

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Bartow Northern Connector, Phase 2
2. Date of Submission: 11/08/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Ben Albritton
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?No? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		7,500,000	7,500,000		15,000,000	15,000,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Transportation
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
The grant sought is reimbursement based. If local government fails to complete project, the state will not reimburse for the costs.

6. Requester:

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- b. Organization: Polk County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: leaanthomas@polk-county.net
- d. Phone #: (863)534-6031

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Tom Deardorff
- b. Organization: Polk County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: tomdeardorff@polk-county.net
- d. Phone #: (863)534-6454

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Albert Balido
- b. Firm: Anfield Consulting
- c. Email: albert@anfieldflorida.com
- d. Phone #: (850)225-1344

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Polk County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Polk
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Polk

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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

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, 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.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The requested funds will be used for the construction phase of Bartow Northern Connector, Phase 2. Preliminary engineering, design and rights-of-way acquisition are complete. The project is construction	15,000,000

	ready.	
TOTAL		15,000,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The project has letters of support on record from CSX, the Greater Bartow Chamber of Commerce, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Central Florida Development Council, and the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The project has been documented as need in the Polk TPO's adopted 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. It is the number one priority project for the Polk TPO.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

SR 60 is a primary corridor for commercial and personal transportation between the Treasure Coast and the Tampa Bay Region. As evidenced again during the recent mandatory evacuations associated with Hurricane Irma, the facility is critically under sized causing significant delays in evacuation times with impacts reaching as far east as the Florida Turnpike. The project will provide additional highway capacity improving evacuation times. It will serve freight traffic and promote economic develo

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.
Citizens will benefit from less congested and safer highways.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").
Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): Project will improve traffic conditions and safety for citizens - general populace.

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200

- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	Improved traffic conditions - more direct route for freight traffic.	Average travel speed and level of service. Reduced percentage of truck traffic on nearby state and local roads.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Number of construction jobs	Employment number
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	15,000,000	40.8%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	11,200,000	30.4%	Yes
5. Other:	10,600,000	28.8%	Yes
TOTAL	36,800,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No