

LFIR # 2522

Deering Park Stewardship District - I-95 Interchange/SR 442 Expansion
and Resilience Project

2. Senate Sponsor Thomas Leek

3. Date of Request 3/4/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The I-95 Interchange/SR-442 Expansion and Resilience Project is an effort to improve transportation efficiency, safety, and resilience in Edgewater, FL. The requested funds will address congestion relief, widening SR-442 from two to four lanes to reduce congestion, cut idle times, and enhance safety. This portion of the project is essential to supporting Edgewater's growth, expanding manufacturing, and ensuring long-term economic development. Separate from the requested funds, this project will also connect multi-modal trails in the area (with funding received from FDOT's SUNTrails Program) and improve flood mitigation, preventing hurricane-related flooding and ensuring uninterrupted access for residents, businesses, and emergency responders.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,400,000	41%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,000,812	59%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,400,812	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

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

No

No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Obesign Obesign Obesign Obesign

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c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

FDOT's standard operations and maintenance budget for ramps; County standard operations and maintenance budget for underpass lanes.

11. 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.

No

09/01/2025

06/30/2026

The owner of this facility will be FDOT.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	The requested funds will support final design, engineering, permitting, and construction for the widening of SR-442 under I-95. Among other items, funds will also cover new retaining walls, intersection improvements, and signalization upgrades. This is a standalone project that will widen the underpass from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	1,400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be used to reduce congestion, enhance traffic flow, and improve safety at the I-95/SR-442 interchange.



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

The funds will support final design, engineering, permitting, and construction of key infrastructure improvements. These activities include widening SR-442 to increase roadway capacity and reduce congestion. Other grant funding will build a SUNTrail bike trail, construct new retaining walls to support roadway modifications, and implementing drainage improvements to mitigate future flooding risks.

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

This project will directly benefit residents, businesses, and travelers by reducing travel times, improving traffic flow, and enhancing overall roadway safety.

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

The project will serve Edgewater's 24,000 residents who rely on the interchange for daily commuting, as well as regional workforce members, businesses, and freight operators who depend on I-95 and SR-442 for transportation and logistics. The project will also directly benefit Edgewater's manufacturing sector, which employs more than 1,600 workers and is expected to grow as Deering Park and other industrial developments continue to expand. Additionally, emergency responders will benefit from improved infrastructure that ensures reliable access to I-95 during critical situations.

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

be measured?

The project is expected to reduce congestion and travel times by optimizing traffic flow, which will be measured through traffic studies. Safety improvements will be assessed by analyzing crash data and emergency response times before and after implementation. The project's economic impact will be evaluated based on new business investments, job creation, and the overall growth of Edgewater's manufacturing sector.

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 in the contract?

Suggested penalties for failure to meet project deliverables may include withholding funds for unmet milestones in design, permitting, or construction. Additionally, a mandatory corrective action plan may be required to address project deficiencies. These penalties would ensure accountability and adherence to project deadlines while delivering a critical infrastructure improvement for the region.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? Yes

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- □ Yes, Applied
- □ Yes, Received
- 🛛 No
- □ No, but intends to apply



a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- □ Yes, Applied
- □ Yes, Received
- 🗆 No

□ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

FDOT SUNTrails Program

17. Requester Contact Information

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c. Organization Ty	ре			
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☑Local Entity				
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