



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2026 PROJECT APPLICATION
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
FUNDING CONSIDERATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2031**

Due March 6, 2026

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Agency/Organization Name: Pinellas County			
Agency Contact Name: Kelli Hammer Levy		Title: Pinellas County Public Works Director	
Mailing Address: 22211 US 19 N, Bldg 1		City: Clearwater	State: FL Zip Code: 33765
County: Pinellas		MPO/TPO (if applicable): Forward Pinellas	
Telephone: 727-464-3317		Email Address: Klevy@pinellas.gov	

CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT SPONSOR/IMPLEMENTING AGENCY SUPPORT:

Certification of project sponsor/implementing agency support is attached.

Yes (Required)

APPLICANT’S LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) CERTIFICATION STATUS

- Currently fully LAP Certified / Year of Certification: 12/20/2022
- Not LAP Certified but will seek project-specific certification
- Not LAP Certified, requesting FDOT administer project
- Not LAP Certified but have secured a LAP Sponsor/Implementing Agency as identified below:

LAP Sponsor/Implementing Agency Name: Pinellas County			
LAP Sponsor/Implementing Agency Contact Name:		Title: Senior Department Administrative Manager	
David D. Fechter, AICP, CPPB			
Mailing Address: 22211 US Highway 19 N., Bldg. 1		City: Clearwater	State: FL Zip Code: 33765
Telephone: 727-464-3019		Email Address: ddfechter@pinellas.gov	

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME/TITLE: East Lake Road Corridor Improvement Project

PROJECT LOCATION:

Roadway name:* East Lake Road		
<input type="checkbox"/> On-State System Road (State Roadway)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-State System Road (Local Roadway)	Roadway number: CR 611 (i.e. US, SR, CR, etc., if applicable)

*NOTE: For off-road/trail projects please indicate adjacent roadway

PROJECT LIMITS:

If project has various locations (e.g. city-wide), include attachments specifying each termini and project length.

South or West Termini: South of Curlew Road (SR 586) Street Name/Mile Post/Other	North or East Termini: Trinity Boulevard (CR 966) Street Name/Mile Post/Other
Project Length (in miles): 9.3 miles	
A location map with aerial view is attached to this application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Required) Label important features, roadways, etc. to clearly locate and show the boundaries of the project.	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Brief Description: *Corridor improvements related to capacity, intersection improvements, safety, and multimodal accommodations along East Lake Road between and including the intersections of Curlew Road and Trinity Boulevard. (e.g. planning, design and construction of a sidewalk along Sample Road)*

Detailed Scope of Work:

A detailed scope of work is attached. <i>Clearly describe the existing conditions and the proposed project in detail, including specifics on the major items of work (e.g. width of sidewalks or trails, materials to be used, etc.), the purpose and need for this project, and the desired improvements.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Required)
Conceptual or design plans are attached.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Typical Section drawings are attached.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other attachment (e.g. studies, documentation to support the project). If yes, please describe: Preliminary Corridor Analysis and Alternative Development Study Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Has the applicant received input from stakeholders? Briefly explain: Stakeholder coordination was conducted during the Preliminary Corridor Analysis and Alternative Development Study. Stakeholder coordination will continue during the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and Design.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have public information or community meetings been held? If yes, please provide a brief description and attach supporting documentation: The Preliminary Corridor Analysis and Alternative Development Study included two public project information meetings. Future public information meetings will continue during the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and Design.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Describe public and private support for the project (e.g. petitions, endorsements, resolutions, letters of support):
The comments received were concerns or issues about traffic safety, quality of life/aesthetics, intergovernmental cooperation/financial burdens, and noise/project timeline.

Is the project within limits of wetlands, contamination/hazardous waste areas or endangered/threatened species? Yes No

If Yes, specify and provide documentation:

The PD&E Study will document if the project is within limits of wetlands, contaminated/hazardous waste areas or endangered/threatened species.

Is environmental permitting required? Yes No

If Yes, specify and provide documentation:

An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) is required.

