



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2860

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project consists of the final segment (Sawgrass Road to Buffalo Road) for the widening of Moccasin Wallow Road from two-lanes to four-lanes from US 301 to I-75. The widening and roadway improvements are needed to reduce traffic congestion, support anticipated growth, improve safety for pedestrian and vehicles, improvement stormwater drainage, and provide multimodal connectivity along the corridor. Furthermore, the project will add additional capacity to the corridor that connects the local (Parrish, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch) and regional (Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota) communities as well as provides improved access to evacuation routes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	8,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	16,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	7,500,000	1988A	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.

Gas tax, impact fees, public-private partnerships.

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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

4/26/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4/26/26

12. 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.

Manatee County Government.

13. 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	Moccasin Wallow Road - Segment 3 construction phase activities related to the road widening and associated project improvements.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the requested funds is to provide financial support for the Moccasin Wallow Road–Segment #3 project’s construction phase. The project will widen the existing road from two-lanes to four-lanes for about 1.7 miles from Sawgrass Road to Buffalo Road (near I-75). The improvements will alleviate traffic congestion, support anticipated growth, promote economic development, improve user safety, increase road capacity, and provide multi-modal connectivity.

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

Activities include widening an existing 2-lane road to 4-lanes with enhanced safety & multimodal improvements to relieve congestion, enhance the quality of life, sustain economic development, while connecting local communities, educational facilities, and prominent employers like Port Manatee, which contributes \$2.3 billion annually in regional economic impact & supports more than 24,000 jobs.

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

Construction of the additional two lanes will relieve traffic congestion, provide multimodal connectivity, improve roadway safety for vehicles and pedestrians, improve access to evacuation routes, create job opportunities. The additional capacity added to this segment and the Moccasin Wallow Road corridor improves a major arterial thoroughfare between US 41 and US 301 that includes access to I-75.

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

The project will serve Northern Manatee County and the Tampa Bay Region. The project will serve all individuals who live and travel in and around the project area.

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

Expected outcome of the project includes, reduced congestion, improved safety, and enhanced multimodal mobility. Traffic Information Systems Section will monitor, study, and collect traffic and accident (vehicle and pedestrian) data and include in the Sarasota-Manatee Regional Traffic Management (RTMC) quarterly and annual reports.

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?

The penalties for failing to meet deliverable or performance measures should include withheld disbursement, auditing measures, potential loss of funds, requiring a performance bond, contract retainage, and liquidated damages.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number