



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2508

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners is actively building parallel and alternative corridors to I-75 and other state roads in the area. The funds requested will be used for road and utility design and right of way acquisition on a 3.4 mile section NW 49th St. from NW 70th Ave (CR 225) to NW 44th Ave, which is one section of the 13.6 mile SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor project estimated at \$140,000,000 total cost. This project will help with traffic congestion on I-75 and around the World Equestrian Center (WEC).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,475,934
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,475,934</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,475,934	56%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,924,000	44%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>4,399,934</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	2042A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The request will be a one-time funding request for only construction on the project.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$155,429,917.67. Funds have been used for infrastructure upgrades and to mitigate impacts of COVID 19 including but not limited to testing, vaccination, PPE, overtime, support for businesses, support for not-for-profits, support municipalities, and rental assistance for families.

## 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    
  N/A

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4/1/2026

### 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.

Marion County's Office of the County Engineer, a department within the Marion County government will receive the funds.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding will be used for the construction portion of this project to reduce congestion on I-75 and those entering and exiting the World Equestrian Center (WEC).	2,475,934
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,475,934</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will be used for construction on a 3.4 mile section NW 49th St. from NW 70th Ave (CR 225) to NW 44th Ave. The goal will be to reduce traffic congestion for both I-75 & those entering/exiting the World Equestrian Center.



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

The project will expand some segments from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, build 4 lanes where no road exists, and relocate and interconnect water and sewer utilities at this same time to provide for much-needed septic-to-sewer connections.

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

The project will allow Marion County residents and visitors to the county to utilize the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor, instead of an already congested I-75 and interchanges at I-75 and US 27 & SR 40 for travel within the county and to the World Equestrian Center.

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

Travelers of the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor will be served by the project. Many of the county's 395,000+ residents utilize I-75 for local travel. Additionally, these road improvements will benefit the estimated 80,000 people I-75 moves through the county daily by reducing traffic and congestion caused by local travelers. Further, this project will serve travelers entering and exiting the World Equestrian Center.

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

The project will provide relief to traffic and intersection congestion on I-75 in Marion County and those entering and exiting the World Equestrian Center. We will measure traffic congestion, traffic count, and intersection performance at locations impacted by the project.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

**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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local government



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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