Provide any additional project specific information that should be considered:

East Lake Road parallels US 19 and is the only north/south roadway between US 19 to the west and the Hillsborough County Line to the east and is a regionally significant roadway used by Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas residents for commuting and access to the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. The corridor currently experiences severe peak hour, directional congestion and poor levels of service.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Please indicate the project phases included in this funding request:

- Planning activities
- Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)
- Preliminary Engineering/Final Design
- Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Construction
- Construction Engineering and Inspection activities (CEI)

Please indicate who will execute the project phases identified for this project:*

Planning	PD&E	Preliminary Engineering/ Final Design	ROW	Construction	CEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Implementing agency staff	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementing agency staff	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementing agency staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementing agency staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant
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*NOTE: Local agencies are not eligible to be certified in PD&E and/or ROW (Refer to FDOT LAP Manual Chapters 11 and 12).

Is this project related to other FDOT funded phases that are complete, underway, or in FDOT's 5-year Work Program?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe. If previous phases of this project were constructed as LAP projects, please provide the associated FDOT Project Number (i.e. FPID/FMN numbers):

Click here to enter text.

Is there a proposed maintenance plan for when the project is complete? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief description and attach supporting documentation as appropriate:

This project will be maintained by Pinellas County Public Works Department. Roadways, sidewalks and bridges are regularly inspected.

PROJECT RIGHT-OF-WAY / EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Is right-of-way acquisition proposed? Yes No

If yes, describe existing right-of-way (ROW) ownerships along the project, including when the ROW was obtained and how ownership is documented (i.e., plats, deeds, prescriptions, easements). Attach ROW documentation as appropriate.

Right-of-way acquisition is not anticipated.

Also describe proposed acquisition including timeline, expected fund source, limitations on fund use or availability, and who will acquire and retain ownership of proposed right-of-way:

Click here to enter text.

Will temporary construction easements be required? Yes No

If Yes, please describe:

Temporary construction easements will be needed to tie in driveways.

PROJECT COST ESTIMATE AND FUNDING REQUEST

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

A detailed project cost estimate is attached.

Yes (Required)

Provide a summary of the estimated cost for the work being proposed, indicating local fund allocation as appropriate.

Project Phase	Federal funds	Local funds	Total Cost
Planning Activities	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Project Development & Environmental Study (PD&E)	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
Design Costs/Plan Preparation	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000

Environmental Assessment (s) associated with the design phase	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Permits associated with the design phase (including application fees, mitigation and permit acquisition work)	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Right-of-Way	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Construction	\$ 71,000,000	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 89,000,000
Utility (not eligible for federal reimbursement)		\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Construction Engineering and Inspection Activities (CEI)	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 16,000,000
Other costs* (please describe) <i>Click here to enter text.</i> <i>*FDOT does not allow programming for contingency costs. Any contingency costs should be accounted for using local funds.</i>	\$ <i>Click here to enter text.</i>	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 71,000,000	\$ 70,400,000	\$ 141,400,000
PERCENT OF TOTAL PROJECT COST	50.2 %	49.8 %	100%

Certification of IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Project Name: **East Lake Road Corridor Improvement Project**

Location: **East Lake Road**

Project Limits from: **From South of Curlew Road (SR 586)** To: **To Trinity Boulevard (CR 966)**

Primary Proposed Work Element: **Corridor improvements related to capacity, intersection improvements, safety and multi-modal accommodations, including bridge widening and replacement.**

I hereby certify that the proposed project is supported by the Agency listed below and that entity agrees to:

- Enter into a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, as necessary, prior to the design phase.
- Comply with the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Acquisition Policies Act (The Uniform Act) for any right-of-way actions required for the project.
- Comply with NEPA process prior to construction which may require involvement with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and other State and/or Federal agencies, prior to construction.
- Pursue or retain LAP certification and enter into a LAP Agreement with FDOT for implementation of each requested project phase.
- Bear all expenses in excess of the approved project phase cost as shown in the LAP agreement. Participating activities will be reimbursed per LAP agreement and Federal Program regulations.
- Bear all expenses associated with utility relocation(s), if required.

Pinellas County

Agency

Authorized Electronic Signature or Hand Signed*

Dave Eggers, 2026 Chairman

Pinellas County Board of County Commission

Print Name/ Title

March 24, 2026.

Date

*Signature of person with budget authority
(i.e. County Administrator, or Public Works Director)



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Joseph A Morrissey

Office of the County Attorney

Application deadline is March 6, 2026.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By: Dudyn Kerio