



MEMORANDUM

To: Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

From: Meghan Johnson, Grants Management Coordinator

SUBJECT: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), U.S. DOT 003879A East Lake Rd (CR 611) from S of Curlew Road to N of Trinity Blvd (CR 966) Intent to Apply - Director Approval

DATE: December 29, 2025

The Public Works Department would like to apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Secretary's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for East Lake Rd (CR 611) from S of Curlew Road to N of Trinity Blvd (CR 966). Funding is being sought to support design activities associated with the project. The BUILD grant program includes funding for Planning Projects of eligible surface transportation projects with significant local or regional impact. Federal merit criteria touch on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

The estimated cost of the design portion of the project is \$9,988,000.00. Public Works is seeking grant funding for \$7,990,400.00 (80%) to be expended in the fiscal years of 2026 (through 2035). The balance of project costs, \$1,997,600.00 (20%) is included in the CIP budget as Penny for Pinellas funding. The BUILD Grant Program requires a 20% match and is on a reimbursement basis.

The grant application deadline is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, before 5:00 pm et. An executive summary of the grant application will go to the Board of County Commission at the February 17, 2026, regular meeting with an agenda deadline of Friday, January 30, 2026.

The preliminary engineering study for the East Lake Rd corridor indicates that widening the roadway and bridges along with implementing intersection improvements between Curlew Rd and Trinity Blvd will significantly improve the traffic level of service during peak periods (capacity) and reduce the number and severity of crashes.

Kelli Hammer Levy

Approved

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