along the corridor. These indicators will be compared annually to determine reductions in delays, crashes, and safety risks, demonstrating the project's effectiveness in protecting the public from harm.

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?

In addition to standard contractual penalties, the City recommends incorporating reasonable performance-based measures to ensure accountability and timely completion. These may include financial or corrective actions as appropriate to address delays or unmet performance standards, with the overall goal of ensuring successful project delivery and community benefit.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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):



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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:

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)



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☒ 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

d. Phone Number

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