



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Bartow Northern Connector, Phase 2

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

As evidenced this year during the Hurricane Irma mandatory evacuations, significant delays were experienced due to inadequate transportation facilities in the region. The project will relieve emergency evacuation as well as existing and projected traffic congestion on SR 60, US 98 and US 17 - three Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facilities. It will serve freight traffic and support job creation at the nearby Central Florida Intermodal Logistics Center by enhancing access to I-4.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Transportation

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	15,000,000	15,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	10,600,000	28.8%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	11,200,000	30.4%
TOTAL	21,800,000	59.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 36,800,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18



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d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		7,500,000	7,500,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Capital outlay – Construction of four-lane road to connect US 98, US 17 and SR 60, three SIS facilities.

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

Project is construction ready. Funds will be used for construction and construction engineering inspection (CEI).

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and CEI	15,000,000
TOTAL		15,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The project will improve hurricane and emergency evacuation traffic flow, as well as traffic conditions for citizens and improve safety by separating freight traffic from local traffic and areas with high pedestrian and bicycle activity. It will provide a more direct route for freight traffic to reach regional markets.

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

The SR 60 corridor is a major evacuation route linking the communities of the Treasure Coast and Tampa Bay region. The improvements will serve the general populace of Polk County as well as the commercial freight sector.

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

The project will result in improved east – west hurricane evacuation times, as well as traffic speeds and highway levels of service and a reduction in traffic crashes. The percent of truck traffic on Bartow Northern Connector will be measured against the anticipated reduction in truck percentages on bypassed road segments. Traffic crash data will be analyzed against historic data trends.

g. 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?

Project will be delivered within a set schedule. Failure to meet construction schedule could be a basis for a penalty.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The Polk County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will construct and maintain the road.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. Organization: Polk Board of County Commissioners

b. County: Polk

c. Organization Type:

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☒ Other (Please specify) local government

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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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