



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2528

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

County Line Rd. (C.R. 578) borders Hernando and Pasco Counties. C.R. 578 connects from U.S. Highway 19 to the Suncoast Pkwy (SR 589) and to U.S. Highway 41. Two segments of road are 2 lanes. Increasing capacity to 4 lanes on C.R. 578 will reduce congestion, improve commuter & resident travel time, & reduce evacuation time during emergencies. Design, right of way acquisition, & construction of 4 lane roadway on C.R. 578 from Mariner Blvd. (Shady Hills Road) to the existing 4 lane at Suncoast Pkwy.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	10,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

Approximately \$36 million. The funds were used to provide personnel with personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as reimbursement for additional personnel costs, assistance to businesses affected by COVID-19, provide equipment needed for remote working.

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?

10/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/2030

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.

Hernando County and Pasco County own and maintain this roadway. Hernando County and Pasco County have entered into a Interlocal agreement by a shared interest proposal to widen County Line Road from a two-lane section roadway to a four-lane section roadway consistent with the previously constructed segment from US 19 to East Landing Boulevard, the Intersection at Shady Hills Road/Mariner Boulevard, and the Ayers Extension from West of Suncoast Parkway to US 41.

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	Hernando County proposes to acquire funding to widen County Line Road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes to reduce congestion.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Road widening construction improvements for commuters and residents.

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

Improvements to this roadway would improve operational safety to the public for everyday commuting. These improvements will reduce evacuation time during public emergencies. Citizens in Hernando and Pasco County will have an improved roadway providing enhanced mobility between US 19 and the Suncoast Parkway including pedestrian and bike lane facilities.

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

Improvements to this roadway would improve operational safety to the public for everyday commuting. These improvements will reduce evacuation time during public emergencies. Citizens in Hernando and Pasco County will have an improved roadway providing enhanced mobility between US 19 and the Suncoast Parkway including pedestrian and bike lane facilities.

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

The target population is everyone who commutes through or lives in Hernando County which is hundreds of thousands of people per year.

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

Safer roadway network. Improved level of service on the roadway. Level of service is an indication of road quality. A traffic engineering analysis conducted by FDOT in 2000 indicated the roadway was operating at level D. Without improvement the level of service is projected to be F (lowest rating on scale) in the project area by 2025. This project will allow for the recommended level of service, which is C. (Florida Department of Transportation, Final Traffic Memorandum, March 2002, p. 4-1,5-1; FDOT Topic No. 000-525-006-c).

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 county will reimburse state funding for failure to meet the deliverables.

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



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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