



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3336

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project includes the planning, design, and construction of a vehicular overpass spanning a section of Wigmore Street in Jacksonville. (See attached Exhibit A). Wigmore Street is a two-lane roadway located in a heavily industrialized section of Jacksonville; industries which include seaports, manufacturing, distribution, and related businesses. Wigmore Street is a key transportation corridor for these industrial entities and connects these industries to other parts of Jacksonville and to surrounding cities and counties. Expansion and addition of new industry at and near Wigmore Street is occurring and is desired by the city. There are two existing at-grade railroad crossings at Wigmore Street, and two additional at-grade crossings are already under construction. The proposed two-lane vehicular overpass will span all four at-grade railroad crossings so as to alleviate expected vehicular congestion and rail to vehicle conflicts and safety hazards.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

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

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)	5,000,000	63%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	12%
Other	2,000,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	8,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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	Design & Permitting - \$1,000,000.00 Construction - \$4,000,000.00 (See Below) Approaches - \$700,000.00 Bridge Structure - \$2,000,000.00 Side Access Roads - \$300,000.00 Bridge Appurtenances - 1,000,000.00	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose and goal is to provide funding for the planning, design, and construction of a vehicular overpass at Wigmore St in Jacksonville. The overpass is designed to cross over four at-grade railroad crossings at Wigmore St. Two of the railroad at-grade crossings already exist and two more railroad at-grade crossings are planned. Unless the overpass is constructed, these four railroad at-grade crossings will create both vehicular and pedestrian disruptions on Wigmore St. (See Exhibit A for a preliminary plan for the proposed vehicular overpass.) The overpass may spur expansion of the industrial entities which rely on Wigmore Street for all-important transportation.

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

The purpose of the funds is to construct an overpass to relieve vehicular and pedestrian traffic congestion on Wigmore St and nearby streets. The activities and services to meet the purpose of the funds, will include many community and user meetings, prior to overpass design and construction, in order to assure that the overpass meets the needs of the community and the users of the overpass. The proposed vehicle overpass may reduce vehicular traffic accidents and produce better-regulated vehicle speeds and traffic movements. The overpass will reduce pedestrian/vehicle traffic encounters and accidents. Lighting on the overpass and surrounding area will enhance public safety.

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

The direct services to the citizenry are very specific and include the relieving of vehicular and pedestrian traffic congestion on Wigmore Street and nearby streets. As the Port of Keystone and other businesses expand in the area, and as rail traffic increases, the overpass will become very important as a service to the community and users. Traffic and environmental impact studies have documented the positive impacts of reduction of traffic congestion on environmental quality. This project will improve neighborhood air quality via reduction of automobile emissions from privately-owned vehicles and from the large volume of trucks using Wigmore Street. These benefits are easily quantifiable via traffic-related air emissions evaluations.

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

The proposed overpass will serve all populations that use Wigmore Street and nearby streets. Thousands of individuals will be served on a daily basis. This will include residents of this area of Jacksonville as well as employees of nearby businesses and truck traffic which moves goods and services to and from this area of Jacksonville. The target population also includes the two railroad systems that serve this area of Jacksonville. Immediate job creation can include jobs for planning and design of the overpass. Following that, there will be jobs created for actual construction of the overpass.

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

The benefit of the overpass will be measured by the impact the overpass has on both vehicle and pedestrian traffic congestion; not only on Wigmore Street but on the surrounding streets as well. Pre and post-construction data will be collected on Wigmore Street and modeling of traffic conditions pre and post-construction will be performed to determine specific outcomes. Methods for measuring level of benefit will include standard traffic counts and times at and around the overpass, as well as railroad counts and times for the four rail lines which run underneath the overpass. This data may be used to model traffic conditions with and without the overpass.

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 applicant is unsure what, if any, additional penalties may be applied by the contracting agency.

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



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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) State Government Agency/Municipality

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